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		Industrial teams	Mar 45/Jun 45
512	I8/4	Intelligence Units organization	
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513	I8/5	Intelligence Units organization	
		censorship and P.R. Units	Apr 45/Aug 45
514	I9/A	Organization of op units and formation	Nov 43/Feb 45
515	20	Organization of smoke coys	Apr 44/Aug 44
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518	20/2	Organization of Smoke units	Jan 45/Mar 45
519	20/2	ditto	Jun 45/Aug 45
520	2I/I	Arrivals and assignments of Sardinia Units	Apr 44/Aug 44
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ACC-HEADQUARTERS

MILITARY MISSION

ARMY

Serial Original

BOX 332

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523	SD/22	Organization of Liaison Units	Feb 45/Mar 45
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525	22/I	Provision of Italian Liaison personnel and interpreters	Jan 45/Mar 45
526	23	Organization A.A. Units	Nov 44/Apr 45
527	25/I	Personnel for A/A units	Jan 45/Mar 45
528	24	Moves initiated by M24.11A.	
529	24	Animals	Mar 44/Jun 44
530	24	ditto	Jul. 44/Oct. 44
531	24/A	ditto	Jan. 44/Jan. 45
532	25	Organizations of Italians refugees units	Oct. 44/Feb. 45
533	26	Org. of GERSA and Gerseti sets	Mar. 45/Jun. 45
534	26	Patriots Units General	Mar. 45/Apr. 45
535	26/2	ditto	Apr. 44/Aug. 44
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539	29	Org. Welfare units	Oct. 44/Apr. 45
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542	29/I	Org. of Comb. Groups General	Mar. 45/Apr. 45
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544	30	Rft. Depots Org.	Apr. 45/Dec. 45
545	S/SD/30	Italian Combat groups-Inform.	Aug. 44/Oct. 44
546	SD/30	Italian Combat groups	Oct. 44/No v44
547	30/2	Tr.N.G. Centres & Schools general	Apr 45/Nov 45
548	30/2	Organization of Tr'NG Centres & Schools	Nov 44/Apr 45
549	30/2	ditto	Dec 44/Apr 45
550	30/2	ditto	Jan 45/Jun 45
551	31	Tr.N.G. Centres & Schools	May 45/Oct 45
552	31	Organization of Base rft.depots	Aug 44/Mar 45
		Br.Iti.	
		Organization of rft.depots Rf.	

529	24	ditto	Mar 44/Jun 44
530	24	ditto	Jul. 44/Ict. 44
531	24/A	Organizations of Italians	Jan. 44/Jan/45
		refugees units	
532	25	Org. of GERSA and Casseti dets	Oct. 44/Feb. 45
533	26	Patriots Units General	Mar. 45/Jun. 45
534	26	ditto	Mar. 45/Apr. 45
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536	27	Agricultural Labour	Mar. 45/Jan. 46
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538	28	Org. Welfare units	May. 44/Jun. 44
539	29	Rft. Depots General	Oct. 44/Apr. 45
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547	30/2	Organization of Tr'NG Centres &	Apr 45/Nov 45
		Schools	
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549	30/2	ditto	Dec 44/Apr 45
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		Organization	
551	31	Organization of Base rft. depots	May 45/Oct 45
		Br. Iti.	
552	31	Organization of Rft. depots Br.	Aug 44/Mar 45
		Iti.	
553	32	Repatriation Units general	Mar 45/Apr 45
554	32/A	R/T/C-I/C/F.	Apr 45/May 45
555	32/2	Repatriation units	Mar 45/Apr 45
556	35	Distribution lists	Apr 45/Aug 45
557	S/SD/36	Completion of reorganization	Aug 44/Dec 44
		of Italian service Units	
558	SD/37	Italian personnel with Allied	Aug 44/Dec 44
		requisition offices	
559	38/2	Organization of Infantry Units	Sep 44/
560	40	Italian Ammo for security Tps	Apr 45/Oct 45
561	41	Rfts policy	Oct 44/Dec 44
562	41/1	Rfts general	Sep 44/Feb 45
563	41/2	Rfts bulk requirements	Sep 44/Feb 45
564	41/2/A	Orders of battle carabinieri	Dec 44/Mar 45
565	42/	Assignments against list 2	May 45/
566	42/2	British rfts depot of	Oct 44/Dec 4
		Orvieto	Dec 44/Mar 4

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567	SD/42/2	British refte depot Bti. Trani	Jan 45/Mar 45
568	42/5	ditto - Afragola	Jan 44/Feb 45
569	42/A/5	Afragola Camp states	Aug 44/Nov 44
570	43	US-Iti-Rfte - General	Dec 44/Apr 45
571	43/I	US-Iti-Rfte for 5th Army	Dec 44/Jen 45
572	43/I	ditto	Jen 45/Apr 45
573	43/2	US-Iti-Rfte for P.B.S.	Jan 45/Mar 45
574	43/3	ditto -AAFS/C/MCO	Jan 45/Apr 45
575	43/A	US-Iti-for Morbase	Mar 45/
576	43/5	US-Iti Refte Astoni Camp	Jan 45/Mar 45
577	44	Iti-Rfte - General	Feb 45/
578	45	The central mil/schools	Apr 45/Oct 45
579	45/I	Rft.Trg.Centre I.C.P. - RCT Cesano	Jan 45/Mar 45
580	45/2	R/T/C/ - ICF - Organization	Apr 45/Dec 45
581	45/2/A	Rft.Trg.Centre Organization Manziana	Mar 45/
582	45/3	Advance Rft.Unit	Mar 45/
583	46	Transit camps general	May 44/Apr 45
584	46/I	Br.Iti Transit camps	Sep 44/Mar 45
585	47	Arrivals esc.Sardinia	Dec 44/Mar 45
586	47/B	Italian personnel emp.by M.A.A.F.	Jun 44/Dec 44
587	49	Re-call Sicily	Mar 45/May 45
588	49	ditto	Oct 44/Jen 45
589	49	ditto	Jan 45/Feb 45
590	52	Transl Camp Assignments British Italian	Nov 44/Dec 44
591	56	Internal security Regts	Sep 45/Nov 45
592	56/2	ditto	Aug 45/Nov 45
593	61	Moves info copies M.M.I.A. Moves bids - Moves M.M.I.A. etc. info copies	Dec 44/Feb 45
594	61	ditto	Mar 45/Mar 46
595	61	ditto	Feb 45/Mar 45
596	62	Man-power and reinforcement	Jan 45/Jul 45
597	62/I	Moves ex-Corsica	Apr 44/Feb 45
598	66/I	Moves of Rfte - General	Apr 45/Jul 45
599	67	Moves ex Sardinia	Dec 44/Apr 45
600	67	ditto	Apr 45/Jun 45
601	67	ditto	Jun 45/Oct 45
602	72	Call-up Lazio region	Oct 44/Mar 45
603	72/I	Call-up Lazio & Campania	Mar 45/Jul 45
604	72/I	ditto	Jan 44/Mar 45
605	73	call-up Campania Calabria Apulia-Lucania-Foggiano	Oct 44/Oct 45

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

N. 3442/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 11/14 maggio 1944

OGGETTO : Battaglioni per servizi di sicurezza.-

Bu. per police duties

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

8300

Seguito fonogramma n° 3318/Ord. del 6 c.m. di questo
S.M.-

1°) - Si comunica la data in cui saranno pronti a muovere i
quattro btg. approntati in Sardegna per servizi sicurezza:

- I e II btg. del 573° rgt. : già pronti per l'imbarco,
- I e II " " 519° " : pronti a muovere dal giorno
18 corrente.-

2°) - Si interessa codesta A.S.C. affinché il trasporto in conti-
nente dei 4 btg. suddetti sia effettuato il più presto pos-
sibile, in modo da poter svincolare dagli attuali compiti
i reparti del 120° rgt. ftr., destinati al completamento
della df. "Mantova".-

M. R. E. D. SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Orilia)

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SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

[Handwritten signature]

*No. 1000
SARE PLO BARRONIA PLO MAY WAS CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN
GETTING THE MANTOVA IN CAMPANIA, WOULD BE
RETURN TO CAMPANIA. THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE LAST OF
THE FIVE AS IT IS NO. 504
ALL ABOVE ARE IN SHIPPING LIST G.E. 16/5*

SUBJECT: Spain Guard Coy

S H R N

Copy to: REDACTED UNIT (Italian)
New REDACTED
" REDACTED
HQ No 1 District

File
RECEIVED
144
Army Sub Command A.C.C.
Hq No 1 (Italian)
HQ No 1 (Italian)
HQ/10
12 May 44

1. One Spain Guard Coy existing of 6 officers and 150 men, has been included as serial 1130 on Priority List 1. 8299
2. The exact organization is not known, and it is suggested that you contact New REDACTED and decide how to organize the Coy in conjunction with them.
3. When formed the Coy will operate in REDACTED under New REDACTED, and will come under command HQ 1 District.
4. Please inform this HQ when this unit is formed so that it may be entered on our Order of Battle of the Italian Army.

M.S. Fu
HQ No 1,
Army Sub Command A.C.C.

MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

TOO 11 12-00 J 143

To SARE

THI

SD686 () RESTRICTED () Confirming Major RAHMANN's
verbal warning order this morning MMIA self-contained
Italian unit strength not less than 120 personnel is urgently
required for guarding Vulnerable Points in 55 Area () 8298
Request you state if suitable unit available and give location,
strength in personnel and stores, date of readiness to move
() Unit to be equipped with tentage and house-keeping
equipment if possible () A serial will be allotted to it in
the Priority List

To be sent by hand

W. H. Thompson
clg

(L. J. ...)

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Guard

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142
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/18
10 May 44

Chief of Staff
S M R E

The attached correspondence has been received from HQ 52 Area. 8297

In view of my SD/18 of 25 Apr 44, subject Italian Combat Troops, you will no doubt wish to investigate the matter.

I would be glad of your assurance that measures have been taken to prevent further such derogatory reports having to be forwarded.

Sped 602

ABC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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COPY

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Guard

HQ 5th Area CMC
G 25

MEMO

6 May 44

141

1. The attached copies of correspondence concerning the conduct of the Italian guard at 53 DID, TARANTO and evidence of pilferage by one of the guard are forwarded for your information.
2. 1/120 Inf Regt has been ordered to send a report to this HQ stating what action they have taken concerning this matter.

signed
for

Major
Brig
Comd

8296

C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Italian Military Guard

A.D.S.F.
52 Area.

53/17/6

The guard recently provided by the 1/120 Inf Regt has been very unsatisfactory, they have been reported repeatedly for slovenliness, a sentry while supposed to be on duty was found urinating against the wall of the Depot. They have been slack in their duties generally during the period they have been on duty here.

Petty pilferage of supplies in the lower shed has been noticed since they took over duty and last night one of the guard was caught inside the shed by one of the DID personnel and he was in possession of 3 x 50 tins of cigarettes, apparently pilfered from Patrol Packs, and 12 boxes of matches.

He was handed over to the guard Commander, whose report is attached together with the report from Pte Taylor who discovered the man inside the shed.

May this matter be taken up through the proper authorities please and information given us to what action has been taken against the man as the officer i/c gd states that the man has been dealt with by his Commanding Officer.

signed

8295

A. Charpoin.
Capt P.A.S.C.
Officer Commanding
53 D.I.D., P.A.S.C.

2 May 44

P.S. Since writing the above I have had a complaint from O i.c Petrol Supply Point of the slackness and slovenliness of the present guard.

TRANSLATION

Guard Duties
At Supply Depots
2 May 44.

NOTICE

Last night the soldier ZITO ALESSANDRO was seen by an English soldier taking from a box 3 tins of cigarettes and 12 boxes of matches. In fact I was in the place on a round of inspection, and I immediately detained the soldier while waiting for further orders.

The officer i.c

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2 May 44

signed

8295

A. Champoin.
Capt R.A.S.C.
Officer Commanding
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C O P Y

STATEMENT BY PTE TAYLOR A

At approximately 1900 hrs, 1 May 44, I went into the Butchers shop to get a bandage for my arm and heard footsteps in the room at the rear of the shop. I waited a minute, and a soldier of the Italian guard came out. I asked him what he was doing and he said "nothing". I then searched him and found 3 tins x 50 cigarettes and one packet of a dozen matches. I made him go to the Italian serjeant and asked the serjeant for the name of the soldier. His name was ZITO ALESSANDRO. I then reported the occurrence to Sgt. Gallettie and handed over to him the cigarettes and matches.

signed

A. Taylor

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FONOGRAMMA

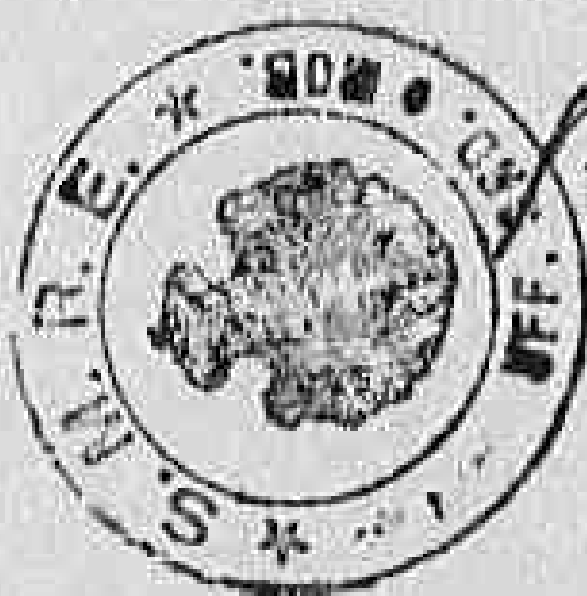
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

LEQUILE

N° 3310/Ord. Superesercito Ordinamento alt Quattro battaglioni servizi sicurezza cui numero ordine 1098 sono costituiti in Sardegna da I et II btg. 573° rgt. fanteria et I et II btg. 519° rgt. fanteria (.) Riserva comunicare data cui detti reparti saranno pronti partire alt Superesercito Ordinamento = 1900060344 =

*41 Bns. Security
Services no 1098.
are formed in Sardinia
out of 1 + 2 Bns of
573 Inf Reg. and
1 + 2 Bns of 519 Inf Reg.*

*① Date units will be ready to move must
be reported in due course.*



P. C. C.
IL TEN. COL. S. S. M. CAPO SEZIONE
(Giovanni Guida)

829/1/1

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MESSAGE FORM

Army Form C.2150.

IN
AND
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TIONS

IN MEET - DUSB - D - QAY - A - MCAV - NR 250/11
OUT

No. of Groups
GR.
13

Serial No. 18/10
Office Date Stamp
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(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO MMIA

FROM AAI

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

SDI 757

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Ref your SD 6-12 of 09 please

see list 3 serial 1120

For 1 Dist

Transmitted by for work in CAPABRIA
under Nov. REGGIO (6-829)

This message may be sent As Written
by any means
(except)
For Signal Wireless

This message must be sent in Cipher
if liable to interception or to fall into
enemy hands

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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T.H.I.

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Army Form C-2130

MESSAGE FORM

CALL
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TIONS

IN
OUT

MYTTUHSB(P) QVR1-RQX-MR232/10

No. of Groups
GR.
52

Serial No. 11/10
Office Date Stamp
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60/18/8
10/8

TO MMIA INFO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REAR 8 ARMY MOVETT

FROM BAI

Originator's Number
SD1732

Date

In Reply to Number

RESTRICTED Self contained Italian unit strength not less than 120 pers urgently required for guarding VPO in 55 AREA Request you state if suitable unit available and signal nomination and ETA Unit will move under order MOVETT and should carry tentage and house keeping eqpt if available Will insert third priority list

8292

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by any means
(except)
Wireless

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enemy hands)

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT

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T.H.I.

