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SD/20 ORG of SMOKE COY's 1st Cover

Opened Ap. 9, 1944. Closed Aug. 9, 1944

Ap. 1944 - Aug. 1944

Wt. 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 9/43 MP 710428 51-6736

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 12/10

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			1140

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FROM (A) Originator: MX80871 signed SACMED AFHQ

Date-Time of Origin.

Office Date Stamp

M.M.I.A. SD/21
FILE REF 1 D
Date Recd 10/8/44

For Action.

MAIN AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

ADV BASEAAI, AA BDE, 25 AA BDE, 66 AA BDE, MMIA, DISTWO, FBS

Message Instructions. 1030

GR

Originator's No.

CITE FHQCT SECRET (.) Move 509 Italian Smoke Coy is subject your SD/821 of 4 Aug refers (.) First (.) Decided Macaf AA Committee one Smoke Coy only necessary CIVITAVECCHIA (.) Second (.) Understand 509 will be ready move approx 12 Aug (.) You should therefore call this Coy forward CIVITAVECCHIA approx 12 Aug to relieve 1937 Basuto Coy after handover of not less than one week (.) Third (.) 1937 Basuto Coy was due to be relieved by 1236 Ind Coy this month (.) Suggest that on completion of handovering 509 at CIVITAVECCHIA 1937 be relieved of all smoke duties forthwith (.) Fourth (.) On completion training 1236 Ind Pnr Coy is available for smoke duties at whatever place you may desire to employ it (.) Information Adv AAI for G (OW)

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY POWER OFFICE (Urgent)

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Date-Time of Origin: 291230B

FROM (A) Originator: MMIA

For Action: SMRE

TO (W) For Information (INFO): A LO

Message Instructions: 1025

DISTRO PER

Originator's No. A/2860 508 SMOKE COY REQUIRES ~~EE REINFORCEMENTS C MMIA LIAISON OFFICER INFORMED BY MILITARY HQ ADVISE THAT THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE THERE C REQUEST EARLY ACTION~~

Time	System	Op.
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

By ARLS to Gen

F.S.S. & S. 15500 pads of 100 Dup.

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SUBJECT:- 508 smoke coy

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
2D/21
8 AUG 44

S E N E

Copy to:- MMIA LO HQ 2 District
"Q" (Int)

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1. Please arrange to post to 508 Smoke Coy drivers for three cars and one motor-cycle.

2. For MMIA LO HQ 2 Dist. Sub-paras (a) and (d) of your MP93 of 5 Aug are being dealt with by "Q". The Interpreter asked for in sub-para (b) will be posted within a few days.

ABC

Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
M M I A

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Subject: 500 Smoke Coy.

M.M.I.A. L.C.
HQ 2 District
CMF
Ref: MF 89
5 Aug 44.

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To: M.M.I.A.

MMIA G.
Incoming
Date 7 8 44

1. On 2 Aug O.C. British Cadre 500 Smoke Coy visited this office and made the following requests.

a) Authorisation by this office for the issue of 4 tables 10 benches and 2 x 300 litre barrels for the Coy. This was done. "P"

b) The posting to the Coy of an English speaking offr or NCO. G3(I) G.2

c) The posting to the Coy of dvrs for three cars and one motor-cyclist.

d) The supply of a typewriter for the Coy office. "P"

2. Please instruct SHAE and Ministry of War to comply with requests where possible.

(C.F. MURCELL)
Maj G.S.

"P"

Re (a) & (d).

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M.M.I.A. 1824
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Date Recd 6/8/44

LROF V LRAR NR 5841 IMMEDIATE

QVR 15

FROM DISTHREE 051815E

TO GSD AAI

INFO 22 AA BDE - CWS AFHQ - AA AND CD AFHQ

MMIA ROME - 227 DIV LO - LAB

QQY GR 71

SD2743 . CONFIDENTIAL . 22 AA BDE REPORT NAPLES AREA ITALIAN SMOKE COYS DEFICIENT ONE OFFR 204 ORS . ONLY RFTS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE UNDER OUR OWN HAND ARE EX 580 INF REGT EX LIST 7 SERIAL 202 NOW EARMARKED TO MAKE UP 407 AND 412 INF REGTS (LABOUR) . CONSIDER IT OPERATIONALLY URGENT MAKE UP SMOKE COYS NOW ATEXPENSE OF LABOUR FOR WHOM FURTHER RFTS UNDERSTOOD DUE EX SARDINIA ETA MID AUG . REQUEST DECISION

THI 1825

SENT NR 5841 2115 D M'L B OP

RD NR 5841 2115 JWR BB KKKKKK

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MMIA QVR3

MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME 04 APR 7 135

FROM : MAIN AAI

TO : DISTWO INFO : AFH, MMIA 8 AA GDE

AAI ADV FOR G(CW)

MMIA 50/21
FILE REF
Date Recd 5/8/44

ORIG NO: SD 1621

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RESTRICTED (.) ref my SD 1680 of 28 Jul (.) cancel para SECOND

(1) : (2) : PRIORITY

IMPORTANT 1020

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MMIA - ARS CD

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~~LEAD V 1 TWV 1 K 994~~ IMPORTANT T NEXT

QVK 5 QQY

FROM DISTWO

TO (1) 6 BASE SUB AREA (2) 25 AA BDE

(3) ROTC BARI (4) 847 (SHD)

SMOKE COY PC (5) MMIA (6) BR GADRE

302 ITALIAN SMOKE COY (7) LAB

CW 3751

CONFIDENTIAL . 302 ITALIAN SMOKE COY

WILL TAKE OVER SMOKE COMMITMENTS

B A R I HARBOUR FROM 1230

IND SMOKE COY PC WEF 5 AUG

THI 022005

RPTN ~~994 2451 1 TW 1 BDE 6 25 847 302~~

~~302 1230~~

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SENT RCC BB

M.M.I.A.	21
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Date Recd	3/8/44

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MMIA SD/21
FILE REF
Date Recd 31/7/44 /33

SECRET

BR. CIPHER MESSAGE
IN

FOLIO NO. 10731
29 JULY 44

TOO. 0030B.29
TOR. 1930B.30

FROM :- DIST.O
TO :- AAI
INFO :- POSTAL
:- MMIA
:- 25 AA BDE
ORIG NO :- SD 1/1485

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SECRET

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FREEDOM FX 74461 SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQCT UNDATED REFERS
1238 IND SMOKE COY WILL COMPLETE HANDOVER SMOKE COMMITMENTS
BARI BY AUGUST 3RD.
REQUEST YOU CALL FWD THIS COY NEAREST ABOVE DATE.

G(SD) 6 ACTION
A 2
A6 2
Q 2
TALM 1
MOV 5
RA 2
LABOUR 1
MMIA 1/(BY ELS)

SMC 2310B.30
TT 2340B.30.L.H.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIN AAI

DATE/TIME 28 2200 B

TO : DISTWO INFO : AFHQ MMIA 8 AA BDE 25 AA BDE 66 AA BDE AAI ADV for G(CW)

ORIG NO: SD 1680

SECRET (.) ref AFHQ signal FX 74461 of 21 (.)

FIRST (.) 2 District will arrange moves and handover in accordance with para SECOND of above AFHQ signal and will report completion soonest (.)

SECOND (.) 509 PNR SMOKE COY (ITALIAN) 5 offrs 281 ORs will move under orders Mov AAI from 2 District to CIVITA VECCHIA to under comd 8 AA BDE in accordance with para THIRD of above AFHQ signal (.) 2 District will ensure maximum possible instruction given to unit in time available (.) unit will complete trg at CIVITA VECCHIA (.) report location and date ready to move

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(2) J M Graham Capt. for Lt Col GS

Copy to:- A Q Q(AE) Mov Ord Lab 1605/50/17 1605/50/27 1605/50/32

HEADQUARTERS 29 JUL 1944 (1) A. C. C.

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO MMIA LO XXI CORPS SMRE

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1240	25	

WARN 609 SMOKE CO TO BE READY TO MOVE TOMORROW 26 JULY

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means
✱ (Except)
( ) Wireless

Signature

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

Signature J. Hampton

Originator's Instructions
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Time of Origin 1220B

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T.O.R.

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BR CIPHER MESSAGE
XM

FOLIO NO: 94533
NIL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC MED OTHR EHEOT
TO: AAI
INFO: DISTVO MMIA 25 AA BDE 66 AA BDE.
ORIG NO FX 74461

TOO NIL
TOR 0725B.23

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ALLOCATION OF SMOKE COMPANIES IS SUBJECT. FURTHER TO OUR F 61461 OF 19 JUNE 44 FOT TO 66 AA BDE.
FIRST. END THIS MONTH TRAINING 507, 508, 509 ITALIAN SMOKE COYS SHOULD BE COMPLETED. DISPOSAL WILL THEN BE AS FOLLOWS.
SECOND. 507, 508 COYS WILL TAKE OVER OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS FROM 1258, 1252 IND PNR COYS AT BARI AND TARANTO RESPECTIVELY ALLOWING FULL WEEK ADEQUATE HANDOVER.
THIRD. 509 COY WILL MOVE CIVITAVECHHIA BEFORE SEVEN AUGUST TO COMPLETE SMOKE DEFENCES OF THAT PORT ALONG WITH 1957 PNR COY.
FOURTH. ON COMPLETION HANDOVER BARI AND TARANTO YOU SHOULD CALL FORWARD 1258 AND 1252 IND COYS FOR USE IN STRENGTHENING AA SCREENS AT EAST AND WEST COAST PORTS IN YOUR AREA AS NEEDED.

G(SD)	6 ACTION
A	2
A(6)	2
Q	2
TAIM	1
NGV	5
RA	2
LAB	1
GETTERS	1 FOR O/T 66 AA BDE
NATION	1

NOTE BY SIGN
RELAYED TO ADV AAI.