6940

T.O.R.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Guards at ACC Food Warehouses

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MNIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/18

Chief of the General Staff,
Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito

7 May 44

1. I have much pleasure in forwarding the attached appreciations of the work that is being done by 4 Bn 523 Regt.
2. Will you please see that the Commanding Officer of this Bn is informed that the standard of discipline and efficiency of his men has been favourably commented upon.

ABC

A.B.
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm ACC.

8291

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub Commission
APO 394

3 May 1944

ACC/60-2/FOOD

SUBJECT: Italian Guards at ACC Food Warehouses

TO : Army Sub Commission

1. The attached copy of a report is forwarded for information.
2. From personal experience, I would like to commend the Battalion for its contribution to our very difficult task of safeguarding food supplies.

8290

W.J. LEGG, Colonel
Chief, Food Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub Commission
APO 394

9 April 1944

ACC/60-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Italian Guards at ACC Food Warehouses

TO : Provost Marshal, Metropolitan Area, PBS

1. Some time ago Italian Army Guards of the 4th Battalion 523 Regt. were assigned to protect Depot 676. Our experience with them was so good that we asked for additional guards at other warehouses, namely Depots 677, 696, 1254, and 1270. Through the excellent cooperation of Major GABBIANI, Commanding Officer, of this battalion, guards were assigned, as requested. They are performing their duties in soldierly manner and their services are satisfactory. In several cases, the entire guard detachment lives on the premises through arrangements worked out with the company commanders. These Italian soldiers have conducted themselves as gentlemen off duty, as well as when at guard.

2. It is our opinion that such satisfactory services should not pass unnoticed.

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Captain, M.A.C.
Officer in Charge
ACC Food Warehouses

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

WJL/a

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W. J. Legg
W. J. LEGG, Colonel
Chief, Food Sub-Commission

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G.
S/S.

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ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP.

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR -

Originator's No.

SD 672

Confidential

4 April 01

50 645

pressing

for

train

guards

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE DEGREE OF PRIORITY

WIRELESS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CODE

Signed

Signed

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ACTION SLIP

This slip will NOT be removed

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To: GOC for info

Col KERR has seen this and we both feel
that the CARABINIERI are NOT doing more
than their share of guard duties

Yes. I can't say. Anyhow
it is a matter to be settled
between ACC and AA1,
I think.

L. B.

9 May

GI 6/5

8286

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394
Regional Control & Military Government Section.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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Ref: 302/114/CA.

3rd May 1944

SUBJECT: Use of Carabinieri.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to invite your attention to and co-operation in the solution of a problem that is becoming acute. At present upwards of one thousand Carabinieri and smaller number of Guardia di Finanza and Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza are being used as guards on public buildings, dumps and warehouses, generally at the request of military formations.

2. As you are no doubt aware policing of occupied and unoccupied territory is, so far as Italian civilians are concerned, normally carried out by these three agencies:-

- (a) Carabinieri Reali (CC.RR.)
- (b) Guardia di Finanza (CC.FF.)
- (c) Agenti di Pubblica Sicurezza.

Of these the Carabinieri are essentially soldiers who are specially and highly trained in police duties, and by virtue of their traditions were, and still are, greatly respected by the civilian population. It is considered that the use of such highly trained policemen on what is a military function, such as guard duties, is extremely wasteful. Furthermore, the number of these police bodies is quite insufficient to perform their present duties and would be more than insufficient to cope with the problems which will arise if a rapid advance were to be made. It is thought that other and less highly trained Italian Military personnel than the Carabinieri should be employed for guards, thus leaving Carabinieri free for their proper functions.

3. The other two bodies, paras. 2(b) and (c) above, also have specialised duties and while their use as guards is less common and perhaps not quite so undesirable as in the case of the Carabinieri, it is nevertheless objected to on the grounds that it diverts specialist personnel which can ill be spared from their proper functions.

4. It is suggested that the use of Italian Army personnel or of Allied troops from Replacement Depots, if the former should not be considered as sufficiently reliable, should be considered. As it is necessary to return trained police personnel to their proper duties as soon as possible, the Chief Commissioner would be grateful for your comments on this letter at an early date.

D. S. Lusk
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Safety SubCom.
Army Sub-Com.

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ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 5078

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(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No.

5078 0 CONFIDENTIAL 0 Ref your 2319 (5078) of 6 April 50
Re: Robert Johnson's assignment of 1st Lt. to 1st Lt. John
from 1st Lt. Johnson's assignment of 1st Lt. to 1st Lt. John
is included in this message.

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TO MMIA

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FROM AA1

Originator's Number

SD1479

Date

In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL 104 Your 0347 of 17 April 0 considered that
800 not rpt. not suitable for any serial third priority
list 0 would they fill 31 Italian corps requirement
in your 0348 of 17 April if necessary in principle
approved

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SUBJECT:- Ital 1 Combat Troops

1/120 Infantry Regt

File 12/18
HQ 52 Area, G25

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1. Instructions have been received that the units of PIZANO and MANTOVA Divs allotted to 2 District for guard duties, are to be regarded as combat troops on account of their high standard of military efficiency.
2. Therefore whilst you are under command of HQ 52 Area you will be employed only on guard duties and not on labour or similar duties. This will enable you to carry out your normal military training and exercises. It is suggested that you change over guard personnel regularly in order that all troops may be kept in a high state of training.
3. HQ 2 District have ordered that that Area Commander should visit and inspect your training from time to time and that he should render a report on your efficiency and welfare.

Would you please therefore, inform this HQ whenever you are carrying out tactical exercises.

8282

2-10-44
G. 1 *30/4*
G. 2 *G. 1* *1/4*

11/4/44

W. Daniel

Major,
General Staff.

Copies to:- IBHA
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te alt Comunicasi che forieri alloggiamento del battaglione assegnato
al 3° Distretto sono partiti da Otranto per Castellammare il giorno
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IL TEN. COLONNELLO in s.S.M.

- Capg Ufficio Operazioni -
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FONOGRAMMA IN PARTENZA

*Received 10:15
1 May. 5 Op. SNRE - 4000
for the 3rd District
apparently for with 51 Corps.*

P.M. 151, 11 30 aprile 1944.

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SUBJECT:- Reinforcements - Italian Army Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MILA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/18
28 Apr 44

No 1 District

Ref your letter 1D/111/A dated 19 April.

1. Information has been received from I.B.S. that the strength of No 1 Bn 51st Inf Regt is now 29 offrs 718 ers.
 2. Further efforts will be made to bring the Bn up to its full strength.
 3. The whole question of rfts for Italian units under command British formations is under review by higher authority at the present time.
- 8286

ABC

G. J. Cox Capt
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

P/gm



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
#-REPARIO - Ufficio Telecomunicazioni

P.M. 151, li *24* aprile 1944

N. *44473* prot. O.P.

Allegati.....

Risposta al foglio N.

del.....

OGGETTO: Truppe italiane da combattimento.-

Italian combat troops

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

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(Rif. f.° SD/18 del 25/4/44)

Lequile

Ho preso atto con piacere della disposizione data da codesta Sottocommissione col suo foglio SD/18 del 25 corrente, intesa a tutelare la conservazione dei reparti in oggetto quelli combattenti secondo il desiderio espresso da questo S.M., e ringrazio.-

I have noted with pleasure and thank you the above instruction issued by M.M.A. under SD/18 dated 25th. inst. regarding the retention of above units as combat troops in accordance with the

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito - 8279
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I have noted with pleasure, and thank you through the instruction issued by M.M.A. under SD/18 dated 25th. inst., regarding the retention of above units as combat troops.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

BB Benard

in accordance with the wish expressed by the S.M.P.E.

JS/Sr

Cable received 28/4

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ARMY FORM 62106 (Small)

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements - Italian Army Units.

1D/111/A

19 Apr 44

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Headquarters, ✓
M.M.I.A.,
Army Sub Commission.

Attention is directed to the deficiency in personnel of units of the Italian Army stationed in Sicily. For example it has come to notice that the first Battalion of the 518th Infantry Regiment which arrived on 8 Apr 44 is deficient of one officer, ten NCOs and 445 men. Of these 364 were deserters.

It is presumed that in the reorganisation of the Italian Army now taking place trained soldiers are available to replace these casualties and it is requested that all possible action be taken to make the units up to strength with the minimum of delay.

8277

C.M.F.
RAC/RML

Robt. M. G. A. M.
Major General,
Commanding,
No 1 District.

Copy to :- Italian XIIth Corps (who are requested to ensure that their deficiencies in personnel are regularly represented to the Italian High Command).

Sabauda Division.

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FONOGRAMMA IN PARTENZA

DA SUPERESERCITO OPERAZIONI
AT COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO

N. 1342 /OP. DI EPROT. ALT INFORMASI CHE COMPAGNIA DESTINATA
TEMPORANEAMENTE CAMPOBASSO PER SERVIZI GUARDIA EST PARTITA ORE
11 GIORNO 21 CORRENTE PER RAGGIUNGERE PREDETTA LOCALITA' A MEZ
ZO AUTOCARRI ALT



P.C.C.
COLONNELLO in S.S.N.
Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero Sampa)

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*the company designed to go
to CAMPOBASSO for guard duty
has left for its destination
on the 21/4/44 at 1100 hrs.
by motor vehicles*

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SUBJECT:- 2 Bn 119 Inf Regt MANTOVA

Army Sub (Mission A.C.C.)
Main H.Q. (MIL)
LEQUILA (LSCOE)
SD/18

25 Apr 44

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S M R E (2)

Copy to:- 3 District

Ref move of above Bn from OTRANTO - TORRE ANNUNZIATA to under command
3 District.

1. Please despatch small adv party of 1 offr, 1 quarter master sgt and 6 other ranks as early as possible to report to HQ 3 District CASTELLAMARE.
2. Notify this HQ when they are starting in order that their expected time of arrival can be signalled to 3 District.
3. An extra copy of this letter is being sent to you which can be used as a pass.

8275

ABC

[Signature]
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

SUBJECT:- Italian Combat Troops

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/18
25 Apr 44

Chief of Staff
S M R E

As requested by this Sub Commission, the Commander in Chief, Allied Armies in ITALY, has issued instructions to Allied Commanders with reference to the PICENO and MANTOVA Battalions and the company of the 120 Infantry Regiment ordered to station for guard duties, in substance as follows:-

"These units are regarded by the Italians as combat troops. The units therefore will not be employed on labour or other similar tasks. They are allotted in response to a demand for guard duty personnel. 8274

Arrangements will be made for the units to be inspected from time to time by a senior British officer. It is desirable that an interest be taken in the unit's efficiency and welfare."

ABC

2.13
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT : Italian Combat Troops

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/12/C(SD1)

21 Apr 44

119

2 District
3 District

Reference this HQ SD 1263 dated 16 Apr.

The bns are part of the PICENO and MANTOVA Divs which are regarded by the Italians as combat troops. The bns therefore will not be employed on labour or other similar tasks. They are allotted to you in response to a demand for guard duty personnel.

You are requested to arrange for the bns to be inspected from time to time by a senior British officer. It is desirable that an interest be taken in the bns' efficiency and welfare.

[Signature]
for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Copy to :- MMIA
G (Ops)
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Col KERR

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SUBJECT : Italian Combat Troops

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/12/G(SD1)

21 Apr 44

Eighth Army

Ref MMIA SD 544 of 18 Apr.

The Coy of 120 Inf Regt which is part of the PIGNO Div is regarded by the Italians as combat troops. The coy therefore will not be employed on labour or other similar tasks. It is allotted to you in response to a demand for guard duty personnel.

You are requested to arrange for the unit to be inspected from time to time by a senior British officer. It is desirable that an interest be taken in the unit's efficiency and welfare.

G. P. H. S. H. S.
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to :- G (Ops)
MMIA

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FROM DIST HREE

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In Reply to Number

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119 inf regt be despatched to arrive
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57 Area	is 2 bn	119 inf	regt 30	offrs	740 ors
9 carts	25 tons material	O	Ready to move	TARANTO to	
TORRE ANNUNZIATA	24	Apr			
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FROM DISTHREE

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Date

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CLASSIFY CONFIDENTIAL Your SD1263 of 160 Destination
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SD560 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Ref your SD1263 of 16 April (*)

Following are nominations and details of Bns from MANTOVA and PIERNO

Dive for temporary guard duties (*) PIERNO DIV (*) 1 Bn 336

Inf Regt 30 offrs 740 ors 9 horses 9 carts 20 tons material to

move from CISTERNO CITTA to BARI (*) Half 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt

15 offrs 370 ors 5 horses 5 carts 13 tons material to move from

FASANO to BARLETTA (*) Half 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt 15 offrs 370 ors

4 horses 4 carts 13 tons material to move from FASANO to BRINDISI

(*) MANTOVA DIV (*) 2 Bn 119 Inf Regt 30 offrs 740 ors 18

horses 9 carts 25 tons material to move from OTRANTO to 3 DISTRICT

destination required (*) Det of 50 men from 120 Regt to move

from S. PIETRO VERHOTICO to VASTO (*) 1 Bn 120 Inf Regt for

TARANTO is already there (*) All above units ready to move

24 April

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SD560 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Ref your SD1263 of 16 April (*)

Following are nominations and details of Bns from MANTOVA and PICENO

Divs for temporary guard duties (*) PICENO Div (*) 1 Bn 3268

Inf Regt 30 offrs 740 ors 9 horses 9 carts 20 tons material to

move from CISTERNO CITTA to BARI (*) Half 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt

15 offrs 370 ors 5 horses 5 carts 13 tons material to move from

PASANO to BARLETTA (*) Half 2 Bn 336 Inf Regt 15 offrs 370 ors

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Subject:- Bus on Loan for Guard Duties

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMLA)
LEQUILL (LECCE)
SD/18
21 Apr 44

Chief of Staff, S.M.A.E.

Ref para 3 of our SD.18 of 18 Apr 44, subject as above.

1. The Bn for 3 District will be located at TORRE ANNUNZIATA , N. 3038.
2. On arrival there, it will come under command 37 Area for all purposes, through Hq 227 Coastal Division.

cc/BGB

[Signature] L-61
Maj-Gen.
Army Sub Comm, ACC

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CONFIDENTIAL . REF MY SD 1263 ¹⁰⁷ OF 16 PARA THIRD . DESTINATION
OF GUARD BNS FROM PICENO AND MONTOVA DIVS ARE AS FOLLOWS.
BN TARANTO ~~BN~~ BARI HALF BN BRINDISI HALF BN LESS DET BARLETTA
DET 50 PERS VASTO ALL UNDER ~~COMB~~ COMD 2 DISTRICT .
BN TORRE ANNUNZIATA UNDER COMD 3 DISTRICT
MMIA STATE THAT TWO ^{BNS} ~~BNS~~ WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH DIV
BT 211730B

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RPTN 894 211730 SD1374 SD1263 16 ~~PICEN~~ ~~++~~ PICENO MONTOVA
50 PERS VASTO 2 ~~BN~~ TORRE ANNUNZIATA 3 211730
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TO HQ MHIA LEQUILE

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06/97 CONFIDENTIAL .

YOUR 0347¹⁰⁴ OF 17 . WHY 8 COYS INSTEAD OF

4 . IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP SEPARATE FROM OTHER TPS .