Gp 24/7

Gll 24/7

AMC 0945B.23
T.T.1030B.23

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispettorato Truppe Ausiliarie

File Cy 1
Bundle File
1209 File 21
TMT 1

N. 3004 di prot. P.M. 151, li 14 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Accertamenti relativi alle due cp. nebbiogeni 502^e503^.-

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L'ordine per la costituzione delle due compagnie in oggetto, destinate al servizio degli alleati, venne impartito dallo S.M.R.E. ufficio ordinamento il giorno 10 aprile u.s. Esso prescriveva che:

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Si stabiliva inoltre che le due compagnie dovessero avere la forza di 5 ufficiali e 281 uomini e che dovessero partire per la zona di Bari per il giorno 18 aprile.

502^ cp. nebbiogeni

In base agli, ordini del Comando XXXI C.A. detto reparto fu costituito con le seguenti aliquote di personale:

a) 2 ufficiali e 44 uomini della 3^ cp. chimica;
b) 74 uomini del deposito 19° rgt. fanteria (Nicastro);
c) 3 ufficiali e 160 uomini del II btg. del 543 rgt. ftr..

Aliquota a): buona per disciplina e in discrete condizioni di uniforme.Agli ordini dell'attuale comandante della 50^ cp.(Ten. Zattoni) questa aliquota avrebbe dovuto rappresentare il nucleo centrale del nuovo reparto, nucleo invece troppo esiguo e inadeguato ove si consideri che la nuova unità doveva avere la forza di ben 281 uomini.

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Aliquota c): vestiario in pessime condizioni (scarpe rotte, uniformi logore, biancheria in brandelli); disciplina non del tutto soddisfacente, condizioni igieniche poco buone.

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Quadri ufficiali buoni, meno un subalterno che veniva poi sostituito.

Riunite - tra il 15 e il 17 aprile - le tre aliquote predette, il comandante della compagnia provvide subito a richiedere gli oggetti di vestiario occorrenti, che però, in relazione alla scarsissima disponibilità nei magazzini, furono concessi in misura del tutto insufficiente (182 paia di scarpe, 80 paia di pantaloni di panno usati ecc.)

Ne derivò che la truppa partì da Crotone in pessime condizioni di uniforme (alcuni ancora in abito civile e affatto privi di calzature) e in uno stato igienico -sanitario quanto mai deplorevole 101 conseguenza dei pessimi alloggiamenti prima occupati, della mancanza di bagni, sapone, mezzi antiparassitari ecc.

Questa situazione venne fatta constatare a un capitano inglese (di cui non é possibile indicare il nome, ma che si ritiene fosse inviato dal II District) il quale ebbe a dire che tutto quanto mancava sarebbe stato distribuito a Bari; soggiunse anzi che la truppa avrebbe fruito, nel suo nuovo impiego, di un miglior trattamento alimentare e di una migliore paga.

Durante il viaggio da Crotone a Bari non vi furono assenti arbitrari, ma dopo qualche giorno alcuni militari cominciarono ad abbandonare il reparto (il loro numero complessivo salì poi a 35, quasi tutti calabresi) pare perché delusi dal non vedere realizzate le promesse del citato uffidale inglese circa vitto e paga.

A Bari furono attuate, a cura del Comando del IX C.A., nel minor tempo possibile tutte le misure per eliminare le deficienze sopracitate (ivi compresa l'eliminazione di un certo numero di militari indesiderabili dal punto di vista disciplinare) e portare la compagnia allo stato attuale, che può ritenersi soddisfacente.

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503^ cp. nebbiogeni

Fu costituita a Latiana completando la 51^ cp. chimica (che all'atto della costituzione contava una forza [illegible]

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Fu costituita a Latiano completando la 51^ cp. chimica (che all'atto della costituzione contava una forza inferiore ai 100 uomini) con complementi tratti da standati dei campi di riordinamento di Casarano e Scorrano. Si é pertanto verificato che un piccolo reparto organico, originariamente ordinato e bene inquadrato, ha dovuto assorbire una massa notevole di personale quanto mai eterogeneo e che per le vicissitudini trascorse aveva ormai perduto l'abito all'ordine e alla disciplina.

Sia il comandante della compagnia, sia il comando di C.A. si adoperarono subito per ottenere dal Ministero della Guerra gli indumenti occorrenti per il personale affluito dai campi, ma data la pe=

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nuria di mezzi ed il limitato tempo disponibile (la compagnia partì da Latiano il 29 aprile) non fu possibile ripianare tutte le manchevolezze esistenti, così che al momento del suo arrivo a Manfredonia il reparto lasciava alquanto a desiderare per il vestiario.

Nel complesso però questa compagnia si presentava, per ordine e insieme di reparto, meglio della 502ª, conseguenza evidente del fatto che si era costituita attorno ad un nucleo ~~mix~~ organico più consistente.

Si può dire che la vera notevole deficienza stesse in una parte del personale, non idoneo perché poco disciplinato e poco adatto (analfabeta) per lo speciale servizio in un reparto nebbiogeni.

I provvedimenti per eliminare gli elementi indesiderabili e migliorare le condizioni del vestiario furono attuati dal Comando del reparto e dal Comando di C.A. con la massima diligenza e sollecitudine possibili.

Anche qui non si é constatata alcuna responsabilità a carico di chicchessia.

Da quanto sopra esposto si può trarre la conclusione che, nelle condizioni così difficili nelle quali si dibatte ora l'Esercito italiano, non é possibile addivenire in tempo molto ristretto come quello fissato dalla Missione (nel caso esaminato 5 giorni) alla costituzione pressoché ex novo di reparti. Ove non si tenga conto di ciò, gli inconvenienti, come quelli verificatisi in questo caso, sono inevitabili.

Nello spirito di sincera collaborazione che lo S.M.R.E. dimostra nei riguardi delle esigenze alleate é doveroso far preventivamente presente alla Missione tutti gli inconvenienti che possono derivare da realizzazioni troppo affrettate.

IL GENERALE ISPETTORE T.A.
(B. Matteoli)

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LLS 0192 MMIA Rome

MESSAGE FORM

4856

FROM: MAIN AAI

Date/Time 1922 B

TO - ACTION: AFHQ

INFO: MMIA ROME AAI ADV for G(CW)

Originator's Number: SD 1484

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref your F70209 of 9 (.) designation pnr smoke unit to be formed ex 513 Inf Regt (ITALIAN) is 510 pnr smoke coy (.) request you form BRITISH CADRE on SEPARATE WE in view adm complications arising where BRITISH and ITALIAN ARMY pers on same WE

PRIORITY

(1) (2) J N Graham Capt.

Copy to: A Q LAB

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

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

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18 July 44.

17 July 44. I give below copy of MOVEIT signal MOV1/1081 dated

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FROM MOVEIT

TO (1) DETRAMILES BARI (2) SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI (3) MMIA (4) MOV BARLETTA (5) MOV FOGGIA (6) MOVWIT (7) 69 GRM (8) 6 BSA (9) 57 AREA (10) DISTHREE (11) MOV DISTHREE (12) DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES (13) 22 AA BDE (14) ACC MAIN FOR OFFENHAUER. (15) MOV AAI (16) DEPRAIL BARI

MOV1/1081 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Italian Move (.) 506 ITALIAN PNR SMOKE COY 3 Offrs 284 ORS 5 tons moves by rail MANFREDONIA to TORRE ANNUNZIATA in 9 box dep MANFREDONIA 200500 (.) Arr FOGGIA 0704 dep 0835 (.) ETA TORRE ANNUNZIATA 202100 (.) Authy AAI MOV 1756 of 15 (.)

Gtd 19/7

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Capt. RE.
Mov. L.O.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Registered File

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Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) Originator: MMIA

Date-Time of Origin: 181600B

For Action

TO (W) For Information (INFO): AAI

Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No.

SD 1218 ⊙ Restricted ⊙ Ref your SD 1416 of 16 July ⊙ Your SD 1276 of 10 July was cancelled by our SD 1179 of 12 July ⊙ Designation is 570 Airborne Cav.

(OT326) Wt. 9932/194. 2,000,000 Pads. 5/43. B. & S. Ltd. 51-6745/6.

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: ROUTINE

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Signed

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DIST
(ACT) ARMY G 1
(INF) A/CC 1
FILE 2
FLOAT 1

AZ 1 RAPC 1118/17.1004

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIN AAI

DATE/TIME 161.65.13

TO : MMLA

ACTION

Orig No : SD 1416

RESTRICTED (.) request reply my SD 1256 of 10.which asked for designation of tenth pnr smoke coy to be formed from coy 513 inf regt TORRE ANNUNZIATA

(1) (2) PRIORITY 101

HEADQUARTERS
17 JUL 1944
G.C.

Copy to :- A Q Lab

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

From :- Mov. L.O. (MMIA). 1264

16 July 44.

Herewith copy of AAI signal MOV 1756 dated 15 July 44.

FROM AAI

TO (1) MOVEIT (2) DMER (3) MMIA (4) SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI.
(INFO) (5) MOV FOGGIA (6) MOVWIT (7) MOV DISTINES (8) DEPRAIL BARI (9) DISTWO (10) DESTHREE (11) 57 AREA (12) AAI ADV PWR SD AND CW (13) 22 AA BDE (14) DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI BARI (15) DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES (16) ACC MAIN FOR OFFENHAUER.

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MOV 1756 (.) Arrange rail move 506 ITALIAN PTR SMOKE COY 3 Offrs 284 ORS 5 tons FROM MANFREDONIA to TORRE ANNUNZIATA departing 20 JUL via BENEVENTO (.) AAI SD 1150 of 7 JUL refers.

JS/LB.

J. Spearing Capt. RE.
Mov. L.O.

GHQ 1817

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MESSAGE FORM

SD/212

Serial No. 123

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
	OUT	GR.	

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TO Main AAI rptd: DISTHREE: AAI Adv for CW: SMRE.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MMIA	SD 1179		

RESTRICTED (+) Ref your SD 1256 undated (+) SMRE are signalling FR.AA CAMPANIA to form 510 Smoke Coy 5 offrs 231 ORs ex 513 Inf Regt by arrangement with DISTHREE

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HQ 4 C HQ 5 HQ RI NR 248/11 SP 29

RECD V REAV NR 210 T REYT 91 R1

FROM HAIN AA1

TO IMIX

INF AFRIC DISTRIBEE AA1 ADV FOR CW

BT

SD1256 5

RESTRICTED. REQUEST YOU GIVE [redacted] DESIGNATION FOR SMOKE UNIT TO BE FORMED FROM COY OF 513 ITALIAN INF REGT NOW OPERATING AT TORRE ANNUNZIATA UNDER CORD 3 DISTRICT

BT

RPTB ~~248 1 1256 513 3~~

SENT FEB 8

SD/21 11/7

52/11

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SMRE (D'Antona) signalling Comando Unit Campania Smoke Coy Diret to form 510 Smoke Coy with 3 by arrangement with 3 Regt 513 Inf Regt 5 offrs 281 ors 12 Tnl Sq.

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SUBJECT : Italian Smoke Coys

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/30/27/G(SDI.)

9 Jul 44

2 District

Ref 20450 (AD & CW) of 2 Jul, MMIA report that personnel and clothing deficiencies have been made up in 502 and 503 Coys.

The increasing shortage of Allied manpower has forced us to make the maximum use of the Italian Army. Generally speaking experience of the past few months despite unfavourable and discouraging conditions of service, Italian Army units have worked well.

Italian Army Smoke Coys have been formed and employed in different parts of the country and no adverse comments have been received on them.

Every effort must be made to train 502 and 503 Coys to the standard required. Any questions regarding the suitability of personnel in the units should be referred to MMIA who will render all practicable assistance.

Please instruct 25 AA Bde to render on 1 Aug a full and detailed report on the state of the two Coys.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to :- Adv AAI for CW
RA
MMIA —

Have asked Mattioli for the necessary — he has to make another round to BARI & will render report on his return —
? did die natural death on receipt above letter ? ?

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 14/10

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS: IN MEYT V MEOJ - M-QVK4 - MR233/10 / OUT

No. of Groups: GR. 46

Office Date Stamp: SD/21

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TO G3 DISTRICT INFO AAI ADV(CW) 57 AREA MMIA CWS PBS 42 PIONEER GP

FROM 22 AA BDE

Originator's Number: 0985 — No Trace

Date:

In Reply to Number:

(RESTRICTED) ⊙ Ref AAI message SD 1150 of 071135B and conversation WILLIAMS-PAIN ⊙ 506 PIONEER SMOKE COY (italian) required some ammunition ⊙ Request accommodation be arranged and ETA advised ⊙ 22 cine bn through 69 CINE coy will be responsible for ops training and layout ⊙ Ack

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT OJ M QVR2 283/8	No. of Groups CR. 33	Serial No. / Office Date Stamp 119 50/21

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TO GSD FIL POT INFO MMIA 25 AA BDE Q BASE SUB AREA

FROM Q LAB DISTWO

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
no Trace		

SD1/1325 Q Ref your SD1150 OF 7 July not To
all Q Boy it Smoke coy still at Minneriako
Q Ready for trg with Phys Smoke coy (PBR) BARI.
WEE 9 Jul 8 -

BOB P

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T.O.R. Seen PWS 8/7

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Subject:- Deficiency of personnel in 507 Smoke Company.

Sp/21

L.O., Army Sub-Commission, (ACC).,
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande-CATANZARO.

4th July 44.

Ref:- C.6/352.

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To:- H.Q.,
XXXI° Corpo d'Armata.

Folio 111 refers.

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission, ACC.,
Main H.Q., (M.M.I.A.).,
LECQUILE. (LECCE).

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for Minervino to complete, to sought

On 25 June 44 I visited the 507 Smoke Coy. at REGGIO. The strength required was 5 officers and 281 O.Rs., and I inspected on parade this number plus a reserve of about 10%. At the same time, I informed Lt.Col.MARTINELLI that the Company would most likely move on June 26th. i.e. the next day.

2. On the morning of July 4th., I was informed by Major.BRAGA, XXXI Corps H.Q., that the 507 Smoke Coy. left REGGIO on 3 July 44 with 37 Men short of the strength required by the Allied Programme. The reason put forward for the shortage was that some Commander had allowed a greater number of men to go on leave than could be covered by the reserve held.

3. It is obvious, therefore, that the person responsible for the absence of these men on leave has been guilty of gross negligence resulting in the serious hampering of the Allied Programme - the most important aspect of XXXI Corps contribution to the war effort.

4. In these circumstances, I must ask for this person to be dealt with most severely, and an account of your investigations and disciplinary action to be sent to me immediately for transmission to my H.Q.

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a m Keating
Capt.,
I.C., XXXI Corps.

2 i/c
Suggest we await report before taking further action.
RPS 6/7

PM

OK - let me see when it comes

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS — IN / OUT

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TO: All cpld MMIA LO DISTWO

FROM: MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 1109		

Restricted ⊙ Your SD 105 P of 5 Confirmed
July 6 MMIA only both Coys made
deficiency clothing deficiency 502
up also personnel 505 Coy complete
Coy ⊙ personnel ⊙ Coy report
within next few days

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

required 1695/50/G(SD1) 24 para 4 of your 16 June
will follow later

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TO MAIA

FROM MAIN AAI

			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1058 RESTRICTED o		Request earliest reply to para 3			
my Letter 1605/50/27/G(SD1) dated 16 June					

KBB

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T.H. 1945

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No. of Groups GR.

Office Date Stamp

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS — IN / OUT

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TO Plans AAI

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number SD 1080

Date

In Reply to Number

Restricted ① Your SD 1996 of 50 ①
Degree 6 Coy Ref SD 1995 Covered Re
Caution Funds Dunkirk Coy

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN: YT VOJ 360/30 (P)	No. of Groups. GR. 51	Office Date Stamp SD/21 30/6
	OUT:		

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TO MMIA

FROM MAIN AAI

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1986		

RESTRICTED ⊙ AFHQ have instructed ITALIANS to form from 46 inf regt a smoke coy ⊙ AAI have stated this unsuitable and asked that we should nominate personnel ⊙ Suggest copy of SOS g d lin should be taken for this purpose ⊙ Request your recommendation ⊙ No action pending further instruction

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ACTION SLIP.

This Slip will not be removed.

To:

Pass re rifts for 502/3 Cys.

(1) 7 Corps having greatest difficulty in finding the 203 rifts required.

(2) 70% of above rifts (designate) 1 or 1000 unsuitable medically & 30% are due for demob.

(3) Recall :: instructed 7 Corps to complete 502, & then scour the country for rifts for 503.

Info.

G 2
G 3

B.
GLD.

RDS 29/6.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 16/214

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups.	Office Date Stamp
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	OUT		

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TO GSD AAI INFO MMIR FILE 2015 G

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
DISTWO	107		

1D 1/1231 Restricted O Rif your SD1870 of 24th as 5 of copy only received at Milverton for enquiring O Rifle Corps calling forward dates for transitability of two boys Baker O

Yr. 246

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T.H.I. 28/4/30

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	OUT	GR.	Office Date Stamp 5D/21

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TO

FROM S N R E rptd MMIA LO DISTWO copy to G & Gred MMIA

M M I A

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1032		

RESTRICTED (*) 502 and 503 SNORE CCRS will be brought upt o full strength and deficiencies in clothing made good by 28 June (*) MMIA LO DISTWO is empowered to authorize issue of the necessary clothing reporting issues promptly to MMIA (*) Report completion (*) URGENT

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Serial No. 16/28

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	HEIT NEJ (P) H QRKL 285/25		GR. 39 Seq 6	388/108 III 26/50/21

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TO Action 6 BASE SUB AREA info mov barletta moved north
Fif corps 506 Italian smoke coy 848 (SM) SMOKE COY pc

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
25 ARBE 64 62 N LAB FILE 2045	GC - dist two -		

Odd 1/1216 (0) CONFIDENTIAL (1) UNDER Arrangements mov barletta move southest 506 Italian smoke coy strength 6 offrs 283 ors and tentage from MINERVINO To manfredonia (0) On arrival MANFREDONIA 506 Coy will commence TRG IMMEDIATLY under 848 (SMK) smokecoy — 997

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEYTNMOOJ-M-QYRZ-NR388	Prefix GR. 31	Office Date Stamp SD 21 2316
	OUT		

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TO DIS TWO INFO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MAIN AFI	SD 1870	—	—

restricted ⊙	ref	your	SD1/1190	ofc	
23 not to	MMIA.	⊙ dc	your	require	
all	three	copy	at	MINERVINO	
for equipping ⊙	MMIA	SD1009	of 23	referred	

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Signature.....	Signature.....		T.H.I.

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ARMY FORM C 2198 (Small)

Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA

Date-Time of Origin: 23 1920B

For Action

TO AAI

(W) For Information (INFO)

rptd DISTWO: MMIA LO 2 Dist MMIA LO XXXI Corps

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.