MORE INFORMATION ON OFFENCES REQUIRED .

P AND L CAN NOT ACCEPT

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Col KERR 2ap
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Rd Lux
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SUBJECT:- Bns on Loan for Guard Duties

CONFIDENTIAL

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q., (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/18
18 Apr 44

Chief of Staff
S M R E

1. Confirming arrangements made by Col KERR with General BERARDI, you are requested to nominate and alert two Bns from the PIGENO Div and two Bns from the MANTOVA Div, to be loaned temporarily to 2 and 3 Districts for Guard duties.

2. Three out of the four Bns are for 2 District, and are allotted as follows:-

One Bn	132 120 Regt	- TARANTO
One Bn	184 306 Regt	- BARI
Half Bn	244 236 Regt	- BRINDISI
Half Bn (less a detachment of 50)		- BARLETTA
Detachment of 50	Financ 236 Regt	- VASTO

3. The fourth Bn is for 3 Dist and you will be informed 18263 of its allotment.

4. Please inform us of the Bns selected, their present locations, strengths of officers and other ranks, vehicles, stores etc so that arrangements may be made for their movement.

ABC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FROM <u>DISTWO</u>						Originator's Number <u>SDI/544</u>		Date		In Reply to Number			
<u>CONFIDENTIAL</u> Ref your SDI263 dated 16 Apr not to all Request Italian bn for G.D. duties be allotted as follows (A) one bn <u>TARANTO</u> (B) one bn <u>BARI</u> (C) one half bn <u>BRINDISI</u> (D) one half bn less det <u>DARLETTA</u> (E) det personnel <u>50 VASTO</u>													
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TO DISTWO DISTHREE MMIA (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM

ARI

Originator's Number

SD1263

D. to

In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL @ FIRST @ four B no to be nominated by MMIA
from PICE NO and MANTOVA divs are allotted as follows @ Three
Bns to 2 DISTRICT and Bn to 3 DISTRICT for guard duties until
relieved by Bns to be formed @ SECOND @ MMIA nominate Bns
and signal location strengths @ Districts signal destination
@ THIRP. @ On receipt of inform para second above move this HQ

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P.M. 151, 17 aprile 1944

DA SUPERESERCITO - OPERAZIONI
AT COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO

N° 4138 di prot. OP. ALT SENSUO 4118 ODIERNO INFORMASI CHE COMPA=

Further to 4118 this date
please note that Co. of
the 120 Inf. Reg. drafted to
Campobasso is ready to
move afternoon 18th inst.
from TORCHIAROLO. Strength 6 off. 10 MCO's 140 DR's. (C)
Lories necessary for road transport 12. (C)
SUPERESERCITO

8260



P. c. c.
IL TEN. COLONNELLO in s.s.m.
Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
(Pietro Sampa)
Pietro Sampa

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FROM (A) AAI Originator Date Time of Origin OFFICE DATE STAMP.

TO MAI For Action

(W) For Information (INFO) MAI MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR 73

Originator's No. 502560 CONFIDENTIAL Eighth Army have urgent requirement for one Italian guard company for CAMPOBASSA. Suggest one be provided on loan from either PIERNO or MANTOVA division to be replaced when permanent company can be formed. Request you signal availability. If available company will move earliest to report HQ 76 area under arrangements now in progress.

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From PIERNO

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For Action

TO | (W) For information (INFO) | Message Instructions | GR --

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For Action

TO

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ITALY AD 6

For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR --

Originator's No.

347 (.) SECRET (.) have 800 Italian soldiers now confined in jail for minor offenses (.) propose organizing these in 8 companies (.) should be kept separate from other troops (.) Recommend use to fill Serial 1093 (.) any objections query

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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions	GR
AAI			
Originator's No.			

0346 (.) SECRET (.) reference 34263 (.) have directed 3PF to alert 2 Bns from BUEENO and 2 Bns from HANNUA (.) will advise when ready (.) Request Allied commanders be asked to consider these four battalions as combat troops as per conversation with Mo JERNY

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From Brigadier R. H. A. FOSTER,
G (SD & T) Branch,
H.Q., A.A.I.
C. M. F.

11 Apr 44

Dear *Duchess*

Thank you for your prompt reply to my signal
about gd bns for Districts.

Col KERR assures me that bns available at present
in SARDINIA are not suitable for employment on gd duties.
We have agreed therefore to insert the four bns in List 3
with a note - "to replace bns on temporary loan from PICENO
and MANTOVA Divs". It will then be for MMIA to decide when
replacement bns should be provided and where they should
come from.

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Yours *Sincerely,*
Arthur J. H.

Brigadier C. C. DUCHESNE, O.B.E., M.C.
M.M.I.A.

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TO

G 3

Please recommend W/E of Samuel
Mint and I will discuss on
my return.

(K) 16/4

Cpt Cowie

Put these on SD/18 & Group 2

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Sir See Hays
JWB

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MESSAGE FORM

To AAI
From MATA

For

CONFIDENTIAL (.) SD521 (.) Personal ~~from~~ Brig FOSTER from DUFURNE
ref your SD1155 (.) FIRST (.) Yes (.) Two hrs each from MAROVA
and PICENO Dive making four in all could be made available temporarily
for guard duties pending arrivals from SARDINIA (.) SECOND (.) If
above carried out can NEMBO (NEMBO) shipping priority be advanced to
eighty four query (.) THIRD (.) Colonel KERR left here morning tenth
to visit you with ammunition statistics (.) Discuss above with him

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TO MMIA

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FROM AAI

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

RESTRICTED O SDI/55	Personal for Brig DUCHESNE from FOSTERO
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lms for gd duties	additional to italian tps at Present
employed o lms	these additional four lms be made available
temporarily from	the divs earmarked for internal
duties pending arrival	of further non tradesman lms from SARDINIA

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TO MMIA

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FROM AAI

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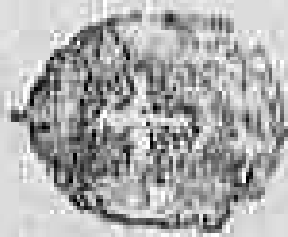
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P.M. 151

8 aprile

1944 - Anno

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

- Ufficio Operazioni -

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

LEQUILIE

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 3829/41. Allegati

Dir.

Sez.

N.

Oggetto Truppe italiane nella zona dell'Aviazione Alleata di Foggia.

Italian troops in the Allied Avia zone of Foggia

MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY,

Riferimento foglio G/13/30 del 28/1/1944.

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Si porta a conoscenza di codesta Commissione

che, contrariamente a quanto richiesto col foglio in

riferimento, lo S.M.R.A., in accordo con il Comando del

l'Aviazione Alleata di Foggia, ha inviato sul posto un

ufficiale superiore della R.Aeronautica per l'amministra

sione, l'approvvigionamento e la disciplina degli avieri

destinati alla difesa ed al servizio di guardia nella zo

na del Foggiano.

Pertanto il predetto ufficiale superiore ha es-

sunto le funzioni assegnate al Ten.Col.BOLLA, che si occupa

rè soltanto dei militari del R.Esercito.

Re you G/13/30 dated 28.1.1944.

We have your letter note that contains the instructions contained in above letter. S.M.R.A. in agreement with Allied Air Force H.Q. at Foggia, have sent there the SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE a Field Rank Officer of the Regia (Gen. di Div. G.B. Oxilia) Aeronautica to be in charge of admin., supplies and discipline of the

Indirizzo telegrafico: Indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Riferimento Foglio G/13/30 del 28/1/1944.

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Pertanto il predetto ufficiale superiore ha assunto le funzioni assegnate al Ten.Col. BOLZA, che si occupa

re soltanto dei militari del R.Esercito.

Re your G/13/30 dated 28.1.1944.
We are sorry to note that contrary to instructions contained in above letter, S.M.R.A., in agreement with Allied Air Force H.Q. at Foggia, have sent there IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE & Fieldcraft officer of the Regia (Gen. di Div. G.B. Oxilia) & Aeronautica to be in charge of admin., supplies and discipline of the Italian Aviators employed in the defense and guard duties in the Foggia Area.

In consequence and this Force Officer has taken over the duties assigned to Lt. Col. Bozza, who need only be responsible for the Army men.

D/S/EG

REMARKS:- Train Guards.

BY AIR (ADM BTH)

2819/C(SD)

6 APR 44

Long Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
HQ (MIA)

SD AAI

Copy to:- A

Mr.

HQ/14/3.

Ref your HQ/14/3 of 31 Mar 44.

85 MILITARY MISTAKE

11/4/44 HQ/14/3.

1. The question of forming Guards for trains carrying supplies between Italian Depots was discussed when G-1 (SD) MIA visited this HQ approx three weeks ago.

2. He was then given authy to form a specific unit for the purpose of providing such guards; he was further requested to notify this HQ when the unit was ready in order that it could be given high priority on list 3.

3. Please state present plan with regard to the form of this unit.

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1/4 JF
SDQ.

J.M. Fyler
Lt Gen.
C.C.S.

James Fyler
By Air to HQ 2/4/44
11 Apr

SUBJECT:- Trai Guards

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/14/3
21 Mar 44

HQ AAI (Adm Ech)

Copy to: 'G'

The problem has arisen is regard to the supply of train guards for ITI sups being moved by train between ITI depots in ITALY. It may be considered desirable to form certain specific units for this purpose in order that they can specialise in the work and to ensure that the minimum essential number of troops are so employed.

It would further seem desirable for the scheme to be "tied-in" with the train guard system required by Mov & Tr for normal Allied trains.

Will you please consider this subject in order that a plan may be submitted in conformity with your views. 8249

ABC

F. F. Noone
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TO MMIA (INFO) DISTWO FLAMBO

FROM

A A1

Originator's Number

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In Reply to Number

confidential / your SD408 of 22 mar and
distwo SD1/267 of 23 mar view need of
GO TPS in 2 district prefer 372 inf bn to rem-
-ain with 2 District 0 will reduce after
mar requirements by 470 pers to compensate
0 request you add 372 inf bn to 2 District ORCA-

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TO: MIA for action for FATIMA Ream for QUINCY HITS for info									
FROM: FATIMA				Originator's Number		Date		In Reply to Number	
				2551		24			
SECRET 0				Ensuing is paraphrase of message S-87 ACC CITE REO-76 dated 24 th March. received from SEARS for HANCOCK for GENERALE MARIOTTO UNO DUE CORPO ARMATA added to STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO LEGGE 0 1017/1 entraining authy requests name Italian bn. scheduled replace SOMERSET 8 bn					
				(Pl. See flag)					
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Above received by BAUMANN from Spt 8245
 1630 hrs 25 March

AM FOTMAN
 and Humber A. and C. for
 Mr. Hancock for Humber
 for Humber Tom Cobby and
 all.

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TO GSD AAI (INFO) GSD MMIA ISI SUB AREA		FROM DISTWO		93	Originator's Number SD/267	Date	In Reply to Number
Ref mmia SD 498 of 22 Mar 372 Battaglione costieri shown in distwo ord at Italian Units under command sent you on 12 Feb under ref 2004/25 g request this unit remains under command distwo in view shortage guard - tps							
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TO GSD AAI (INFO) GSD MMIA ISI SUB AREA

FROM DISTWO

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Originator's Number

SD/267

Date

In Reply to Number

Ref mmia SD 498 of 22 Mar 372 Battaglione costieri
shown in distwo ord. at Italian Units under command
sent you on 12 Feb under ref 2006/25 g request
this unit remains under comd distwo in view shortage
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MESSAGE FORM

TOO 22-2150

From MMIA

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To AAI rptd FLAMBO DISTWO 151 SUB AREA

SD 408 (*) We have ordered SMRE to furnish ³⁷² Inf Bn at BARLETTA consisting of 14 Offrs 455 O.Rs as nucleus Serial 1064 (*) Bn employed by 151 SUB AREA for last three months and stated necessary for coast defence in 151 SUB AREA letter ~~SMG~~ of 11 Mar to SMRE (*) Unit not incl MMIA order of battle (*) Request decision whether remains employed by DISTWO and if so inclusion List 3 ^e O please signal

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R. Buchanan-Dunlop (important)
H. Col.

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A C T I O N S L I P

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To:

SMOL

1. Is 372 Coastal Bn incl
in 408 Hgt - 1500 Port Labor
BARLETTA?

2. If so why is it being used
for coast def. 8242

3. If not 151 Sub Area have
no right to it!

22 Mar. 67.

G.I.

^{ration}
Total labor strength at
Barletta is 1022 of 408
Regt - I have no record

of 372 Coastal Bn
Raumann see sig
sent AM 7/ 5007

Translation

From: SMRE

↓ O. with H.Q. 151 Sub Area.

To: SMRE

Subject: 372 Coastal Bn.

Further to 223 of 28.2.44.

372nd Coastal Bn. has informed H.Q. 151 Sub Area, under whose tactical control they are, of the instruction issued by SMRE whereby men of the older classes should be exchanged for younger men in division from labour unit.

In reply and referring also to orders regarding this movement issued by H.Q. 408th Inf Reg, H.Q. 151 Sub Area has sent this office the letter, copy of which is attached hereto. Later the same British H.Q. has stated that it will be necessary to increase the strength of the Bn. to 650 men.

In order to further clear up the matter I have had an interview with the General Staff Capt. of the Sub Area who has requested me to put forward the following points to SMRE:

- 1) Substitution of men will only take place in the case of the oldest men who are not physically fit.
- 2) The Bn. will be formed by 4 Coy. of 2 platoons each (3 riflemen + 1 machine gun) with establishment as per schedule N°1.
- 3) To proceed, at the same time, to reequip the Bn. at the same time as it is being reorganised (See Inc. 2 + 3).

The Unit will be employed as follows:

- a) The LMG platoons of 3 Coy. will distributed along

the coast under the command of the Commander of the Coy. supplying the mobile elements for coastal defense.

b) the two (N.T. ?) Coys. thus losing their HMG platoons (6 rifle platoons) would be used to guard installations, communications, transit camps & other possible duties.

c) One Coy., based completely at Barletta, would constitute the Br. reserve to be used against enemy landings or enemy parachutists.

At present, due to lack of men, three Machine gunners cannot be used on the coast and the reserve Coy. has had to be transferred elsewhere, as is known to SMRE, as guard to a British Transit Camp.

H.Q. 151 Sub Area deems the cooperation of Br. to be of vital importance in the fulfillment of their duties and, therefore, though fully realizing the difficulties to be overcome, request that their suggestion be adopted. They wish, at the same time, to thank SMRE for all they have so far done for this Br.

372 Coastal Br. is formed by personnel of various Div. stationed in Sicily and re-grouped in June after recent events. The men, though so old, are physically fit and imbued with a great "esprit de corps" and sense of discipline in addition to which extremist propaganda has not reached them. They have proved their worth in battle (S. Monte). They are well acquainted with the type of work expected from them. At present they are on very good terms with the

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personnel of British Units stationed in the district and have won the good will of the Officers who have expressed their appreciation of services rendered.

Since SOARE has taken an interest in this Bn. I have noticed a great improvement in the spirit of the Unit, a very important factor when one bears in mind that many of the men come from Central and Northern Italy.

It is my belief that granting the Sub. Area's request, not only would a great service be rendered to the Allies, but a great satisfaction would be given to the military and civilians of the district who would then be able to witness in practice the re-making of the Royal Army. 8240

I have, myself, made out the attached schedules, taking as basis the normal war establishment of Coastal Units.

Liaison Officer
(Sg) Capt. Carlo DE SIMONE.