SD 1009 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Further our SD 994 of 22 June (.) 507 508 509 Smoke Coys each 5 offrs 281 CRs ready to leave 26 June from REGGIO CROTONE CATANZARO respectively (.) Authority rail tpt and destinations requested (.) for LO XXXI Corps (.) Ensure units inspected

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SIGNED Capt Fox

SIGNED

Filter 50/51 106

G.P.O. — A — (500 pads of 100) 13-48

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TO AAI wpld DIST WO

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number SD 994

Date

In Reply to Number

Confidential ⊙ Ref AAI SD 1749 of
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509 verbally and ⊙ Local cies
respectively REGGIO JUNE
CATANZARO C — CROTONE —

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Serial No. 45/20

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEYTUMBOJ M QVR2 NR 392/20 Q98	No. of Groups. GR. 50	Office Date Stamp 5D/21
	OUT		

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TO DIS TWO MMIA INFO AFHQ 101 102

FROM MAIN AAI	Originator's Number SD1749	Date	In Reply to Number

Restricted ⊙ Ref AFHQ signal F61461 of 19 ⊙ For DIS TWO ⊙ Confirm arrangements being made for trg 507 508 509 coys as ordered in AFHQ signal ⊙ For MMIA ⊙ Request you confirm units ready and gun and state locations

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To :- 'G' (Internal).

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

20 June 44.

Copy of FILPOT signal MOV 1133 dated 19 June 44 is given below.

FROM FILPOT.

TO MOVEIT. DGMR. MMIA. SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI.
(INFO) MOV BARLETTA. MOVWIT. MOV FOGGIA. DISTWO. DETRAMILES BARI. DISTHREE. 57 AREA. DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI BARI. 22 AA BDE. ACC MAIN FOR OFFENHAUER. MOV DISTHREE.

MOV 1133 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) 505 Italian Smoke Coy and British Cadre 5 Offrs 281 ORs will move by rail under your arrangements departing MINERVINO 20 June to CAMPI FLEGREI via BENEVENTO (.) Final destination POZZUOLI (.) Rep report HQ 22 AA BDE on arrival (.) AAI SD 1693 of 18 refers.

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JS/IB.

Capt RE.
Mov. L.O.

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SD/21
D

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

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

20 June 44.

I give below copy of MOV BARLETTA signal Mov/C/24 dated 19 Jun 44.

FROM MOV BARLETTA.

TO 19 GP P C. 505 ITALIAN SMOKE COY. MOV FOGGIA. MOVWIT.
22 AA BDE. DISTHREE.
(INFO) 6 BSA. 67 GARRISON. FILPOT. DISTWO. MMIA. RTO BARLETTA.

MOV/C/24 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) 505 ITALIAN SMOKE COY and BRITISH CADRE move by rail in 11 box wagons from MINERVINO to POZZUOLI 20 June (.) Strength 5 offrs 240 ORs 12 tons stores (.) MINERVINO dep 200324 BARLETTA arr 200510 dep 200810 BIVIO CEVARO arr 212030 dep 201200 CAVARO dep 201230 POZZUOLI ETA 211030 (.) Rep to report HQ 22 AA BDE on arrival (.) Authy AAI SD/1693 of 18 June. 99

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JS/LB.

Capt. RE.
Mov. L.O.

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS: IN / OUT

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TO AA 1 4th DISTWO MMIA 5/3/21 D

FROM FREEDOM Signed SACMED 58 Originator's Number F 61461 Date — In Reply to Numbers

Cite FHCWS, FHGCT, FHASO ⊙ Formation Ital Smoke Coys is subject further our F 45751 14th May 44 ⊙ first confirm 507 508, 509 Ital Smoke Coys will be formed end June ⊙ Second these Coys should be allotted BARI BARLETTA MANFREDONIA for training which should be completed end July ⊙ 3rd Operational last? location follows later.

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WL 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MF 10428 51-6236

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 24/18

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Office Date Stamp: SD/21 19/6

FROM (A) Originator: DISTWO

Date-Time of Origin.

For Action. (1) 6 BSA

TO (W) For Information (INFO) (2) 67 SAN (3) MOVCIT (4) MOV BARLETTA (5) 195 P RC (6) 25 AA BDE (7) GSD DISTHREE (8) 22 AA BDE (9) MOV WIT (10) GSD FILPOT (11) MMIA (12) Q (13) LAB (14) MMIA LO

Message Instructions: 983 GR 102

Originator's No. SD1/1152

CONFIDENTIAL O Under arrangements MOVCIT more 505 Italian Smoke coy and Brit cadre from MINERVINO to POZZUOLI 20 June O Strength O Offrs 5 ors 281 O Ref to report HQ 22 AA BDE on arrival O On arrival unit comes under cond 22 AA BDE ADM DISTHREE O Signal ETA 22 AA BDE RPTD DISTHREE and this HQ O Authy AAI SD1693 of 18 June

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17/6 both taken by MOV copy to Lab & Draft

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CONFIDENTIAL © Under arrangements MOVEIT

move 505 Italian Smoke coy and Brit cadre

from MINERVINO to POZZUOLI 20 June © Strength

© Offrs 5 ors 281 © Ref to refont HQ 22 AA BDE

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BDE RPTD DISTHREE and this HQ © Authy AAI

SD1693 of 18 June

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Office Date Stamp: ~~359~~ MWU 99

FROM Originator: (A) MAIN AAI

Date-Time of Origin: 181145B

For Action: ACTION DISTWO

TO (W) For Information (INFO): 22 AABDE MOVECT MAIA DISTHREE

Message Instructions: QQY 9884 GR

Originator's No.: SD1693 @ RESTRICTED @ 505 italian auto cop are British

Cadre 5 offrs 281 ORS now at MINERVINO under command

2 DIST will move somewhere under orders MOVEIT to

POZZUOLI area to under comd 22 AABDE adm DISTHREE @ DISTHREE

will arrange recce POZZUOLI area if feasible @ Rep report on

arrival HQ 22 AABDE

Gen 19/6

19/6 Copy to Lt Col Copy taken by MWU

Originator's No.

SD1693 ⊙ RESTRICTED ⊙ 505 italian sodo say and British

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POZZUOLI area to under Coond 22 A&BDE adm DISTHREE ⊙ DISTHREE

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arrival HQ 22 A&BDE

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Cff 19/6 copy to file

copy taken by MW

18/6/43

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1816

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT:- Italian Smoke Coys

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/27/G(SD1)

16 Jun 44.

Army Sub Commission ACC, LEQUILE

Ref 502 and 503 ITALIAN Smoke Coys.

1. Although the above coys have been training for more than the three weeks specified by AFHQ, they are still not acceptable to 25 Am. Bde under whose cover they are to operate.

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2. The following reports, copy to you, have been made on the coys :-

(a) 2 District 2045 G(AD and GW) dated 22 May 44. — 61
(b) HQ 61 Pnr Gp HQ/79/24 dated 9 May 44. — 60A
(c) 25 Am Bde G/9/58 dated 23 May 44. — 64A
(d) 25 Am Bde G/9/61 dated 25 May 44. — 65A

3. It is necessary that these coys should be made operational at the earliest possible moment and it is requested that all deficiencies in personnel and clothing should be made up without delay.

4. The majority of Italian units which have been formed so far have been satisfactory and it is not understood why, in this case, so much trouble appears to have arisen. Will you please investigate and report what you consider to be the reasons for the unsatisfactory state of affairs as far as these coys are concerned.

Cff. 19/6

K W McCreery
Lt Col for
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to :-

2 District
G(GW)
A
Q
Q(AE)
RA

Nettuli is going to see 502, 503 — on no time. Russell warned by phone.
8.6.44

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Serial No. 4614

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TO MMIA

FROM DISTWO	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Cw/3504 Confidential D may CO3489 Ok			
12 offers of Manchester refused 12 must			
but states not in possession of attached			
booking instructions *		NA	
x — these always follow.		FAS	980

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 18/12

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN HEAVY FIEFB - A - NK293/12 - A - HEAV	No. of Groups GR. 18	Office Date Stamp SD/21
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TO MMIA

FROM DISTWO	Originator's Number 95	Date	In Reply to Number

CW3489 ⊙ CONFIDENTIAL ⊙ My CW3485 of 10 refers ⊙ Mr Roland MARLERA has now received instructions to report here 13 June

Pm 12/6

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MENT VMEGL QVRI-NK23141	No. of Groups. GR. 16	Serial No. 8111 Office Date Stamp 95
	OUT		

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TO HHQA INFO 848 (SD) SMOKE COY

FROM DISTWO	Originator's Number CW3483	Date	In Reply to Number
RESTRICTED. Your SD848 of 9 refers. Understand MORETTA not yet received official instructions to report here			
	G2(L) dealing with FMRE		
		BCR	98.

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TO M M I A

FROM			Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
L O 21 CORPS			G/1		
Name	7th Armoured	Div	CROTONE		5C5
USHIRE	Coy	CATANZARO	506	SMOKE	Div O
Back	copy	5 Officer	281	ORDS	Inspection
report	completed				
					980

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MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No. 93

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No. of Groups: GR.

Office Date Stamp: 1/21 D

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TO DISTWO

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number: SD 898

Date:

In Reply to Number:

Your CW 2472 of 5 June MARLETTA reporting Pinu fails to report. Informed.

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Army Form C.2130 **MESSAGE FORM** Serial No. 2519

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEYT VIECB 11 QVR3-QQY-NN342/8	No. of Groups. GR. 29	Office Date Stamp SD/21
	OUT		

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TO 25 AA BDE INFO DISTRO MMA

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FROM AAI	Originator's Number 90	Date	In Reply to Number
SD1391 © CONFIDENTIAL © REF DISTWO CW3466 of 6 June © Reason			
reasons for NON acceptance 502 and 503 civilian remote copy			
which have been provided for you on orders from AFHQ			
	for 9/6		

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 23/8

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN NCY TONETO ⓟ MQAX NR326/8	No. of Groups GR. 18	Office Date Stamp SD/291
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TO MMIA

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FROM DISTWO

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

CW3472 CONFIDENTIAL Subject is Italian and Re
ROYO Ref AAI/3017/A(O) of 4 Request copy
MARCETTA reports here correct Dowling
RDS 6.