[Signature]
Sgt.

Translation
From: 151 Sub Area.
To: Italian L.O. with H.Q. 151 Sub Area.
Subject: Italian troops.

Ref: 562-G. 91
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Re: letter dated 24th March 1944 from Col.
Lettini to H.Q. 372 Bn.

Exchange of men between 372 Bn. + 408 Reg.
is not desired since the men of 372 Bn. are
now employed in coastal defense work by the
Sub Area and any change would cause
difficulties in the development of such
operations.

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(Sgd.) O. Glyn Jones
Capt. General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- Provision of Guards on Airfields.

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10 Mar 44.

A.C.F.P.

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Owing to request

I am receiving increasing requests for personnel to carry out guard duties. The resources at my disposal are very limited, and will be further reduced if the Garrison Bn at PALERMO is removed.

two particulars

With the exception of certain units the SABAUDA Div is fully employed. These units have proved so unsatisfactory that I have had to remove them from guard duties to receive special intensive training. Such training is necessary for most of the other units of the Div.

So that I can satisfy these increasing commitments I request that one Inf Regt of the additional Italian Div, which it is understood is being sent to SICILY from SARDINIA, should be despatched in the very near future.

I understand from the Senior Naval Officer in SICILY that very often ships from NAPLES remain in AUGUSTA some days awaiting a convoy. It would therefore seem to me possible that certain of these ships could be diverted on their run from NAPLES, to SARDINIA where they could pick up Italian troops and bring them to PALERMO. This would save the necessity of allotting special shipping, which no doubt is difficult to find.

I would, at the same time, request that adequate advance parties are sent ahead before Italian units are despatched.

C. F. Hyden

Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

C.M.F.

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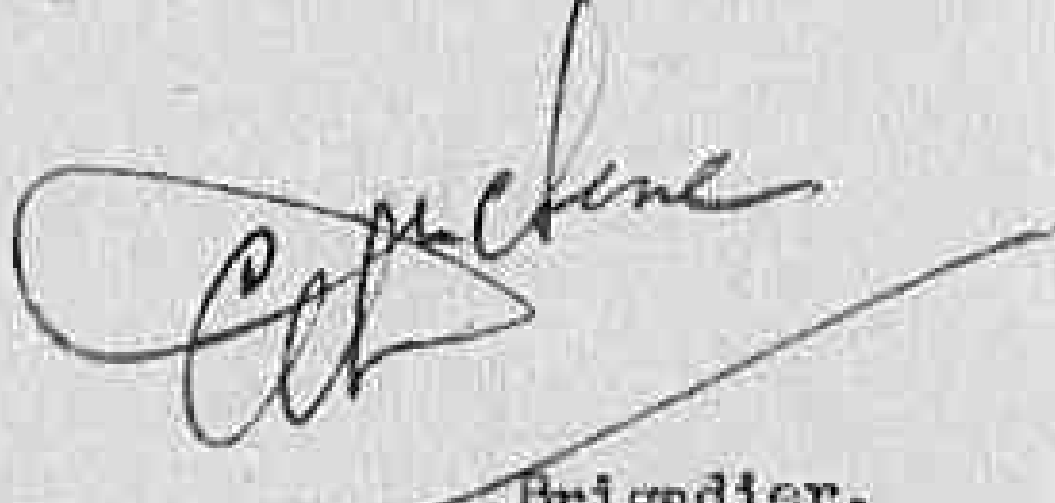
SUBJECT: Battalion for Palermo.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 8/6
Main H.Q. (MILIA)
DEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/18/1
14 Mar 44

S.M.R.E.

1. Instructions from AAI provide that one infantry battalion with a strength of 850 all ranks be made available at once for duty at Palermo.
2. This battalion will be taken from 211 Div. It must be a strong, well organized, and efficient unit. It must be administratively complete. If desired, two or more units of 211 Div may be combined to form a battalion of the proper strength.
3. It is desired that you advise this Sub-Commission at once the details of the organization of this battalion, its point of concentration, and when it will be ready for inspection by a representative of this Sub-Commission.

CCL.


Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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SUBJECT:- Colpa Pns for EIGHTH ARMY

Chief of Staff SMRE

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MHA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/13/38
23 Feb 44

File 83340
File 80/18

Ref conference yesterday evening between Gen MARIOTTI and Col KERR.

1. It is understood that serials 1004 and 1064 (Appx 'A' to our G/6/19 of 17 Feb) can be provided from 209 Div.
2. Would you therefore please issue instructions for two battalions (or their equivalent) to be prepared, and inform this Sub Commission if possible 1 week in advance, of their dates of readiness, present locations, strengths of officers, other ranks, vehicles, animals, stores etc so that movement can take place directly they are ready.

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Moves of Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 78
Rear H.Q. (AMIA)
LEQUIL (LECCB)
G/13/35
17 Feb 44

Chief of Staff SMRE

1. Information has been received from Allied HQ that 145 Inf Regt (which was under command of 94 SUB AREA) has now been placed under command of Peninsular Base Section.
2. A signal has been sent to Allied HQ requesting details, and the number of men involved. It is presumed that movement and accommodation will be arranged locally. This information is therefore for your information only.

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for Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Smoke Coys.

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9 Feb. 44.

Sir,
(Klin 72 refers)

Ref 349 Btg Italian Smoke Unit.

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2. The strength of this unit is 250. Strong representations have been made by command 57 Area and 68 AA Bde to increase the strength of this Smoke Unit up to 300, as it is considered by all concerned that its present strength is inadequate to meet operational demands.
3. It is requested, therefore, that necessary steps be taken to provide the additional personnel as soon as possible.

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Major General.
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SUBJECT: - Italian guard duties

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Date 9 Feb 44

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ITALIAN ARMY.

Military Mission to
Italian Army I.O.
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Ref: - MF/98
8 FEB 44

M.M.I.A.
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M.M.I.A. Capt.
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Subject:- Employment of Italian Tps for
Defence and Internal Security

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HQ 2 District CMT
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MMIA

4 Feb 44

Copy to:- Allied Air Force Area Command APO 650, FOGGIA
151 Sub Area
MMIA IO 2 District

Ref your G/13/28 dated 28 Jan 44.

- 1 It is confirmed that in our letter of same ref, dated 17 Dec, para 1(a) is cancelled, in so far as the Air Force Area Comd FOGGIA is the "Controlling Agency" in the Enclave, whose wishes there must be respected.
- 2 Copy of our Ops Instr No 6 (without trace - no more available) is attached for your information and guidance.
- 3 It is regretted that an ambiguity should have arisen in the matter.

KSC

Major General,
Commanding.

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Subject: Leave

Military Mission to
Italian Army
SD/2/56
3 Feb 44

S.M.R.E.

1. It has been brought to the notice of this HQ that 349 BTG Italian Smoke Unit, at present carrying out duties of an Allied Smoke Coy at CASTELLAMARE and TORRE ANNUNZIATA has 50 personnel on leave out of a total of 250.
2. It is represented that this number is too great especially as the present strength of the unit is inadequate for the efficient performance of its duties.
3. It is further represented that in all cases of units carrying out wartime duties with the Allied Forces, no leave should be granted without the sanction of the Allied Military Formation under whose command the unit is operating.

Al. Buehauer *Donlop* 821
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for Brig
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SUBJECT:- Italian Smoke Coys.

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29 Jan 44

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Copy to:- 57 Area
66 AA BdeRef 349 BTG Italian Smoke Unit

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2. Strong representations have been made by Comd 57 Area and 66 AA Bde to increase the strength of this Smoke Unit up to 300 as it is considered by all concerned that its present strength is inadequate to meet all operational demands.

3. The present strength of 349 Btg Italian Smoke Unit is as follows:-

Officers	...	15
O.Rs	...	185
Personnel on leave		50

Total	250
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4. Further it is considered by this HQ that the number of personnel on leave at the same period is far too high. If it is considered vital that these men should have leave 10% is suggested as adequate.

5. Will you please take the necessary steps to bring the numbers of this Italian Smoke Unit up to 300 without delay.

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R.R. Cunningham
for Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

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Subject:- Employment of Italian Troops for Defence
and Internal security

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6 Regt Sub Area

copy to MIA (reply on para 4 please)

HQ 2 District GPF

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3 Feb 44

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Further to this HQ letter 2128 G of 31 Jan 44 and ref MIA G/13/23 — 135
of 6 Jan 44, para 4, and this HQ letter 2128 G of 17 Dec, para 1.

1. It is understood that 106 Teri Bn (Italian) is still located at
GIOLA and is available.
2. The above quoted MIA letter stated that it was intended to use this
bn for labour duties in BARI; this does NOT appear to have been implemented.
3. As it is unlikely that it will ever be possible to put at your disposal
the 1,000 British (or Indian) tps you ask for for guard duties or in fact
obtain for you more than one bn (of a strength between 650 and 750) it is
suggested that you might like this bn at BARI for minor guard duties,
provided its accommodation can be arranged. Its last recorded strength was
32 officers 605 ORs.
4. Would MIA please let us have their observations on this proposal,
also state what is the present available strength of 106 Teri Bn.

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Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff

Brigadier on 7 Feb

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CONJUG:- Employment of Italian Troops
for defence and Internal security.

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31 Jan. 44.

32 Area
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71 sub Area
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6 Base Sub Area

Copy to: AIA (your 20 1st of 27 Jan refers)

Ref this in letter of same ref dated 7 Dec 43.

For your information it is unlikely that Italian Bns will be allotted to your area specially for def and guard duties as outlined in the above letter, at any rate for some time to come.

Approved by GSC on 28 April
on receipt of 31 Jan

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Lieutenant Colonel.
General Staff.

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SUBJECT: = Employment of Italian Tps for
Defence and Internal Security

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Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
G/13/28
14 Jan 44

2 District

Copy to: Allied Air Force ^{Area} Command APO 650
151 Sub Area
MIA LO 2 District

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Ref your 2128G of 17 Dec para 1(a).

1. The Italian General Staff state that when they tried to remove 107 Territorial Bn for employment elsewhere, AMG of FOGGIA insisted on the Bn remaining where it is (ASCOLI SATRIANO).
2. From a request received from the Comd of Allied Air Force ^{Area} Command it appears that AMG are not the only people interested in these troops, as he is asking for reinforcements for the FOGGIA area from which 107 Bn depends.
3. It is understood that in your Operation Order No 6 dated 30 Dec (of which no copy is held) the responsibility for all def and guard measures within the AAF area AA & CD, was delegated to NAAF. It would therefore appear that the situation has changed since you wrote on 21 Dec.
4. In view of the above, would you please confirm that your instructions in so far as they apply to AAF area no longer apply.

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SUBJECT: Italian tps in the Allied Air Force Area

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
G/13/29
28 Jan 44

Allied Air Force Area Command, APO 152

Copy to: A C M F

MIA LO 2 District

Ref para 3 of your letter of 24 Jan under above heading.

1. MIA is issuing orders to the Italian Gen Staff that the Comd of the Italian tps in your area be instructed to report to you and give whatever assistance he can in the matter of guards etc with the 500 men under his Comd.

2. As regards the additional troops requested namely

500 Infantry
160 Anti para tps
160 Carabinieri

MIA can only make assignments on the orders of ACMF and in the price
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allotted by them.

3. For your information ACMF has issued a programme for the allotment of some 100,000 Italian tps for employment under Allied Forces and already the demand exceeds the supply. You will notice from attached copy of our G/13/28 that it was intended to remove some of the tps under Comd of Lt Col BOLLIO for employment elsewhere, but in view of your and AMG's representations, application has been made to 2 District for the order to be waived.

4. Your request in sub para (c), will be passed on to the Italian Gen Staff but it is doubtful whether they will agree to Air Force tps coming under Army Comd.

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Comd

SUBJECT: Italian Troops in Allied Air Force Area

Chief of Staff, SACRE

Copy to: Allied Air Force Command
ANITA LO 2 District

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
2/13/30
18 Jan 44

1. The Comd of Allied Air Force Area Command has been made responsible for all defence and guard measures except Anti Aircraft and Coastal Defence within his area, the boundary of which roughly includes SAN SEVERO, MANFREDONIA, CERVETERA, BOVINO and LUCERA.
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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

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P.M. 151 li 24 gennaio 1944

N. 982 / prot. Op

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

del

OGGETTO: Trasferimento di reparti
per sicurezza interna.

MILITARY MISSION.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
presso L'ESERCITO ITALIANO

Date
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Lequile

~~~~~  
Questo S.M. ha dato ordini ai Comandi dipen-  
denti per l'impiego dei reparti che cotesta Missione  
ha segnalato disponibili con foglio n. G/3/18 del 21  
dicembre.

La A.M.G. della provincia di Foggia ha però  
insistito affinché il CVII btg. territoriale venga la-  
sciato in posto, perchè così richiesto dai comandi dai  
quali essa dipende. 8908

Si prega voler far sapere se le disposizioni ema-  
nate con il su indicato foglio sono state modificate. -

*We instructed to employ units available  
as per y. G/3/18 of 21.12.43*

*Amc. FOGGIA informed us that the HQ to  
which 107 Territorial Bn. was attached insisted  
to keep above. On.*

*Please let us know y. instructions on the  
subject.*

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)

*Jr.*

HQ Adv "I" Unit att 8 Army to S M R E

23 Jan 44

We are infd that ~~part~~ of the personnel of the Sottozona of S. Severo (Comd: Lt Col BOZZA, CCRR ), engaged on VP and anti-parachutist duties is about to be withdrawn from the area of the province of FOGGIA.

Owing to the military importance of this area, particularly as regards air force ~~inst~~ installations built and building, the Allied HQ at FOGGIA (American Air Force HQ) is anxious that these VP and anti-parachutist units are NOT withdrawn but rather that they be brought up to est, as requested as long ago as Nov by the HQ Sottozona of S SEVERO in their comm to IX Army Corps.

The following rfts are needed:-

- Carabinieri 64
- Inf 500
- Anti-parachutists 160

in addition to some coys of airmen already requested from the ACC  
(Air Force Division Commodore FOSTER )

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The HQ of the American Air Force at FOGGIA has also asked that a CW pl be placed at its disposal for a short time, together with an ofir, in order to dismantle a factory of war ggses, which is in the vicinity of the city in a semi-abandoned state.

U R E N T E

COMANDO SUPREMO

Nucleo "I" avanzato presso 3<sup>a</sup> Armata

Poggia, 23 gennaio 1944

n° 89 / S. di post-

OGGETTO: Settezona di S. Severo.-

ALLO S.M.R.E. = ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE =

P.M. 151

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO IX° CORPO D'ARMATA = ORDINAMENTO =

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→ ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA PRESSO IL  
XV° GRUPPO ARMATE ALLEATE

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Il Comando Alleato di Foggia (Americano Air Force H.Q.) data la importanza militare assunta da questo territorio, particolarmente per gli impianti aeronautici effettuati ed in corso desidera che non vengano allontanati dalla Zona reparti di P.I. e D.A.P. ma anzi che essi vengano riportati all'organico come da richiesta inoltrata fin dal mese di novembre u.s. dal Comando della Settezona di S. Severo, 32° Comando del IX° Corpo d'Armata.-

Occorrono complessivamente i seguenti complementi :

- Carabinieri ..... n° 64  
- Fanti ..... " 500  
- antiparacadutisti " 160

oltre ad alcune compagnie di avieri già richieste alla Commissione di Controllo per la R. Aeronautica (Comodori Foster).-

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Occorrono complessivamente i seguenti complementi :

- Carabinieri .....n° 54
- Fanti ..... " 500
- antiparacadutisti " 160

oltre ad alcune compagnie di avieri già richieste alla Commissione di Controllo per la R.Aeronautica (Commodor Foster).-

Il Comando dell'A.A.F.H.Q. di Foggia prega inoltre che venga messa a sua disposizione per breve tempo un plotone chimico con un ufficiale per disattivare uno stabilimento di sostanze tossiche semi abbandonate nei pressi della città.-

Lo stesso Comando prega una cortese comunicazione in merito a quanto richiede.-

IL TEN.COLOMARIO CAPO NUCLEO

( Riccardo Esclapon )

*Esclapon*

Sir,

The Commander of Allied Air Force Area <sup>Endore</sup> requests

(a) that the Italian Sub Zone Command be instructed to take orders from him & apportion <sup>of</sup> the 300 Hqs that he has for duties in the area

(b) that the above force be augmented by

|     |               |
|-----|---------------|
| 500 | infantry      |
| 160 | Anti-Para Tps |
| 160 | CARABINIERI   |

I suggest that we could agree to (a) & give the necessary instruction but that for (b) application should be made to the ACMF for priority in their program for the Italian Army

The Command of AAF Endore expects to come & see us shortly

Agreed <sup>by</sup> ~~Major~~ <sup>Colonel</sup> ~~William~~ <sup>W. C. C.</sup>

Copy to ACMF

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ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)

# MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ord. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Office Date Stamp

FROM  
(A)

MMIA

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

For Action

SMRE

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

CR

Originator's No.

SD ① CONFIRMING VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS PASSED BY  
CAPT BAUMANN ① 1001 GENERAL TRANSPORT COY WILL MOVE  
TO PALO DEL COLLE BY 26 JAN ① ON ARRIVAL VEHICLES  
WILL BE PROVIDED BY OFFICER COMMANDING 130

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

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED AIR FORCE AREA COMMAND  
APO 650

24 January, 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Troops in the Allied Air Force Area.

TO : Military Mission, Italian Army, (Attn: Brigadier Du Chesne).

1. In an agreement between the Northwest African Air Forces and Number 2 District, published as Operation Instruction No. 6, Province of Foggia, and Appendix B thereto; Headquarters, Number 2 District, December 30, 1943; the Air Force was made responsible among other things, for all defense and guard measures except anti-aircraft and coast artillery defense, within the area. This area is as indicated on the attached map overlay. Roughly the boundary includes San Severo, Manfredonia, Cerignola, Bovino and Lucera. Responsibilities include guarding and defense of such establishments as:

- a. Port at Manfredonia.
- b. Aviation gasoline pipe line throughout area.
- c. Railroad and highway bridges.
- d. Routes into Foggia for refugee and civilian traffic control, in cooperation with AMG, local and provincial.
- e. Establishments such as brickyards, mills, warehouses, etc., of importance to military units in the area.

2. There is within the province a force of Italian troops of Sottozono PI. E DAP, under Lt. Col. Bozzo with headquarters at San Severo. Through Lt. Col. Esclampon, Italian General Staff, the commander was contacted and came to my headquarters for a conference on his status, his responsibilities and the employment of his troops within this area. It is apparent that he is much under-manned and that a request for 500 infantry, 160 anti-parachutist and 160 carabinieri troops as additional to the 300 existing troops is not unreasonable. The S.C.A.C. Foggia Province, in a letter to AMG Region IV Adv., dated 6 January '44 made a somewhat similar request for more troops in the province.

3. The following is requested of your headquarters:

- a. That Lt. Col. Bozzo be instructed to report to me for duty for such work as lies within my area. That by local agreement between Lt. Col. Bozzo and myself he apportion a certain proportion of his troops to duties within my area.

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b. That the additional troops requested in paragraph 2, above, be furnished.

c. That Lt. Col. Bozzo be instructed to take my orders assigning him operational control of all Italian troops, such as Italian Air Force troops, which are assigned to me for duty by the Italian Air Force. (It is very desirable that one Italian Officer in my area control all my Italian service and guard troops there, and Lt. Col. Bozzo has the requisite experience and seniority.)

4. Any guards assigned from Italian Air Force for airdrome guards will not be under my control. However, I may be assigned Air Force troops for guarding other establishments.

5. Within the next two weeks I expect to be at M.M.I.A. Headquarters to personally confer on matters connected with Italian troops in this area.

*Roland Birn*  
ROLAND BIRN,  
Colonel, A.C.,  
Commanding.

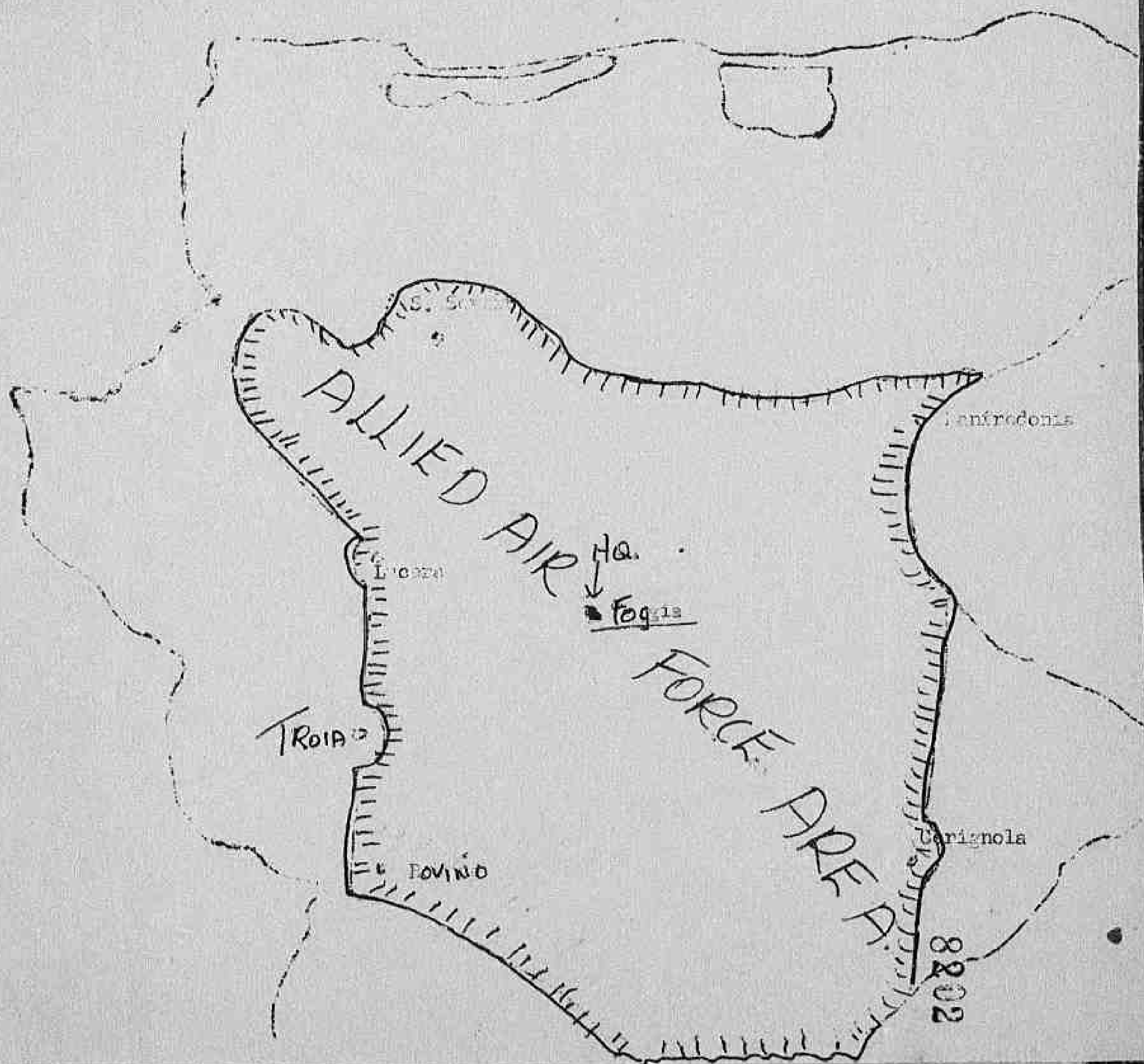
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Map Overlay.

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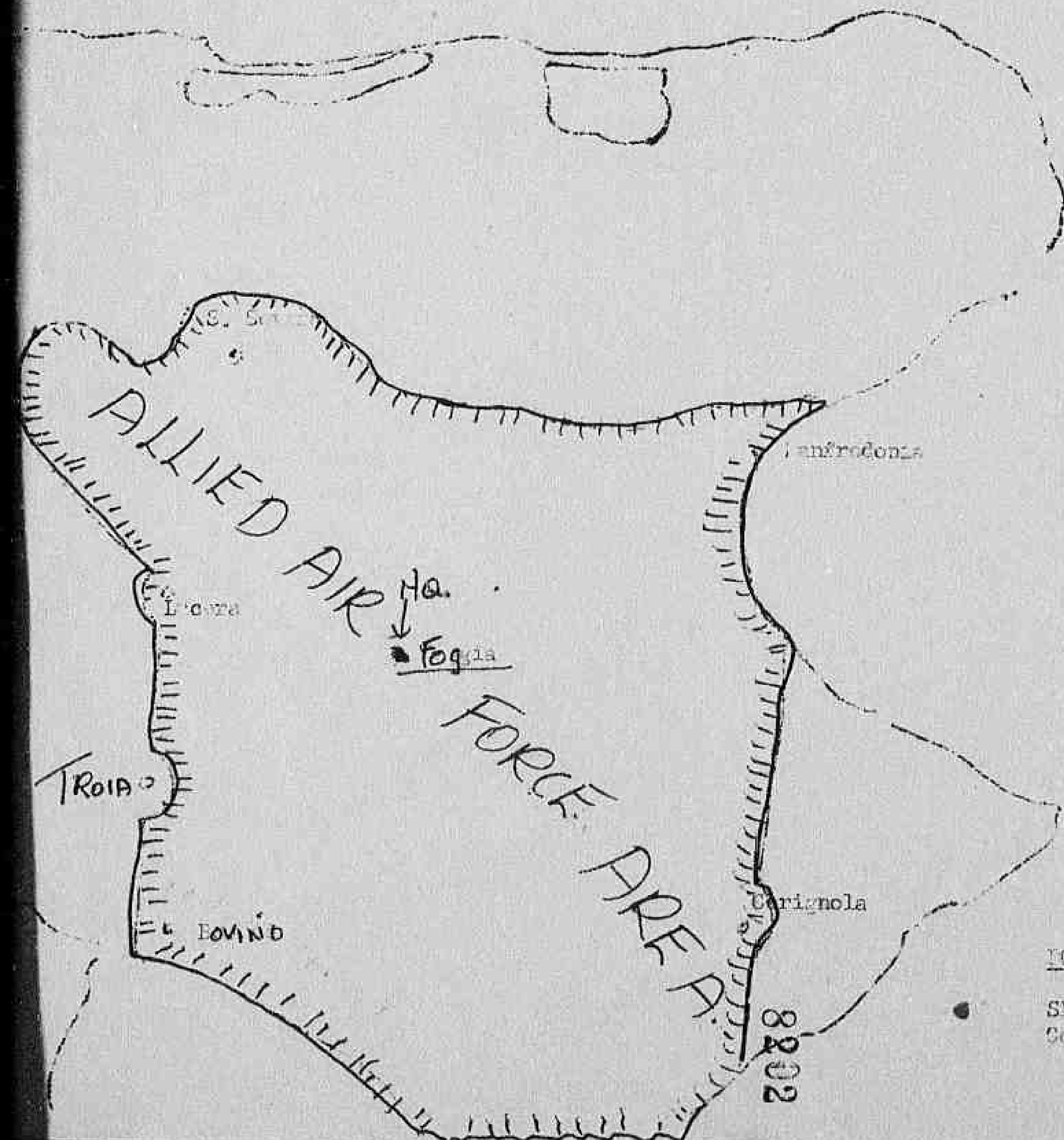
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FOGGIA PROVINCE

Showing area  
Controlled by  
U.S. Army

2092

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TO: HARRY Y. HZAV T.

FROM: DISTWO

TO: [illegible]

DATE: 1/13/23

REMARK: DELAY IN REPLY TO YOUR C/13/23 OF 6 JAN. - SOME DOUBT AS

NO ACCOMMODATION AVAILABILITY

THI 270813

RPTN 362-02200 1/13/23 / 270813 270813

REC 2

(32)

EL5  
NR 394 *Conclude*

*Good for the Service*  
G/12/23

640

Refers to 7th Reg

I sent off a signal before tea saying  
that they were not available  
not incl in new priority list

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LP 1254/16

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MESSAGE FORM

From NMIA

To DISTWO rptd ACMF

T O O

T H I

27 JAN A

SD 148 (°) Ref our G/13/23 of 6 Jan (°) Bns for guard duties  
from PICMG Div no longer available (°) No guard bns for you  
included in ACMF priority list for Jan/March Appx A to 1605/50/4/LED1  
of 23 Jan

May be sent as written  
except ( ) wireless

To be sent in Cipher if  
liable to interception

*Handwritten signature*

( IMPORT 8200 )

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*MEAV V LRHY NR1097*  
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TO QVR MMIA

FROM ACMF 261810A

TO MMIA

INFO FLAMBO

QCY GR48 BT

*Office of 7 hrs for PLENO for Gds*  
*124*  
*QVR1. NR382 GR48 2553*  
*G/13*  
*And seen*  
*114 hrs for SALERNO*  
*48*  
SD1237 REF YOUR G/13/23 OF 6 JAN FLAMBO 2553/GCSD OF 13 JAN AND  
22 JAN AND MY SD 1216 OF 25 JAN . CONSIDER THAT ALL DEMANDS  
BY 2 DISTRICT FOR GUARDS UNDER SERIALS 29 AND 103 OF APPX A  
TO MY 1605/50/GSD2 OF 26 DEC HAVE NOW BEEN MET

BT 1935

REPTN ~~1097 261810A 48 1237 13/23 6 2553/ 13 22 1216 25 2 29 103 A~~

~~1605/50/ 2 26 1935~~

JW AR

*Also refer to 114 hrs for  
for SALERNO*

*8199*

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SUBJECT: Guards for 94 Sub Area

AFHQ ADV ADM ECH  
CMF  
2553/G(SD)

22 Jan 44

G(SD) Main ACHF

Copy to:- MMIA Q  
2 District PL  
94 Sub Area MMIA LO

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Date \_\_\_\_\_  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

Ref this HQ 2553/G(SD) dated 13 Jan.

MMIA SD 119 undated states that 114 MG Bn is ready to move SALERNO after 25 Jan.

Consist is as follows

two coys OTRANTO  
Q 8282

13 offrs  
273 ORs  
eight animals  
four carts

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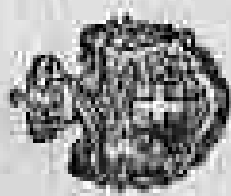
one coy GALLIPOLI  
Q 4069

7 offrs  
80 ORs

Recommend you issue movement orders in respect of the above unit.

*L. M. Ingledew*  
Lt. Col.  
G. S.

HKJ/HF  
Copy to:- 2819



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio Operazioni  
REPARTO Ufficio Telecomunicazioni

cp.

N. 755 / OF prot.

Allegati

P.M. 15', li 21 gennaio 1944.

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: trasferimento del 114° btg.

MILITARY MISSION.



ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'ESERCITO ITALIANO

ALL'UFFICIO TRASPORTI S.M.R.E.

Date

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

= LEQUIPES =

= S E P E =

Il 114° btg. del 164° rgt. ftr. deve spostarsi a disposizione del N° 2 Distretto britannico.

8197

Il reparto è dislocato :

- 1° e 2° cp. a Otranto

Forza complessiva :

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Ufficiali  | 13  |
| Sottuff.   | 13  |
| Truppa     | 260 |
| Quadrupedi | 8   |
| carrette   | 4   |

materiali vari : per un vagone ferroviario;

- 705° cp. mitra a Gallipoli

Forza complessiva :

|           |      |
|-----------|------|
| Ufficiali | 7    |
| Sottuff.  | 5    |
| Truppa    | 75.- |

Nell'inoltare la richiesta si prega voler tener presente che il reparto potrà essere pronto a partire entro 3-4 giorni da oggi.



ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'ESERCITO ITALIANO  
ALL'UFFICIO TRASPORTI S.M.R.T.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.  
= LEQUIDE =  
= S E D E =

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Sarebbe desiderabile - per una migliore comandabilità di tutto il bgt. durante il trasferimento - che la 705° compagnia fosse trasportata preventivamente ad Otranto per riunirsi al grosso del battaglione.-

P.C.C.

IL MAGGIORE in S.S.M.

- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -  
(Piero Sampa)

*Piero Sampa*

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)

SECRET

M.M.I.  
5 CC. 3.  
OD 18.

16 JAN 44.

SUBJECT:- 9 M.G. Bn.

M.M.I.A.

Copy to; 15 ARMY GP, G(3D).  
M.M.I.A., Rear EIGHTH ARMY.

Ref your G/13/26 of 13 JAN 44.

1. Strength of 9 M.G Bn is:-  
22 Officers.  
24 Sottoufficiali.  
296 O.R.'s (incl. Corporals).
2. All demobilisation has been completed.

*Go Donnell*  
Capt.,  
Liaison Officer.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

to  
ITALIAN ARMY

8196

SUBJECT:-- Bns for Guards and Internal Security

AFHQ ADV ADM ECH  
CMF  
2553/G(SD)  
13 Jan 44

G(SD) 15 Army Gp

Copy to:-- MMIA  
2 District  
94 Sub Area  
2, PL  
MMIALO

1. Ref MMIA G/13/23 dated 6 Jan 44 concerning provision of 3195 Italian Guard Personnel.

2. It is confirmed that it will not be possible to take a bn from 113 Inf Regt at present under comd PBS.

3. There is at present an acute shortage of labour in the SALERNO area owing to the recent withdrawal of 79 Pnr Coy, and it is not considered practicable to withdraw tps at present allotted to 94 Sub Area for this purpose.

4. In view of the increased labour demands from 10 Corps, and the prospect of further demands from PBS, it is strongly recommended that the remaining 1000 rfts for 227 Coastal Div be held intact to meet these commitments.

5. It is therefore recommended that the guards for 94 Sub Area be found by 2 District from the PICOLO Div as for the other units in para 1, or from an alternative extraneous source.

*PBS is being done*

2 District  
94 Sub Area  
C, PL  
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*This is being done*

*S. M. T. Ingledew*

Lt Col.  
G.S.

HB

SUBJECT: Italian Bn employed on guard duties

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
G/13/26  
13 Jan 44

15 ARMY G(50)

Copy to: Main EIGHTH ARMY G(50)  
5 CORPS  
AMIA LG Rear EIGHTH ARMY  
AMIA LG 5 CORPS

1. Italian General Staff state that 308 Coastal Bn which is employed on guard duties and has been reinforced by 9 MG Bn, will cease to exist as such w.e.f. 13 Jan.
2. This Bn will then be called 9 MG Bn.
3. AMIA LG with 5 CORPS to report strength of 9 MG Bn and confirm that all personnel due for demobilisation have been weeded out.

ADV

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Brig  
Cord

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SMRE to IX AR CORPS

MMIA for info

all done  
8 Jan 44