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T.H.I. 1305

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups. GR.	Serial No. 90 Office Date Stamp 388 10/21
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TO FILPOT info MMIA 25 AA Bde. GSD 1.

FROM DISTWO	81	Originator's Number CW 3465	Date 6	In Reply to Number 52

Restricted ⊙ Ref my CW 3648 of 5th. and SD 1736 of 10 May ⊙ ONE ⊙ 25 AA Bde NOT prepared to accept 502 and 503 Italian smoke coys on operational smoke duties ⊙ TWO ⊙ Request you hold 505 and 506 Italian coys MINEPLVING till situation clarified by Freedom

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SD/219
07/6

SUBJECT:- Smoke Companies.

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3017/A(O).
4 Jun 44.

HQ, No 2 District, OMG.

Reference your 2045 G(AD & OM) of 22 May 44 to this HQ (copy to MMIA).

1. Italian Smoke Units.

It has been agreed and MMIA are arranging that Capt MARIETTA be appointed Smoke LO to your HQ for all Italian Smoke Coys in the Eastern seaboard and that Capt MONTRONE be appointed OC 503 Coy vice Capt MARIETTA.

2. Indian Pioneer Smoke Coy.

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(a) This question has been referred to DDL this HQ who does not consider it essential to have a British Major appointed as Smoke O.C. for TARANTO and BRINDISI. It is considered that the AA Bde Commander will exercise necessary control.

(b) As Smoke Coys are AFHQ troops, the matter has been referred to DDL, AFHQ, whose decision will be communicated to you when received.

(c) The last paragraph of your letter has been noted.

A.S. Dawkins, Major
for Brigadier,
DAG.

JS/GG.

Copy to: MMIA (your SD 819 of 28 May refers)

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Auth to file. SD/2

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

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

6 Jun 44.

Completion of MOV RETGIO signal dated 5 Jun 44, passed to you 5 Jun is given below.

FOUR (.) 504 ITALIAN STORE CDX to load baggage 5 Jun to leave RETGIO 2030 hrs and connect at SAN ELEMIA with train in para TWO (.)

FIVE (.) Breakdown of Bn rfts to follow (.) All informed

Capt RE.
Mov. L.O.

W/LB.

Rule Be File
10/13
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To :- 'G' (Internal).
S.O.R.E. (Internal).
S.M.R.E. (Ufficio Trasporti).

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

5 Jun 44.

Copy of MOV REGGIO signal MOV E121 dated 5 June 44 is given below.

FROM MOV REGGIO

TO MOV PILPOT. MOVWIT. RTO NAPLES CENTRAL. DGMRS. DISTHURE. MOV DIMPHRE. 57 AREA. AAI. PBS. 701 RLY GD DIV.
(INFO)MOV SALERNO. RTO ACROPOLI. MMIA. SUPERTRASPORTI. MOV MESSINA.

MOV E121 (.) Following moves will take place June 4 by special train from REGGIO CALABRIA to NAPLES via WEST COAST ROUTE (.)
ONE (.) 504 ITALIAN SMOKE COY 5 Offrs 281 ORs 3 tons baggage from REGGIO to NAPLES(.) To correct with same move 50 ITALIAN ARMY ENGRS from CATANZARO SALA to CAMPI FLEGREI (.)
TWO (.) Units ex SICILY arrive REGGIO PORT 1200 hrs 4 where they entrain together with 504 ITALIAN SMOKE COY from REGGIO (.) Depart 1230 hrs arriving PETRACE BRIDGE 1415 hrs where troops march across the break to GIOIA TAURO (.) Entrain GIOIA TAURA and depart 1825 hrs (.) ETA NAPLES CENTRAL 1000 hrs 5 (.)
THREE (.) 50 all ranks ITALIAN ARMY ENGRS depart CATANZARO SALA 4 by ordinary train 1315 hrs .

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FROM MOV REGGIO

TO MOV FILPOT. MOVWIX. RTO NAPLES CENTRAL. DGMRS. DISTHREE. MOV DISTHREE.
57 AREA. AAI. PBS. 701 RLY GD DIV.
(INFO)MOV SALERNO. RTO AGROPOLI. NAIA. SUPERTRASPORTI. MOV MESSINA.

MOV 2121 (.) Following moves will take place June 4 by special train from REGGIO CALABRIA to NAPLES via WEST COAST ROUTE (.)

ONE (.) 504 ITALIAN SMOKE COY 5 Offrs 231 ORs 3 tons baggage from REGGIO to NAPLES(.) To connect with same move 50 ITALIAN ARMY ENGRS from CATANZARO SALA to CAMPI FLEGREI (.)

TWO (.) Units ex SICILY arrive REGGIO PORT 1200 hrs 4 where they entrain together with 504 ITALIAN SMOKE COY from REGGIO (.) Depart 1230 hrs arriving PETRACE BRIDGE 1415 hrs where troops march across the break to GIOIA TAURO (.) Entrain GIOIA TAURA and depart 1825 hrs (.) ETA NAPLES CENTRAL 1000 hrs 5 (.)

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Capt RE,
Mov. L.O.

W/TR.

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File smoke Coys, SD/21 86

To :- D.A.D.L. (Internal).
'G' (Internal).

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

6 Jun 44.

Copy of FILPOT signal Mov.807 dated 5 Jun 44 is forwarded for your information.

FROM FILPOT.

TO MOV REGGIO. MMIA. SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI.
(INFO) MOVEIT. MOV BARLETTA. MOV TARANTO. DISTWO. TN DISTWO.
DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI BARI.

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MOV.807 (.) 505 and 506 ITALIAN PNR SMOKE COYS each 5 Offrs 281 ORs 3 tons will move by rail under your arrangements departing CROTONE and CATANZARO respectively 8 June to MINERVINO (.)

AAI SD 1265 of 3 refers.

Capt. RE.
Mov. L.O.

W/LB.

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Am[illegible] Pub Commission A.C.C.
Main H. [illegible] (MMIA)
[illegible] (DMCB)
SD/13
5 Jun 44

SUBJECT:- 505 and 506 Smoke Coys.

S E C R E T

1. No's 505 and 506 Smoke Coys will be moving shortly from CALABRIA to MIDDLETON near BULLETTA.

2. On arrival the units will be under command of No 2 District.

3. It is expected that the units have fully equipped and in good health so that training in not delayed.

4. No 505 Coy will be attached to 847 British Smoke Coy for training, which is to be completed and the unit moved to MALTA, by 27 June.

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for Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm. ACC.

ABC

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Subject: 502 and 503 Italian Smoke Coys SECRET

Hq 2 District CMP
2045 G(AD & CW)

3 Jun 44

HQ AAI

Copy to: MMIA
25 AA Bde

Ref our 2045 G(AD & CW) dated 27 May 44.

1 Comd 25 AA Bde has now received final reports from his Smoke Coy Comds (Brit) in connection with training of 502 and 503 Italian Smoke Units.

2 Details of these reports have already been covered in our 2045 G(AD & CW) dated 22 May and 2045 G(AD & CW) dated 26 May 44.

3 It is again stressed that the present rate of pay of 9 lire a day is insufficient and is, undoubtedly, a contributory cause of the large number of desertions and the low state of morale and dissatisfaction of the men. It is strongly urged that energetic steps be taken to stabilise the rates of pay, on the same basis as for other Italian troops working for the Allied Forces.

R.R. Cassady Maj.
for Major General
Commanding.

EMB

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TO	MMIA		Originator's Number G2	Date 5	In Reply to Number
FROM	MMLO 31 Corps				
departed	1400 hrs	4 June	Reggie	⊙ 504 smoke	
coy	strength 5	offrs	281 ORs	⊙ from CATANZARO	
SALA	1200 hrs	4 June	50	engineers for serial	
1090					
				Seen	GM
					ABC

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30/21

To :- 'C' (Internal).

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

4 Jun 44.

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3 Jun 44. I give below copy of AAI signal SD 1265 dated

FROM AAI

TO DISTWO
(INFO)MEIA.

SD 1265 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Further my SD 1249 dated 02 (.) 505 and 506 ITALIAN FNR SMOKE COYS each 5 offrs 261 ORs 3 tons stores will move soonest under orders MOV AAI from CROTONE and CATANZARO respectively to MINERVINO near BARLETTA for completion of equipt under command 2 DISTRICT (.) 505 FNR SMOKE COY will proceed with trg first opportunity in accordance with above quoted signal.

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W/TR.

Capt. RE.
Mov. L.O.

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MESSAGE FORM In lieu of A.F.S.2130

FROM:- DISTWO 03 B

TO(ACTION):- (1) INLFOT
(INFO):- (2) MMIA (3) 25 AA Bde (4) 847 (SA) Smoke Coy (5) Lab

CW.5448

SECRET (.) Your SD 1249 of 2 refers (.) Provided 25 AA Bde prepared to accept 502 and 503 Italian Smoke Coys for smoke duties at MARETTLONTA and MARLETTA 505 Italian Smoke Coy will be trained in smoke duties by 847 (SA) Smoke Coy ahd (.) Essential 505 Coy arrives for trg fully equipped and clean otherwise delay in trg inevitable

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(5) Branch Delivery

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ARMY FORM C.2128

MESSAGE FORM

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	OUT	GR.	Office Date Stamp 7/2/80

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TO AAI rptd DISTWO 84.3 Smoke Coy

FROM MMTA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 863	[illegible]	

RESTRICTED (.)	for	Able (.)	Ref	IS DISTWO	CW3442
of	2	June	(,)	MORTRONS	will
remain	and	cond	503	Coy	

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TO FILPOT

(W) For Information (INFO) uptd MMIA 848 SM Smoke

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For A O Subject is 503 Italian SMOK coy presently training in SMOK duties BARLETTA O

Ref my 2045G (AD & CW) of 27 May requesting release of present OC Capt MARLETTA for special SMOK LO duties att DISTWO O

Understand MONTROND 2nd in cond 503 Italian Coy being posted to cavalry trg depot NAPLES O

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For A O Subject is 503 Italian SMOK coy presently training in SMOK duties BARLETTA O

Ref my 2045G (AD & CW) of 27 May 66 requesting release of present OC Capt MARLETTA for special SMOK LO duties att DISTWO O

Understand MONTROND 2nd in coml 503 Italian Coy being posted to cavalry trg depot NAPLES O

Essential if MARLETTA appointment approved to retain MONTROND as OC 503 Coy

Clarified with M&W - Montrone to remain - posting other vacated on month ago

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. QQY

GR 64

Originator's No SD 1249 CONFIDENTIAL Ref MEHR F 45751 of 14 May and your CP 3409 of 25 May 946 Essential 505 italian smoke coy completes TRGN and arrives NAPLES by 27 June Unit strength 5 offrs 281 ots 3 tons stores will move soonest from CROTONE under orders MOV AAI Signal destination and confirm arrangements can be made for Trgn to begin immediately on arrival

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SD 1249 CONFIDENTIAL Ref AFHQ 14

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File Lt Phillips
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To :- 'G' (Internal).