1. It is proposed to disband the former 308 Coastal Bn as from 15 inst.
  2. Mob. Centre: Mil district SAVONA
  3. Subsidiary mob centre : 48 Inf Regt Depot BARI
  4. Personnel: will be used by IX Corps for reforming 9 MG Bn
  5. Eqpt: will increase availability of mob centre
  6. After being made up with the above personnel and with the 692 MG Coy, 9 MG Bn will remain available for emp in 8 Army in place of 308 Bn. It will leave behind in the area of BARI its animals and ~~pl & eqpt~~ *pl & eqpt*, which will however continue to be kept at the disposal of the bn.
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SMRE to IX AR. CORPS

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Dc/vz

11/10/1944  
G. M. S.

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sessione Ordinamento

SEGRETO

N° 1456/Ord./V di prot.

P.M. 151, 8 gennaio 1944

AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA

- rif. f° 6/Op. del 1 gennaio 1944 -

P.M. 67

e, per conoscenza:



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

S E D E

ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO SERVIZI

S E D E

O G G E T T O : Scioglimento 308° btg. ex costiero.-

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 8191

to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

- 1°) - Si dispone lo scioglimento, sotto la data del 15 corrente, del 308° btg. ex costiero.
- 2°) - Centro di mobilitazione: distretto militare - Savona -
- 3°) - Centro sussidiario di mobilitazione: dep. 48° reg. ftr. - Bari -
- 4°) - Personale: sarà utilizzato a cura del IX C.A. per il completamento del IX btg. mitraglieri.
- 5°) - Dotazioni: rientreranno nella disponibilità del centro di mobilitazione.
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- rif. f° 6/Op. del 1 gennaio 1944 -

e, per conoscenza:

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

ALLO S.M.R.M. = UFFICIO SERVIZI

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MILITARY MISSION.

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
f.to Mariotti

P. C. C.

IL TEN. COL. DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO

(D. Michelotti)

*Michelotti*



SUBJECT: Accommodation for Italian Troops Employed by Allies.

File G/13

Military Mission to  
Italian Army.  
14/12  
14 Jan 44.

2 DOWNS.

Copy to "G."

Copy to: 15 Army Group.  
A.P.H. - Adv Adm Section.

Reference my 1/13/23 of 6 Jan 44.

1. I have received a letter from the Chief of the Italian General Staff asking me to stress the question of accommodation for the eight line, required for guards and internal security. He points out that they do not possess tents.
2. In Italian Depots there are only 253 "officers" tents. In addition there are 76,704 groundsheets, which can be used as bivouac tents. They are, however, only shower-proof and quite unsuitable as permanent tentage.
3. We already know that accommodation is a serious problem in BAH and BURMA, and is one of the factors holding up the provision of Port Labour. The addition of these line, will aggravate the problem.
4. Further with reference to A.P.H. - Adv Adm Sec. 2553/1/8 (SD) of 11 Jan there is also the question of finding accommodation for the two Italian Gen. Spt Coy., which are shortly to be attached to Nos. 50 and 168 Cent Spt Coy.
5. Will it be possible to provide tents from Allied sources if the necessary buildings are not available?

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IVV/.

G. Smith, Capt  
1/1  
Brig.  
Comd.

STRE to NMIA

12 Jan 44

33  
With ref your G/13/24 of 7 inst..

1. I have already asked for the approval of the Comando Supremo for the empl of the eight bns required for the def and internal security of 2 District, in accordance with details contained in your letter.
2. I shall be obliged if the Mission would let me know what arrangements will be made for housing these bns, bearing in mind that there do NOT appear to be billets available in the areas where they are to be employed. It should be noted that the bns do NOT possess tents.

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/Me



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

11/10/44  
11/10/44

1° REPARTO - Ufficio OPERAZIONI  
OPERAZIONI

P.M. 151, li 19 Gennaio 1944.

N. 291 prot. OF.

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati ..... del .....

OGGETTO: impiego di truppe italiane per la difesa e sicurezza interna.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'Esercito Italiano

Lequile

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Riferimento foglio G/13/24 del 7 c.m.-

1°) - Ho già provveduto a richiedere al Comando Supremo il beng  
stare per l'impiego degli otto btg. per la difesa e siou=  
rezza interna nel 2° Distretto, secondo le disposizioni  
contenute nel foglio in riferimento.-

2°) - Sarei grato a codesta Missione se volesse comunicarmi qua  
li provvedimenti saranno presi per l'accantonamento dei  
predetti battaglioni, tenuto conto che mi risulta non es=  
servi accantonamenti disponibili nelle zone d'impiego dei  
battaglioni stessi. - Da tener presente che i battaglioni  
non possono essere attendati.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

OGGETTO: impiego di truppe italiane per la difesa e sicurezza interna.

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

*O. J. L.*

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Your G/13/23 of 6 Jan (.) Para 2 (.) NOT possible find 300 gd tps  
at SALERNO ex 145 Regt (.) Required for labour there

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SUBJECT: = 349 Bn

Chief of Staff SMRE

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
G/13/25  
12 Jan 44

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1. Since receiving your 276 op of 10 Jan we have received a signal stating that 1991 SMOKE Coy will be relieved by 349 Bn under arrangements to be made by AFHQ Adv Adm Ech. This has doubtless been arranged through General BASSO, and no action is required by you.
  2. No request has been received for 349 Bn to be replaced, so presumably this is just a local rearrangement which Gen BASSO can deal with and has been passed to you for information only.

ABC

Brig  
Comd 8186

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both other  
contributions

6/13

D.

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MEGB MEAV NR 112 IMPORTANT

QVR 7

FROM FLAMBO 112200A

TO 2 DISTRICT

(CR) G (CSD) 15 ARMY GP + FIFTH ARMY +

57 AREA + 3 BEACH GP -

66 AA BDE - MNIA

GR 64 BT

SD201/8957 REF 15 ARMY GP SD 1062 DATED 11 JAN (.)

2 DIST WILL EFFECT RELIEF OF 1991

PNR SMOKE COY BY 349 BTG COSTIERO FORTHWITH (.) ON RELIEF

1991 PNR ~~COY~~ SMOKE COY WILL COME UNDER COMD FIFTH

ARMY FOR 3 BEACH GP (.) DEFICIENCIES

IN EQUIPMENT AND TPT WILL BE

PROVIDED SOONEST THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS

THI 112200A

RETP++

REPTN 112 BAP QVR 7 112200 12 15 57 3 66 64

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15 ARMY GP.

11 1330

For Action

FIFTH ARMY FLAMBO

TO

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2 DISTRICT 22 AA BDE 3 BEACH GP MMIA

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

SD 1062

relief of 1991 SMOKE Coy by 349 BTG COSTIE? (ITALIAN) will be effected forthwith under arrangements FLAMBO @ on relief 1991 SMOKE Coy will come under command FIFTH ARMY for 3 BEACH GP.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

1° REPARTO - Ufficio Telegrafico

P.M. 151, li 10 Gennaio 1944

N. 245 prot. OP.

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

del

OGGETTO: sostituzione 1991^ Compagnia nebbiogeni Swazi.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'Esercito Italiano

Le c u i l e

La nostra Missione di collegamento presso il Comando XV Gruppo Armate ha comunicato che lo Scaglione avanzato Armististrativo ha chiesto al predetto Comando XV Gruppo Armate di sostituire la 1991^ compagnia nebbiogeni Swazi - del corpo 8183 nieri africano - col 349° btg. italiano.

Detto 349° btg. fa parte del 513° reggimento (210 di visione) ed è impiegato in servizi di guardia e di manovalanza in Campania.

Questo S.M. non ha dato corso alla richiesta poichè, come noto, tutte le richieste devono pervenire tramite codesta Missione.

Ad ogni modo si fa presente che, qualora si fosse costretti al movimento richiesto, questo S.M. non potrebbe sostituire il 349° btg. per mancanza di reparti.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'Esercito Italiano

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Detto 349° btg. fa parte del 513° reggimento (210 divisione) ed è impiegato in servizi di guardia e di manovalanza in Campania.

Questo S.M. non ha dato corso alla richiesta poichè, come noto, tutte le richieste devono pervenire tramite code=sta Missione.

Ad ogni modo si fa presente che, qualora si fosse costretti al movimento richiesto, questo S.M. non potrebbe sostituire il 349° btg. per mancanza di reparti.-

*Our Liaison Personnel has advised that the 349th Bn. is not the 18th Army Group's*

**smoke**

**IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE**

**(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)**



*349 Bn is part of the 1513 Regt (210 Div) and is employed on guard and labour duty in Campania.*

*We have not made any request for replacement.*

*In any case, we would not like to be asked to replace the 349 Bn. because it is not a combat unit.*

**MILITARY MISSION.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

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Date 13 June 44

to  
ITALIAN ARMY

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

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REF FLAMBO SD20/8957 of 110 Relief of 1991 PNR  
SMOKE COY by 349 BTG COSTIERO. Ascertain deficiencies in  
equipment and transport of 349 BTG COSTIERO, and submit  
demands normal channels for their

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01799 Request one copy Italian rps made available  
to 94 Sub Area SALERNO earliest possible for  
urgent gd duties

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File  
SUBJECT: - Italian Tps for Guards and Internal Security

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY

G/13/24  
7 Jan 44

Chief of Staff S M R E

Copy to: 2 District  
(ref O 1799 of 6 Jan)

31  
Ref your 81/OP.V of 5 Jan, para 2.

1. For 94 Sub Area it is not possible to take a Bn from 113 Regt MANTOVA Div which is under Command of Peninsula Base Section NAPLES, and fully employed.
2. Will you therefore please send a Bn (which need only be 300 strong) to SALERNO as soon as possible. The Commanding Officer or his representative should report to Comd 94 Sub Area in advance.
3. This matter has become urgent so please inform this Mission of the Bn selected, and the expected time of its arrival in SALERNO.

ABE

*Manfredi*  
for Brig  
Comd

8180

Ref for Guards and Internal Security

Military Mission

to ITALIAN ARMY

6/23/23

6 Jan 44

2 District

Copy to: 15 Army Gp

AMM Adv Adm Ech

6 Base Sub Area

71 Sub Area

72 Sub Area

151 Sub Area

54 Sub Area

Ref your 2128 G of 1 Dec 43 and our 6/13/14 of 23 Dec.

1. The Italian General Staff propose that the following Bns from the PICHG Div be allotted for Guards and Internal Security:

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 6 Base Sub Area | 336 Inf Regt consisting of 3 Bns |
| 71 Sub Area     | 1st Bn 135 Inf Regt              |
| 72 Sub Area     | 3rd " "                          |
| 151 Sub Area    | 1st and 2nd Bns 113 Inf Regt     |

Detailed strengths are not yet known, but Bns will be at least 500 strong.

2. For 24 Sub Area they have suggested a Bn from the 113 Inf Regt which has 4 Bns and is under Comd Bn. This will of course be impossible, but before we ask for another Bn, would you please state whether 24 Sub Area's requirement of a Bn of 100 strong could be met from 145 Regt of 227 Div, which is among the 1,700 tps recently allotted them. This total may shortly be increased, as there are 1,000 tps going to 227 Div for which at the moment of writing no allotment has been received.

3. On receipt of your approval of the above proposals Commanding Officers will be ordered to report to Sub Area Commanders so that accommodation and movement can be arranged.

4. Ref your 216 G of 17 Dec and our 6/13/18 of 21 Dec.

It is understood that the intention is to use 103 Bn for labour duties in BARI.

8179

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

TRANSLATION

From : S.M.R.M. - G. Op's  
To : M.M.I.A.,

Ref. 81/OP.V di prot.  
3.1.43

G/3  
134  
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Subject : Italian Troops for Home Defence and internal security

1.- By letter G 13/14 of 22 Dec., you informed us that the following Bns., were required for the internal security and guard services in the area controlled by No2 Dist.

| AREAS and SUBAREAS | H.Q.     | REQUIRED |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| 71 Subarea         | BRINDISI | 1 Bn.    |
| R.M.               | TARANTO  | 1 Bn.    |
| 6th Base           | RIETI    | 3 Bns.   |
| 15th Base          | PARMA    | 2 Bns.   |
| 9th Base           | SALERNO  | 1 Bn.    |

2.- 9th Subarea (SALERNO)

As a) In CAMPANIA there is the 113th Regt., of "Mantova" Div., composed of 4 Bns.;

b) The forces which have poured in the same area appear to be sufficient to ~~discharge the labour requested~~ *fulfill the Lab service requested.*  
we propose that one Bn., of the 113th Regt., "Mantova" Div., be used for the internal security and guarding of the above subareas.

3.- For the remaining areas and subareas, we propose the following units :

- 6th Base (RIETI) 336th Infantry Regt. Div. "Piceno" composed of 3 Bns.,
- 71th Subarea (BRINDISI) 1st Bn., of the 235th Inf. Div. "Piceno"; 28/501
- R.M. (TARANTO) 1st Bn., of the 235th Infantry Div. "Piceno"; 28/501
- 15th Subarea (PARMA) 1st., and II Bn., of the 119th Inf. Regt., div. "Emilia"

4.- This HQ. will ~~submit the~~ *put in* request ~~for~~ *for* transport for the a/m., moves ~~until~~ *as soon as* you send your reply to the above ~~proposition~~ *proposal*.

25/428 SOTTOSAPPO S.M.  
(Gen. di Div., A. MARCONI)

27/464

*Rough sketches of the four main positions*

*EMILIA is being formed from MANTOVA and PICENO*

*119 Regt is at present in PICENO*

*to respect ref. X  
of Col.*

8178

*J. Ugh.*

# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

1° REPARTO - Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151

li 3 Gennaio 1944

N. 81 / OP. V. prot.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Impiego di truppe italiane per la difesa e la sicurezza interna.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE presso l'Armata Italiana

1°) - Col foglio G 13/14 in data 22 dicembre, codesta Missione comunicò che per la sicurezza interna e servizio di guardia nel territorio del 2° Distretto, sarebbero necessari i sottotati btg.:

## ZONE E SOTTOZONE

71<sup>a</sup> Subarea  
R. M.  
6<sup>a</sup> Base  
151<sup>a</sup> Base  
94<sup>a</sup> Base

## COMANDO

Brindisi  
Taranto  
Bari  
Barletta  
Salerno

## RICHIESTE

1 btg.  
1 btg.  
3 btg.  
2 btg.  
1 btg.

2°) - Per quanto riguarda la 94<sup>a</sup> Subarea (Salerno), tenuto conto che:  
a) - in Campania trovansi già il 113° rgt. della div. "Mantova" su 4 btg.;

b) - Le forze affluite nella stessa regione sembrano sufficienti per disimpegnare i servizi di manovalanza richiesti; si propone che per la sicurezza interna e servizio di guardia la suddetta Subarea, venga impiegato un btg. del 113° rgt. div. "Mantova".

3°) - Per le rimanenti zone e sottozone si propone l'assegnazione delle sottotati unità:

- 6<sup>a</sup> Base (Bari) = 336° rgt. ftr. div. "Piceno", su 3 btg.;
- 71<sup>a</sup> Subarea (Brindisi) = I° btg. del 235° ftr. div. "Piceno";
- R.M. (Taranto) = III° btg. del 235° ftr. div. "Piceno";
- 151<sup>a</sup> Subarea (Barletta) = I° e II° btg. del 119° rgt. ftr. div.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE  
presso l'Armata Italiana

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1°) - Col foglio G 13/14 in data 22 dicembre, codesta Missione comunicò che per la sicurezza interna e servizio di guardia nel territorio del 2° Distretto, sarebbero necessari i sottoelencati btg.:

| COMANDO  |        | RICHIESTE |  |
|----------|--------|-----------|--|
| Brindisi | 1 btg. |           |  |
| Taranto  | 1 btg. |           |  |
| Bari     | 3 btg. |           |  |
| Barletta | 2 btg. |           |  |
| Salerno  | 1 btg. |           |  |

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- 151<sup>a</sup> Subarea (Barletta) = I° e II° btg. del 119° rgt. ftr. div. "Emilia".

4°) - Questo S.M.R.E. si riserva di trasmettere le richieste di trasporto relative ai citati movimenti non appena codesta Missione avrà fornito un cenno di riscontro alle proposte di cui sopra.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. di Div. A. Mariotti)



Subject: Employment of Italian Troops for Defense and Internal Security

Chief of Staff S.A.M.M.

Copy to: 13 Army Gp  
2 District (ref 21200 of 1 and 2 Dec)  
6 Sub Area  
71 Sub Area  
71 Sub Area  
71 Sub Area  
71 Sub Area  
131 Sub Area

Ref by 3/15/6 of 21 Dec.

1. The following is the present requirement for Internal Security and Guards in 2 District, exclusive of 1A and 2D Army.

| Area or Sub Area | Req.                | Remarks                                                                            |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 71               | SHIRAZI One Bn      | A further Bn may be required later                                                 |
| 21               | LAHORE One Bn       | Half Bn detachable -- Half in 77 Area                                              |
| 6 Base BAKI      | Three Bns           | One for INDI, PESHAWAR, VISUZI areas for coast watching. One for BAHAWALPURA area. |
| 131              | BAHAWALPURA Two Bns |                                                                                    |
| 54               | BALUCHISTAN One Bn  |                                                                                    |

Total required.... Eight Bns

The Bn required for BAHAWALPURA is in addition to one Bn already there. **81.76**

2. Please nominate these Bns as soon as possible and inform this Division

(a) name and number  
(b) present location  
(c) strength of officers and men

of each Bn detailed.

4. Please order Commanding Officers of Bns nominated to report forthwith to

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Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
3/13/24  
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24 Sub Area  
151 Sub Area

Ref my 9/13/6 of 21 Dec.

1. The following is the present requirement for Internal Security and Guards in a District, exclusive of 14 and 15 Army.

| 2. Area of Sub Area | Req.             | Remarks                                                                       |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 71                  | BRINDISI Gas Co  | A further Co may be required later                                            |
| 81                  | BARBANTO Gas Co  | Half the COOPERATION - Half in VI Coards                                      |
| 6 Base              | BAKI             | Three Men                                                                     |
| 151                 | BARBANTO Two Men | One for Heli, PASCAL, VISUAL areas for coast watching. One for BARBANTO area. |
| 54                  | BARBANTO One Man |                                                                               |

Total required.... **Eight Men** **3176** All the Men required for BARBANTO is in addition to one already there.

One should be at least 500 strong.

3. Please nominate those who are soon as possible and inform this mission (a) name and number (b) present location (c) strength of officers and men

of each in detailed.

4. Please order Commanding Officers of this mission to report forthwith to the Sub Area Commander concerned, stating that their men have been detailed for defense and Internal Security duties. They should note the ref of this letter as authority.

ABC

Brig  
Genl

2123

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Hq No. 2 District

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Ref your letter No. 2142 G of 12 Dec 43.

1. MIA alone can say how soon the Italian Defence Bns may be expected. Will they please do so.
2. Orders and instructions to 31 Italian Corps should be issued to them through MIA.
3. Italian Defence Bns allocated to sub-areas must certainly come under operational command of the areas concerned.
4. Ref your 2142 G of 7 Dec, para 6. It is assumed that your request for two Coastal Divs. approx strength 3,000 each, in Calabria does not mean two divisions organised as formations for internal security but does mean that amount of men for guards, labour etc. Will you please confirm.

*John W. Martin*

21 Dec 43  
JWM/JM

Copy to: MIA  
G(ED)

*Sw. No. 61000 is registered*

Brig. G.2.  
for G.C.2.

*line 1  
See 2142.6 of 18 Dec para 4AC  
8175*

*Circulate*  
**SECRET**

Hq 15 Army Group,  
C.M.P.

6663/1/DCB *G/13.*

*174  
28*

SUBJECT: Move of Internal Security Units

Chief of Staff  
S. M. R. R.

Copy to: 2 District (ref 2113 of 17 Dec)  
191 Sub Area  
5 Base Sub Area  
BALI LO Att 2 District

1. No 2 District have informed this mission that the following units are no longer required, and should be removed for any other purpose required.

|                                     | Officer              | Rank |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sottosona : comando | SAN GIOVANNI         | 2    |
| CVII bty. Terr.                     | ACCOLI SANTIANO      | 26   |
| Nuclei a.p.                         | SONA TROGLA          | 25   |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Sottosona : comando | ACQUARO              | 2    |
| Nuclei a.p.                         | SONA GIOIA DEL CULLE | 7    |
| CVI bty. Terr.                      | SONA GIOIA DEL CULLE | 32   |

2. The following Bn is required to be moved to BALI area to come under Comd of 6 Base Sub Area for internal security purposes.

The Officer commanding or a representative from 14 Corps should report to Hq 6 Base Sub Area BALI to make the necessary arrangements quoting the reference of this letter. If necessary our Liaison Officer at BALI, Capt THURP will assist.

The Bn's present accommodation is required for a British Unit 8174

3. The above loans and strengths are taken from returns submitted by Hq 7 Italian Army in November when the above units were in process of reorganisation.

4. For your guidance another Bn may be required in BALI area and two more in addition to 105 (CVI) Bn in BALI area to come under Comd of Sub Areas for internal security duties. Will you please bear this in mind when disposing of above units. Definite orders will follow when the policy for internal security which is under consideration has been

Military Mission

to ITALIAN ARMY

8/13/48

21 Dec 48

1. No 2 District have informed this Mission that the following units are no longer required, and should be removed for any other purpose required.

|                          | Officer              | Men |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----|
| 5° Battaglione : comando | MAI SAVANO           | 2   |
| CVII batg. Terr.         | ASCOLI SABBIANO      | 26  |
| Nuclei a.p.              | MONA POGGIO          | 5   |
| 6° Battaglione : comando | MONTECRO             | 2   |
| Nuclei a.p.              | MONA GIOIA DEL GOLLE | 7   |
|                          |                      | 180 |

2. The following are required to be moved to Bali area to come under Command of 6 Base Sub Area for internal security purposes.

|                 |                      |     |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|
| CVI batg. Terr. | MONA GIOIA DEL GOLLE | 32  |
|                 | CIVILE               | 800 |

The Officer Commanding or a representative from 11 Corps should report to HQ 6 Base Sub Area Bali to make the necessary arrangements quoting the reference of this letter. If necessary our Liaison Officer at Bali, Capt THOMPSON will assist.

The 2nd's present accommodation is required for a British Unit **8174**

3. The above losses and strengths are taken from returns submitted by HQ 7 Italian Army in November when the above units were in process of reorganization.

4. For your guidance another 2nd may be required in Bali area and two more in addition to 106 (CVI) 2nd in Bali area to come under Command of Sub Areas for internal security duties. Will you please bear this in mind when disposing of above units. Definite orders will follow when the policy for internal security which is under consideration has been finally decided by higher authority.

ABC

Subject:- Employment of Italian Troops for  
Defence and Internal Security

SECRET

HQ 2 District Cdr  
2142 G

G(ops) 15 Army Group

Copy for:- ISIA -  
File 2125 G

Dec 43

With ref to this HQ letter 2142 G dated 7 Dec 43 (NOT to ISIA).

- 1 How soon may the allotment of Italian defence be expected?
- 2 AFHQ Memorandum No 65 states that the Italian Army is under your command. May it please be confirmed that 31 Italian Corps in CALABRIA is under the operational comd of this HQ? This has been always understood here.
- 3 Ref this HQ 2125 G of 17 Nov and your reply 15 AG/13/5/G(ops) of 19 Nov (copies of both to ISIA). It is understood, therefore, that Italian defence has either already allocated ... one bn at BARD. TTA, or to be allocated, come under operational comd of this HQ. Would you please confirm?

*Thd Long H. W.*  
*et*

Major General,  
Commanding.

TOS 16.25

8173

DA: SUPERESERCITO/Mobilizzazione  
AT: Comando IX Corps  
AT: M. I. A. (per conoscenza)  
No: 1028/MOB.

BY PHONE (TELEPHONE)  
HI/182010 A  
TRANSM. SLAICO  
Con-Lote 25  
6/13

Disponete urgenza arruolamento al 308° Battaglione Costiero  
tutto personale necessario al ripianamento di efficienza ed al  
sostituzione elementi 1911 e 1912 che devono al più presto essere  
inviati a licenza illimitata. Personale necessario dovrà  
essere tratto comunque unità dipendenti e fornito prescelto serie  
vestiario ed equipaggiamento in perfetto ordine. Viene riferito  
che Battaglione avrebbe obbligate regione, sapere e vestiario in  
disordine. (pregasi assicurare che tale situazione sia già superata,  
come si ritiene). Per calzature disposizioni a parte.

From: S. M. R. E. / Mobilization  
To: IX Corps H-Q.  
To: M. M. I. A. (for information)  
No: 1028/MOB.

8172

Urgently arrange despatch to 308 Coastal Bn of all personnel  
necessary to bring the Bn to its full strength and to replace soldiers of  
classes 1911 and 1912 who must be sent on indefinite leave as soon as  
possible. The personnel will be drawn from any extracted unit and  
will be supplied with whole regular clothing and equipment in perfect  
order. We are informed that the Bn suffers from a lack of sleep ration  
and clothing. (please check that <sup>the proper</sup> situation has been faced, as presumed).  
Situation of boots is urgent.

sono stato comunque unita dipendenti e fornito prescelto serie  
 Vestirsi e equipaggiamento in perfetto ordine. Viene riferito  
 che battaglione avrebbe deficiente ragione sapere e vestirsi in  
 disordine. (frugare assicurare che tale situazione sia già superata,  
 come si ritiene). Per calcolare disposizioni a parte.

From: S. M. R. E. / Mobilization

To: IX Corps H-Q.

To: M. M. I. A. (for information)

No: 1028/Mab.

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 will be supplied with whole regular clothing and equipment in perfect  
 order. We are informed that the Bn suffers from a lack of soap ration  
 and clothing. (please check that <sup>the proper</sup> situation has been faced, as presumed).

Situation of boots is separate.

(Signed)

Barron area / Guida  
 6 Jan  
 plane will notify completion  
 letter received.

Bn  
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SECRET

Subject:- Employment of Italian Troops for Defence  
and Internal Security

HQ 2 District CEF  
2126 G

HQ 1A

17 Dec 43

Copy to:- 57 Area

6 Base Sub Area  
71 Sub Area  
94 Sub Area  
151 Sub Area  
RM Sub Area  
File 2142 G

With reference to this HQ letter of same ref dated 7 Dec 43, copy to you.

1 The suggested disposal of the Italian tps under ref is as follows:-

- |     |                     |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (a) | Tps in 151 Sub Area | NOT to be retained in situ.                                                                                                                                                          |
| (b) | " " 6 Base Sub Area | NOT to be retained in situ but 106 Terr Bn to be moved into BARI area as one of the three bns asked for for there. Their present accommodation at GIOIA is required for British tps. |
| (c) | " " RM Sub Area     | The Sub Area Comd would like to retain 108 Terr Bn.                                                                                                                                  |
| (d) | " " 94 Sub Area     | The Sub Area Comd would like to retain these dets in situ in addition to the one bn we have asked for for that area.                                                                 |

2 Please forward your observations on the above proposals as soon as possible. Would you also please say what are the prospects of implementing our proposals in 2126 G of 1 Dec.

3 It appears that arrangements have NOT yet been made about putting the allotted Italian bns under operational comd of Sub Area Comds. It is understood that the Italian bn already at BARLETTA has NOT been informed that they are under the Sub Area Comd's orders.

8171

Lieutenant Colonel,

71 Sub Area  
94 Sub Area  
151 Sub Area  
RM Sub Area  
File 2142 G

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TOS /550 A

*Phaner*  
/7 Lieutenant Colonel,  
General Staff.

8171

SUBJECT: 108 Coastal Bn

URGENT

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
8/13/17  
Dec 41

Chief of Staff  
S. M. H.

Copy to: 13 Army Gp  
Main Eighth Army  
3 Corps (Ref 3550 of 3 Dec)  
MEDIA HQ EIGHTH ARMY

1. On 12 Nov EIGHTH Army asked for an Italian Inf Bn for guard duties in fed areas. The importance of these duties was stressed and a REMBO Bn was asked for, but as it was not available you detailed 108 Coastal Bn.