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

1 Jun 44.

Copy of FILPOT signal MOV 698 dated 31 May 44 is given below.

FROM FILPOT.

TO MOV REGIO. DGMR. MMIA. SUPTRESFRETTO TRASPORTI.
(INFO) MOVNIT. AFHQ. DISTHREE. MOV DISTHREE.

MOV 698 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Arrange move 504 ITALIAN SMOKE COY strength 5 offrs 281 ORs 3 tons stores from REGIO to NAPLES (.) On arrival rep report to 849 PNR SMOKE COY (.) AAI SD 1180 dated 30 May not to all refers.

W/LB.

Mov. L.O.

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TO MMIA

FROM LO 31 Italian Corps | Originator's Number G 6/272 | Date 2 | In Reply to Number

505 Smoke Coy CROTONE and 506 Smoke Coy CATANZARO inspected 31st May and 2nd June respectively. Both ready to move. Inspection report follows

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TO AAI

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 845	02	

RESTRICTED ⊙ Ref our AB 837 of 1 June ⊙ 504 Smoke Coy now understood to be fully equipped ⊙ 505 Smoke Coy CROTONE 506 Smoke Coy CATANZARO both ready to move ⊙ Strengths 5 offs 281 ors each

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Signature E. C. Fox Capt

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SUBJECT: 504 Smoke Coy.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SIO/24.
1 June 44.

S.M.R.E.

1. No. 504 Italian Smoke Coy will be moving shortly from REGGIO to NAPLES.

2. On arival Unit will be under operational command of 22 British A.A. Bde for training with 849 British Pioneer Smoke Coy., Administrative Command No. 3 District (57 Area) through 227 Italian Coastal Div.

G. Fox. Capt
for Major General.
Army Sub Comn, A.C.C.

tvs.GCF.

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Report DISTRESS [illegible] to XXII Corps.

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

ID 257 (+) CONFIDENTIAL (+) Ref your ID 1130 of 30 May (+) 90. Italian Engine Coy has been inspected (+) Strength 5 offs 284 ORs (+) will depart complete with intrenching tools axes picks and belts can any pouches (+) Cooking utensils and other personal clothing and equipment not repeat not available in CALDERA (+) For XX XXII Corps unit moving shortly

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Rptes: DESTINED MAIL to XXII Corps.

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DE DST (+) CONFIDENTIAL (+) Ref your CS 1180 of 30 May (+) 90. Italian Sodo Cap has been inspected (+) Strength 5 offr 284 ORs (+) Will depart complete with battledress gas boots one arms gas mat gas helm gas mas poniard (+) Cooking utensils and other personal clothing and equipment not repeat not available in CAIRO (+) Rpt to XXII Corps unit moving shortly

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re/.G.

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio segreteria e personale

Nº 6783/213/ SP. di prot. P.M.151,li 30 maggio 1944

OGGETTO: capitano MARLETTA Francesco.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-direz.gen.pers.ufficiali- = P.M. 107

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. = LEQUILE
-rif.fºnº SD/21 in data 28 c.m.)

La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito A.C.C. ha richiesto che venga assegnato al comando 2º District in Bari, come ufficiale di collegamento per le compagnie nebbiogene, il capitano chimico complemento

M A R L E T T A Francesco

di Oreste - classe 1914 - distretto Roma - attualmente comandante della 503ª compagnia nebbiogeni del IX corpo d'armata.

Pregasi disporre il movimento richiesto, ove nulla osti.

Si fa presente che il comando della 503ª compagnia potrebbe essere assunto dal capitano cav.compl. MONTRONE Nicola, il quale risulta in servizio presso tale reparto.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- G.B.Oxilia -

P.C.C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Roberto Griglio)

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MEYT UMEGB NR 280/31 MQUR 3 AMLAU QQY GRO

FROM DISTIRE 311230E

TO 57 AREA + 22 AAEDE

INFO HKIA + 227 ITALIAN COASTAL DIV

~~CCY GR. CS/ST~~

SD 15 TO C.)CONFIDENTIAL C.)FIRST C.

504 ITALIAN SMOKE

COY IS TO MOVE SOONEST FROM MEGGIO

TO NAPLES UNDER MOV ORDERS AAI C.)

ON ARRIVAL UNDER COND 22 AA EDE FOR TRG WITH

645 PIR SMOKE COY C.)ADM COND 57 AREA THROUGH 227 ITALIAN

COASTAL DIV C.)

SECOND C.)22 AA EDE AND 57 AREA WILL ENSURE THAT

TRG AND ADM REQUIREMENTS RESPECTIVELY AREA

ASCERTAINED AND NECESSARY STEPS TAKEN TO OBATIN

WITHOUT DELAY

NPTH ~~474 +CUVE~~

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~~MEGB V LPAR NR 239 T HHIA QVR~~

FROM AI 302235 B

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ DISTHREE MOV REGGIO MOWIT

QQY GR 61

[redacted] SD 1160

CONFIDENTIAL . REF YOUR SD 664 OF 06 AND

MY SD 1751 OF 10 . 504

ITALIAN

SMOKE COY 5 OFFRS 281 ORS 3 TONS STORES WILL MOVE SOONEST

UNDER ORDERS MOV FILPOT FROM REGGIO TO NAPLES TO REPORT

849 PNR SMOKE COY FOR TRAINING UNDER

COND 3 DISTRICT . REQUEST YOU [redacted] ENSURE UNIT INSPECTED AND

EQUIPPED WITH PERSONAL EQPT BEFORE DEPARTURE AND STATE ETA

THI 2307

RPTN NR 239 RPT 239 QVR 1 302235

GR 61 SD 1160 SD 664 06 SD 1751 10 504

5 OFFRS 281 ORS 3 REGGIO NAPLES 849 3 DIST 2307

WR BB

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SUBJECT:- Smoke Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/21
28 May 44

S M R E

1. 2 District request that Capt MARLETTA O.C. 503 Smoke Coy be released from his present appointment and attached as Smoke Coy Liaison officer to HQ 2 District.

2. They further request that Capt MONTRONE who is at present with 503 Coy be appointed officer Commanding vice Capt MARLETTA.

3. Maj BAUMANN was told by Capt CAVANI today that there would be no objection to this so 2 District has been informed accordingly.

ABC

for L'Col
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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TO FILPOT RPTD DISTWO

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number SD 819

Date 27 MAY

In Reply to Number

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FROM FILPOT			Originator's Number	Date 27/5	In Reply to Number
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Please	signal	concurrence	in proposal	ref MARLETTA	
and MONTRONE					
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HQ 2 District CMF
2045 G(AD & CW)

27 May 44

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Subject:- Italian Smoke Units

Army Sub Commission ACC

Copy to:- 25 AA Bde

1 502 and 503 Italian Smoke Coys are, at present, being trained in the operational use of smoke, by British Smoke Coys in 2 District.

On completion of training (approx 3 Jun 44) these Italian Coys are expected to take over the AA Smoke Creen commitments at MANFREDONIA and BARLETTA.

505 and 506 Italian Smoke Units will then arrive for training in 2 District.

2 After the first week or so of training 502 and 503 Coys, 25 AA Bde report that there are quite a number of men in these Smoke Coys who are unsuitable for the type of work.

The AA defence of ports is based on the assumption that an effective smoke screen will be operative.

It, therefore, follows that if these Italian Smoke Units are ever to reach the state of efficiency rightly demanded by AA Bde Comds, the personnel of these units must be at least of normal intelligence and physically fit.

3 This HQ has requested that Capt FRANCESCO MARLETTA at present OC 503 Italian Smoke Coy be released from this appointment and attached to 2 District as Italian Smoke LO for Eastern Italy.

Capt MARLETTA is well known by G(CW) this HQ and is a CW and Smoke expert.

It is considered that if the appointment of this officer as LO is approved, he would be very useful for vetting Italian Smoke personnel and weeding out unsuitable men, before the period allotted to these units for initial training has expired.

(K)

R.R. Cameron Maj.
for Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

HFC

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HQ 2 District CMF
2045 G(AD & CW)

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27 May 44

Subject:- Italian Smoke Units

HQ AAI

Copy to:- MMIA
25 AA Bde

Further to our 2045/G(AD & CW) dated 26 May 44.

1 The attached copy of letter received from 25 AA Bde is forwarded for your information and action considered necessary.

2 Remarks contained in para 3 of the above letter are fully endorsed by this HQ.

3 It is strongly urged that Capt MARLETTA be released immediately for the role proposed in our 2045/G(AD & CW) dated 22 May 44.