2. On arrival at EIGHTH ARMY HQ, the Commanding Officer of this Bn stated that his men could not be completely relied upon owing to liability for demobilisation on age group basis. When Brig WICKHAM represented this to you he was informed that the Bn had been combed for age group demobilisation before despatch and he signalled higher authority to this effect.

3. Shortly afterwards on 23 Nov, a signal was received stating that the Bn was only at 60% strength owing to desertions, and two Coys of 9 M.B. Bn had to be sent up as reinforcements.

4. Now a report has been received that the two Coys of 108 Bn which did not desert originally, are entirely composed of men of the 1911/18169 class. The Commanding Officer has stated that as these classes have been demobilised elsewhere grave dissatisfaction exists amongst these men and he fears further desertions.

5. Will you please investigate this matter urgently and inform this Mission of the action which you propose to take.

6. The same report states that the Bn had to be issued with 3/400 pairs of boots and a supply of soap which was considered its basic minimum requirement and that the Commanding Officer has left for BARI to try to obtain uniforms there, so perhaps his difficulties have already been brought to your notice.

7. Three vehicles have been lent by 3 Corps - again a minimum requirement for internal administration - but there are no drivers in the Bn. Would you please send us 3 or more drivers as those lent by 3 CORPS are required back.

ABC

Brig  
Cmd



needs and a supply of ships. This issue was considered the basis  
minimum requirement to enable the BA to carry on. O.C. BA is at  
worse to BA to try obtain Italian weapons there.

- (b) G(AD) 3 Corps released 3 notes to this BA - again a minimum  
requirement for immediate administration.
- (c) We have less 3 deliveries for the above items but they are required  
back. The BA have no drivers in their strength and therefore  
require an immediate relief movement of drivers. It is understood  
these are available in BA.
- (d) There are no facilities for Italian troops to purchase repair  
blades, tools, etc. immediately. They have stated that they  
have to purchase from the BA.
- They therefore in issue of essential articles in order to such  
troops from the BA.
3. The above points refer to all Italian troops within and/or around  
5 Camps.
4. With special reference to 300 Coast Def Bn. The two C.O.s did  
not discuss originally are entirely composed of men of the 1914-15 class.  
Therefore this class has been derelisted. The C.O. stated that these  
existed great dissatisfaction among those men and he knew further demoralization  
unless prompt steps are taken to adjust the matter.
5. It is requested that these points are put before the British Military  
Mission or Italian Forces H.Q. for their attention.

AN/201

NOTE TO: FOR BURNING UNIT (4)

Use of Small Arms

British Military Mission to the Italian Army

10/12/45

10/12

10/12/45

For 9

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LRLC V LRCT 44/544 IMPORTANT T QVR1 QXR LRAR GR--

M HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 141055A

A M M I A

INFO 8 ARMY

0-1525

PLEASE RELEASE ONE ITALIAN REGT ~~TO~~  
~~TO~~ TO UNDER COMMAND 8 ARMY FOR  
L OF C DUTIES (.) REGT SHOULD  
BE SELF SUPPORTING AS REGARDS TENTAGE

ACCOMMODATION STORES (.) SUGGEST NEMBO REGT IF AVAILABLE

~~REPTN 44/544 T QVR1 QXR LRAR 15 141055A~~

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8 NEMBO

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15 NOV. 1948  
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SECRETSubject:- Employment of Italian Troops for Defence and Internal SecurityHQ 2 DISTRICT, CMF  
2128 G

/ Dec 43

Copy to:- 57 Area  
6 Base Sub Area  
RM Sub Area  
71 Sub Area  
94 Sub Area  
105 Sub Area  
151 Sub Area  
Col i/c ADM  
File 2442 G

1. Further to recent conversation between Brigadier DUCHESNE and WARNER.
2. The following are the present requirements for Italian defence troops in 2 DISTRICT, exclusive of AA & CM arty. It may be necessary to make further demands later.
3. Area or Sub Area

|        | Sub Area | HQ             | Required  | Remarks                                                                                    |
|--------|----------|----------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 71     |          | BRINDISI       | One Bn    | A further Bn may be required later.                                                        |
| EM     |          | TARANTO        | One Bn    | Half Bn CROTTABILE LG<br>Half Bn UP guards.                                                |
| 6 Base |          | BARI           | Three Bns |                                                                                            |
| 151    |          | BARIETTA       | Two Cns   | One for BODI, PESCHICI,<br>VIESTE areas for coast<br>watching.<br>One for MARSALETTA area. |
| 94     |          | SALERNO        | One Bn    |                                                                                            |
| 57     |          | NAPLES         | NIL       |                                                                                            |
|        |          | Total required | Eight Bns |                                                                                            |

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Copy to:- 57 Area

6 Base Sub Area

RM Sub Area

71 Sub Area

94 Sub Area

103 Sub Area

151 Sub Area

Col i/c Adm

Fils 2142 G

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| Area or Sub Area | HQ       | Required  | Remarks                                                                                    |
|------------------|----------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 71               | ENDRISI  | One Bn    | A further Bn may be required later.                                                        |
| RM               | TIRANTO  | One Bn    | Half Bn CROTTAGLIE 16<br>Half Bn 12 guards.                                                |
| 6 Base           | BARI     | Three Bns |                                                                                            |
| 151              | BARIETTA | Two Bns   | One for RODI, PESCHICI,<br>VILSTI areas for coast<br>watching.<br>One for MARSUCCOLA area. |
| 94               | SALERNO  | One Bn    |                                                                                            |
| 57               | NAPLES   | NIL       |                                                                                            |

Total required

Eight Bns

The Bn required for BARIETTA is in addition to one Bn already there.

4. In CALABRIA it is considered that two divisions will suffice.

5. Would you please take steps to place the above troops at the disposal of Sub-areas as soon as possible.

6. It is requested that all Bns should be at least 500 strong, except the Bn for SALERNO which should not be less than 500.

TGS 1750

Major General,  
Commanding, No. 2 DISTRICT

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LRCT V LRAR 3371/2 P X02 T X01 MMIA  
BY ELS

262340A QQY GR---

FROM 15 ARMY GP

TO MMIA 2 DISTRICT

INFO EIGHTH ARMY

SD1353

REF MAIN EIGHTH ARMY MESSAGE SD4290 OF 25 NOV REQUEST

YOU ARRANGE MOVE OF 200 RFTS REFERRED TO DIRECT  
WITH 2 DISTRICT

THI 262340A THI 0020

RPTN 3371/2 PIP 2 1 MMIA ELS 15 262340A 2 1353 4290 25 2 HUND2620 8166

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G/13

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TO FIL POT repeated DISTWO BRITISH MILITARY MISSION  
86 AREA

FROM MAIN 8 ARMY (15 A.G.) via SD 4290 25

|                    |               |             |                |
|--------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 308                | COAST DEFENCE | BATTALION   | ITALIAN        |
| ARMY now           | at            | FOGGIA only | at             |
| 60% strength       | owing         | to          | desertion (.)  |
| reinforcements     | approximately | 200         | reported       |
| at BARI            | ready         | to          | move (.)       |
| request you        | arrange       | move        | FOGGIA soonest |
| battalion urgently | required      | by          | 5th CORPS      |

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*Correspondence with letter reference to*  
SECRET 6/13. 87

H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP, 17  
C.H.F.

15AG/13/5/6(Ops).

19 Nov 43.

Subject: Disposition of Italian Forces.

To : H.Q. No. 2 District.

Proposals in your 2128 G of 17 Nov agreed.

*145*  
*Paul L. G. 2*  
Major-General,  
C.G.S.

Copy to:- M.A.I.A. ✓

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47/512 LRLC V LRCT Z QVR1 GR35

FROM 2 DISTRICT 251805A

TO C43 MMIA

(2) 151 SUB AREA

01128

REF YOUR O 83 OF 24 NOV .

REQUEST THIS BN PROVIDED FOR

B A R L E T T A AS SOON AS YOU CAN ARRANGE IN VIEW OF ~~REASON~~

546 BN'S DEPARTURE

THI 251847

RPTN 47/512 1 35 2 251805 1 2 454 0 1128

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34/334 LRLG V LRCT T MMIA GR36

TO MMIA

RPTD 2 DISTRICT

FROM 151 SUB AREA

0194 23 062 — 92.

IN ADDITION TO LABOUR REQUIREMENTS REQUEST ONE ITALIAN

BATTALION ~~STATIONED~~ STATIONED BARLETTA FOR INTERNAL  
SECURITY DUTIES GUARDS AND  
TRAFFIC ~~CONTROL~~ CONTROL  
NOW BEING ~~PERFORMED~~ PERFORMED BY 546 BN

TOO 1240 THI 1241A

~~RPTD 34/334 T MMIA~~

~~MMIA 2 151 0194 23 062~~

~~ITALIAN BATTALION BARLETTA 546 BN~~

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| HQ 15 ARMY GROUP                                                                           |          | 4/11                                                                                       |                   |
| Please investigate subject of Eighth Army Signal SD/4234 of 19 Nov and forward your views. |          |                                                                                            |                   |
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15 ARMY GP

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

0 61 Ref Eighth Army SD4231 of 19 addressed to you (.) First (.)  
Chief of Staff Italian Army informs me that 308 Coastal Bn was combed for  
age group demobilisation before despatch and suggests misunderstanding  
through bad interpreting (.) Suggest unit be rigorously inspected and  
reported on by representative Eighth Army (.) Second (.) Understan  
that NE180 Bn are earmarked for special employment with  
FIFTH Army under a FIFTH Army G 2 (G 2) letter dated 9

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50////673 LRLC V LRCT Z QVR2 IMPORTANT QXR JJTT GR82  
TO FILPOT RPTD BMM SEVENTH ITALIAN ARMY  
FROM MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

SD4231 19

REF SD4186 OF 13 . ONE . 308 COASTAL BN HAS NOW ARRIVED  
FOGGIA . FROM STATEMENTS MADE BY CO WE ARE APPREHENSIVE  
THAT THESE PERSONNEL CANNOT BE TREATED AS ENTIRELY  
RELIABLE OWING TO LIABILITY FOR DEMOBILIZATION ON AGE  
GROUP BASIS . TWO WOULD STRESS

THAT RELIABLE PERSONNEL FOR GD DUTIES ARE ESSENTIAL  
AND REQUEST THAT THIS BN SHOULD BE REPLACED IF  
POSSIBLE BY NEMBO BN AS SOON AS AVAILABLE

TOO 1800A THI 1825A

RPTN ~~50/673-2-82-4234-19-4186-13~~

~~308 CO NEMBO 1800-1825~~

STRESS-PSE

VA

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*Capt Monica*  
*Reg 6/300*  
~~SECRET~~ \*

H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP,  
C.M.F.

15AG/8653/1/BCS.

11 Nov 43.

To : Allied Mission to Italian Armies.

Subject - Italian Forces.

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15AG/8653/1/PCS.

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MILITARY MISSION 7 ITALIAN ARMY  
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FROM MAIN 8 TH ARMY

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PERSONNEL ~~UNDERSTAND~~ UNDERSTAND NEMBO REGT MAY BE AVAILABLE  
IF NOT WOULD BE GRATEFUL ANY OTHER REGT (.)  
IF AGREED PSE MOVE TO 86 AREA  
WHERE ADM ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING REVIEWED (.)  
REQUEST REGT BE SELF SUPPORTING TPT

STORERS (.) CO TENTAGE ACCOMMODATION  
OF REGT ALLOTTED SHOD REPORT G (C) THIS HQ SOONEST (.)  
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SUBJECT:- Anti-Sabotage Guards

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Military Mission to  
ITALIAN ARMY

G/13/5  
11 Nov 43

Brig R.F.K. Belchem  
BCS  
Main Eighth Army

Ref your DO/BCS/198 of 9 Nov addressed personally to Brig Duchesne.

1 Brig Duchesne is in NAPLES until 14 or 15 Nov so I took the liberty of opening your letter and have this evening spoken to the Chief of Staff 7 ITALIAN Army.

2 7 ITALIAN Army will provide suitable troops if you will state how many are wanted. I suggested the NIMBO bn about which we wrote on 25 Sep. SIC/G/6, and of which we fwd details on 5 Oct. G/9.

3 At that time there were about 35 officers and 500 men. They are good troops, all volunteers and quite different in bearing from any others we have seen. Also 7 ITALIAN Army were anxious to get them an active job.

4 They are in CALABRIA, but if they are not available, or you require troops move quickly, there should be others almost as good, in the field DIVE in this area.

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*Franklin*

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Brig. R.F.K. BELCHEM.  
BGS.  
Main Eighth Army.

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9 Nov 43.

*by Dear Duchesne*  
We are trying to solve the problem of supplying L of C troops in the coastal area for guarding essential bridges. A number of these, such as the one over the River TRIGNO, are large and of obvious importance. Their proximity to the sea renders them liable to sabotage by small parties arriving by boat.

Would you very kindly let me know as early as possible whether there is any Italian unit or units available which could be used to find guards on this type of V.P. On such bridges there are always minor sapper detachments etc. and British troops are within call.

If you could recommend a suitable unit we could take the matter up officially and ask for them to be put under our command.

Brig. DUCHESNE,  
BMM to 7 Italian Army.

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D/1/845/198

*Hope you are*  
*Yrs*  
*David Belden*  
8153

SUBJECT: Guards on Italian Dumps

MAIN HQ Eighth Army

HQ 2 DISTRICT CMF  
2128 G

Copy to:- 15 Army Gp (ref your  
1702/9/SD2 dated 15 Oct)  
BMM to 7 Italian Army

18 Oct 45

1. 15 Army Group have instructed this HQ to deal with you direct in the following matter.

2. It is understood that you require Italian guards on certain Italian dumps in your area, and that such guards should also catalogue the stores therein.

3. If you will forward a detailed list of these places and your requirements, this HQ will then take the matter up with BMM to 7 Italian Army forthwith.

*EPW...*

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(2) MEM TO 7 ITALIAN ARMY (3) 1st ARMY



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Ref mem signal 02 of 15 Oct 43 to 1st Army (.) Request you make arrangements for signals on line at SAPI through Capt WINGGILL, representative of 1st Army, from 15 Oct.

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