HPC

R.R. Cameron Maj.
for Major General,
Commanding.

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G/9/61

Subject:- Smoke

HQ 2 District

Further to this HQ G/9/58 dated 23 May 44 and ref your message SD1/808 dated 13 May 44.

1 I have received a further report from OC 848 Smoke Coy and have come to the conclusion that the type of men provided for these Italian Smoke Coys is such that they could not be relied upon to carry out their duties satisfactorily in action and I could not in any circumstances consider their deployment at either NABLETTA or MANFREDONIA except for trg purposes.

2 In the case of 503 Italian Coy, out of 200 men who were supplied from Italian Infantry units there have been 90 deserters during the trg period. Unquestionably therefore it would be ludicrous to consider deploying this Coy in an operational role.

3 I would very strongly urge that you refrain from attaching any other Italian Coys for trg until you have given consideration to the pts raised in my G/9/58 referred to above, with particular ref to the selection of suitable personnel.

Sgd JR RICHARDS, Brig,
Comd 25 AA Bde.

Field
25 May 44

Copy to:- AFHQ (AA & CD Sec)
HQ RA, AAI

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Subject:- 502 and 503 Ital. Smoke Coys.

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HQ AAI

Copy to: MMIA

HQ 2 District CMP
2045/G(AD & CW)

26 May 44.

1. The attached copy of letter from 25 AA Bde is forwarded for your information.

2. With ref to para 2(a) of 25 AA Bde letter, this HQ is writing to ACC on the subject of suitable replacements for deserters and useless bodies.

3. It is understood from 'Q' Branch this HQ that the question of Scale 'A' Rations for the Italian troops has been raised unsuccessfully on many previous occasions and it would seem that issue of rations on this scale is most unlikely.

4. 'Q' Branch this HQ has already written to ACC on the question of clothing and general welfare of these Italian Smoke troops (our 2045/G dated 22 May refers).

5. As far as the Br. attached personnel are concerned it would appear that the existing WE under NA/172/1, of 1 Offr, 1 CQMS, 1 Cpl is now firm. It is considered that the duties of the British L.O. require clarification as the present situation is unsatisfactory to all concerned.

MI.

K.R. Cameron Maj.
for Major General,
Commanding 2 District.

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HQ 2 District.

1. The three weeks trg period allotted to the Italian Smoke Coys will not end until 3 Jun 44. Several Pts have however arisen as a result of experience so far gained and they are submitted below for your consideration and action if thought necessary.

2(a) ORs. Whilst some of the personnel are reasonably quick and intelligent there are quite a number who are obviously unsuitable for this type of work and if the Smoke Coys are to be made efficient it is considered essential that the unsuitable men be weeded out and replaced by men of a more suitable type.

(b) Rations. The present scale of rations is clearly inadequate and is having an adverse effect on the morale of the personnel. This pt is commented on by both Smoke Coy Comds who are of opinion that a satisfactory state of trg will not be achieved unless this is remedied. It is suggested that the Italian Coys be issued with scale 'A' Rations immediately.

(c) Clothing and Welfare Generally. Welfare arrangements in the case of both Coys needs considerable improvement and in the case of 503 Coy in particular an issue of new clothing is essential. The condition of the men on arrival was appalling and a great deal of time had to be spent in delousing them and cleaning them up generally. Unless the men are properly clothed and some provision is made for their welfare they cannot be made into an efficient op unit.

(d) British Attached Personnel.

(i) As the Italian Coys are fed, clothed and paid by the Italian Army the provision of a British CQMS appears to be unnecessary.

(ii) The following British NCO's are considered necessary:-

2 Sgts) - duties: assisting in trg and liaison, and superintending
2 Bdrs) the op duties of the men under the supervision of the British offr.

1 Cpl) - duties: clerk to British Liaison Offr and in charge of British loaned MT and other British eqpt provided.

(e) The duties of the British Liaison Offr require clarification. It seems obvious that he must himself have some experience and knowledge of smoke duties in order that he may be an effective link between the AADC and the Smoke Coy. He must also take some responsibility for the adm of the Coy as bad adm will effect the op efficiency. It is suggested that the duties of this officer be set out in some detail for the benefit of the offrs concerned. At the present moment they do not appear to be clear as to where their responsibility starts and where it finishes.

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3. It is pointed out that the above have arisen as a result of a limited experience and that doubtless several other pts will arise by the time the trg has been completed. On the other hand I think it would be wrong to wait until the trg is completed before remedying some of the more obvious difficulties as this would merely mean that the trg would be largely wasted.

(Sd) D.R. Richards,
Brig,
Comd 25 AA Bde.

Field
23 May 44

Copy to: AFHQ (AA & CD) Sec.
HQ RA, AAI.

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FROM (A) Originator: DISTWO

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For Action.

25 AA BDE 847 SM SMOKE COYS PC
848 SM SMOKE COYS PC 6 BASE SUB AREA
MMIA SD 1(7) LAB

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

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My SD 1/808 of 13 ref.

1. Subject 25 AA Bde.

The 502 and 503 ITALIAN

Smoke Companies will be posted

as stated on Completion training.

2. Points raised in first addressee.

6/9/58 of 23 refer to

3. 505 and 501 ITALIAN Smoke

Companies on arrival will be

attached for training of Company

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The 502 and 503 ITALIAN

smoke companies will be posted

as stated on completion training ⊙

2 ⊙ Points raised in first addressee

6/9/58 of 23 in hand ⊙

3 ⊙ 505 and 506 ITALIAN smoke

companies on arrival will be

allocated for training one company

each to respectively BARI

BARLETTA under 847/848.

SM smoke companies

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TO FILPOT. INFO. FREEDOM. MMIR.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
DISTWO	CW/3409		

CONFIDENTIAL Your SD1935 of 18 refers Tests with 502 and 503 Italian Smoke cays expected to be completed by 59 3 June 44 Delay in commencement of TRG due to reasons stated in my 2045 G of 22 Further information follows

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Subject: Indian & Italian Smoke Coys - initial training.

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HQ 2 District CMP
2045 G(AD & CW)

22 May 44

HQ AAI

Copy to MMIA

Ref the following Smoke Units:-

502 Italian Smoke Coy
503 Italian Smoke Coy
1252 Indian Pioneer Coy (Smoke)

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Detailed reports from Os.C. Brit Smoke Coys, who are training 502, and 503 Coys, are expected shortly, and will be forwarded for your information.

2 INDIAN PIONEER SMOKE COY.

At an interview with AADC. TARANTO O.C. 1981(Bech) Smoke Coy and G(CW) this HQ, on 20 May 44 the following proposals were suggested:-

In the event of 1252 Ind Pnr Coy taking over Smoke Commitments of 1981(Bech) Smoke Coy P.G. i.e. TARANTO Port and BRINDISI, a British White Officer (Major) be appointed as Smoke O.C. for the two screens.

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This is considered most desirable, as it is felt by all concerned that with such a large and mixed complement of Italians employed on the two screens, a senior White Officer would be in a position to exert better control, both operationally and administratively. Capt A.P.Dobson, at present 2 i/c 1981(Beoh)Coy, is suggested for the appointment, if agreed. The above officer is widely experienced in Smoke and is considered to be the right type of officer for the job in question.

It is requested that under no circumstances will 1981 (Beoh) Smoke Coy P.C. be relieved of their present smoke Commitments without prior reference to 8 AA Bde and this HQ.

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R.R.Campbell Maj

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for Major General,
Commanding.

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SUBJECT: Re-equipment of Italian Units.

HQ 2 District CMF
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19 May 44

Army Sub Commission ACC, (Main HQ),
Lequile, LECCE

1 Enclosed is a copy of the report received at this HQ regarding the condition of 502 Italian Smoke Coy which recently arrived in this Dist for trg. This report shows a highly unsatisfactory state of affairs.

2 It is understood that steps have now been taken to provide the unit with the necessary clothing.

3 It is strongly recommended that, on completion of trg, the men of the Coy are paid at the increased rates which it is understood are given to tps working for the Allied Forces.

4 The necessity for this unit and all other Italian units working with the Allied Forces to be properly administered is considered to be vital.

5 Will you please take this matter up with the Italian authorities with a view to ensuring that any future units arriving for trg are clean and properly equipped so that they may commence trg immediately on arrival.

(sd) C.A.CHADWICK-HEALEY Lt.Col
for Major General.
Comd No. 2 District.

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EXTRACT from 61 Gp HQ Pnr Corps letter.

SUBJECT: Re-Equipment of Italian Units.

CONFIDENTIAL

61 Gp HQ Pnr Corps.

Ref HQ/79/24.

9 May 44

HQ 6 Base Sub Area.

Re: 502 Italian Smoke Coy

"1 The above unit arrived in this area in a deplorable condition. An immediate kit inspection was held and some deficiencies made good.

The following deficiencies are at present unobtainable from Italian sources:-

Puttees	prs	153	Underpants	prs	83
Pullovers		220	Stomach Belts		230
Stars		250	Water Mess Tins		220
Blankets		190	Towels		281
Handkerchiefs		562	Housewives		281
Identity Discs		240	Summer Jackets		281
Summer Trousers		202	Grey Trousers (Denim)		52

(Unit strength = 282 ORs)

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(b) As the MPI inspection was so unsatisfactory this HQ RMO today held another at which was discovered 38 cases of lice and Scabies and one of VD. Proper disinfestation will be completed by 11 May.

3 In view of the fact that these men have to work alongside a British coy, often in strictly confined spaces, it has been found essential for the hygiene of the pioneers to take drastic de-lousing action.

4 The above unit has three weeks to learn its job of which three days have already been taken up on internal economy and until the indents for many of the articles enumerated in para 1 above are met, it will not be in a fit condition to start proper training, and will produce a serious hold-up in the plan for training such coys envisaged by AFHQ in conjunction with AAI.

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5 Not unnaturally, the men are surely, disgruntled and disillusioned at this past neglect which further adds to the difficulties of training them. Their rate of pay is only 5 lire per day as opposed to the Dock Workers 20 lire per day when working. The officers are keen and ready to collaborate but on account of these past circumstances are finding the unit a difficult problem. It will take some time to rebuild the men's faith in their officers; thus the steadiness of the unit, if called upon to work under fire in the near future, cannot but be doubtful."

(SD) G de M SLADE Lt.Col
Commanding 61 Gp Headquarters.
The Pioneer Corps.

Copy to:-DDL 2 District.

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REGB V LRAR NR1598 T QVR4

FROM AAI 102315B

TO DISTWO DISTHREE

INFO AFHQ MMIA

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SD1935

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TO (W) For Information (INFO): DISTWO DISTHREE MMIA

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TO (W) For information (INFO)
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Originator's No. SD 6820 CONFIDENTIAL Q REF OUR SD 664 OF 8 MAY Q INTENTION IS TO COMPLETE CLOTHING OF 604 505 AND 506 SMOKE COYS AT DESTINATIONS Q PLEASE SIGNAL DESTINATIONS SOONEST

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TO MMIB

FROM AAI

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Respects. Ref your SD664 of 28 50 ITALIAN SMOKE COYS complete & movement orders complation above

Request you retain 504 505 506 until period of dty first three coys are issued service AGE

Bearmans refusing SMOKE LOXXXX Corps withdrawn

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INFO AFHQ MMIA

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502 503 ITALIAN SMOKE COS WILL BE ~~POSTED~~ TESTED TO

SATISFACTION OF AA BDE

COMDS UNDER DIST ARRANGEMENTS FOR DUTIES

AT NAPLES MANFREDONIA AND BARLETTA (.)

AA BDE COMDS REPORTS WILL BE FORWARDED ~~TO~~ TO THIS

HQ SOONEST ON COMPLETION OF TESTS AND DISTS WILL ~~PREPARE~~ PREPARE

TO ACCOMMODATE 504 ~~506~~ 505 506

PNR SMOKE COYS FOR TRG - DETAILED

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SUBJECT:- 501 Italian Smoke Coy - Role.

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6 May 44

G(SD) AAI

Copy to:- 22 AA Bde
MMIA (Main HQ)

In confirmation of conversation Lt Col McQUEEN - WARNER of 5 May.

1. It is requested that early direction is given as to whether the proposed role of 501 Italian Smoke Coy, under coml of 22 AA Bde (NAPLES) is "POT" or "SO" generator discharge.

2. "POTS" (Generator No 24) are used for immediate discharge along the shore at NAPLES, are quicker in action, but cover does NOT last as long as "SO's".

3. "SO's" are sited on the higher ground, are slower in action, but make a thicker screen which lasts longer.

4. Both types have their role, therefore. In order that 22 AA Bde may make a firm plan for 501 Italian Smoke Coy's operational deployment and role, may the above requested ruling please be given so that the Coy may train in the required role as soon as possible.

5. Further, if they are for "POTS", no special training or provision of equipment is required, but, if they are for "SO's", both special training and the provision of the necessary equipment will be necessary.

EPW/MH

(EP WARNER) Lt Col GS
for Maj Gen
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TO 22 AA BDE 66 AA BDE MMIA 10RD (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

FROM PISTHREE	Originator's Number 0991	Date 7	In Reply to Number —

CONFIDENTIAL 501 502 503 Italian ~~Smoke~~ Smoke boys will be trained in use of generators smoke only 0 Fifty generators ~~smoke~~ smoke no 8 may be drawn forthwith under authority AA1 2673 CW of 6 May 0 My 84/6 of 6 May not to all refers
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TO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
LO 31 Corps	66/193	4	

502 Smoke coy departed CROTONE May 3rd. effec. 5 OR. 281 ⊙ Despatched April 30th ⊙ Inspection performance follows.

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(K)

GDA

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Subject:- Smoke Companies

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECQUILE (LECCE)
SD/21
5 May 44

Stato Maggiore R Esercito

Reference your 3235/Ord di prot of 2 May.

1. At present contemplated, the MANTOVA Division will be the only troops stationed in CALABRIA to carry out the programme heretofore outlined. This has been communicated to you several times previously. When troops now performing Missions for the Allies in CALABRIA are removed from CALABRIA for inclusion in the programme, the Missions must be performed by elements of the MANTOVA Div.

2. This HQ has repeatedly requested SMRE to concentrate the MANTOVA Div in CALABRIA in anticipation of the withdrawal of all other troops. After a long period SMRE finally acted. Transportation has been applied for and will be provided in due course.

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm, ACC

CPK.cc

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TRANSLATION

From: SAPE Ref. 3.235 sp/1 b

To: M.M.I.A. File..... Date 2 MAY 1944

Subject: Smoke boys

The 211th Division informs us that the 516th and 543rd regiments ~~under its command and from which has been assigned the drawing~~ dye personnel for ~~[illegible]~~ 504-505-506-507-508-509 smoke corps, should be drawn, has at present the strength of 1350 men, 250 of which are in Reggio Calabria and 450 of which are at Crotone employed for guard duty and labours for the Allied Armies.

Consequently, while the 504-505-506 Corps will be ready (having been drawn from the above-mentioned Regts. and from recalled personnel) by the 10th inst. in order to facilitate the constitution of the remaining three - to be furnished after another three groups as requested - it would be desirable:

1) Settle with urgency, while the above-mentioned services at Reggio and at Crotone should or should not continue to be ~~furnished~~ carried out and by which units of the drawn program.

2) Hasten the transferment to Calabria

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of the Mantova party still in Apulia are
under to make it possible to move some
of the units into large teams to meet O.P. requirements
in view of the departure of units of the
201 Division

2/C of SM

Capt. V.S. Colombini — G.B. OTHIA

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

N. 3835 /Ord. di prot. P.M.151,lì 8 maggio 1944

OGGETTO : Compagnie nebbiogeni.-
Smoke Coys.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.) LEQUILE

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S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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

SD file 215 Per

P.M. 151, 30-4-44

N°3726/Mob. di prot.

OGGETTO: 503^ compagnia nebbiogeni.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.) LEQUILE

Riferimento fonogramma n° SD/593/47 data 28 aprile c.a.-

Acknowledging receipt of fon SD/593/47 dated 28th re 503 Smoke Coy.

Per ricevuta.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

G.B. Oxilia

D/S/Gl.

G. M. R. E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 6-2

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CIPHER SECRET

No. of Groups. GR.

Office Date Stamp 30/4 D151

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TO MMIA

FROM LO 31 Corps

Originator's Number G 6/175 | Date 27 | In Reply to Number SD 546

of April 26 O Soe my
G 6/16 April 25 O Despatched CATAN 7 ARO
0450 hrs 27 April 10 offr 78 ORs O Remaining 7 will
be sent within Two days

Corrected copy. Refer to

This message may be sent As Written by any means
*(except)
(.....) Wireless

Signature.....

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

Signature H Stewart Lt

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 0 92 J

T.H.I. 0910

T.O.R.

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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA | Date-Time of Origin: 28 B | Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: SMRE

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

SD 593 (*) Personal for HE Gen BERARDI (*) URGENT (*) 503 SMRE GOY which is due to leave LATIANO on 29 April for MACEDONIA was visited yesterday and found to be 1 offr and 29 other ranks short of establishment (*) Essential that this Coy entrains with 5 offrs and 221 other ranks (*) Acknowledge

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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Time	924	

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Transmission Instructions

Register No.

CIPHER SECRET

FROM (A) Originator: LO 31 Corps.

Date-Time of Origin: 270900B

TO For Action: MMIA

(W) For information (INFO)

Office Date Stamp: D/51.41

Originator's No.: G6/179 in reply 5D 546 of April 26 @ Sec

Message Instructions — OR —

Ltr G/6/170 April 25 @ Despatched CLANZIRO 04500

21 April 1 Off 38 Ofs @ Remaining 1 will be sent

within two days

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Signed

Signed

Time 0923

THI or TOR 0910

Time cleared

By (Initials)

P.S.R. - 1 - (5000 pads of 100) 11-44.

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Subject:- 501 Smoke Coy

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/21
27 Apr 44

H.E. Chief of Staff, S.M.R.B.

Copy to:- A.A.I.

Your Excellency,

1. This is urgent.

2. On 9 April you were requested to form certain Smoke Companies. You selected for this purpose some units in CALABRIA. On 12 April you advised this HQ that the 501 Smoke Company, being organised at CATANZARO, would be ready to move on 20 April, with the required strength.

3. This Headquarters has been advised that the 501 Smoke Company entrained on 25 April, with 5 officers and 235 OR's. Therefore the company was short 44 OR's.

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5. This is not the first instance where units have been ordered to move, reported ready, and then entrained with a large part of the required personnel absent. Especially is this true in several recent movements in the XXXI Corps.

6. Effectiveness of the Italian Army can be judged only by its prompt response to instructions. To maintain men for a long period of time just to have them absent when ordered to proceed on some mission is a misuse and waste of time, rations, and clothing. To have large numbers of men desert indicates a serious lack of discipline and control. Several times such occurrences have been reported to you, yet they still continue.

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Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm, AGC

GRK

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TO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
LO 716 Gp	66/16	25	

501 SMOKE Coy departed CATANDUANES 1025 hrs 25 April 5 Offs 235 ORs 0 44 still absent without leave. 2 on duty 0 80 escaped night before departure but 36 replaced immediately by reserves held for this purpose 0 Every effort being made to round up absentees 0 Report impressive sections needed to prevent recurrence of absenteism

This message may be sent As Written by any means *(except) (.....) Wireless

Signature.....

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Signature.....

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Urgent

Time of Original 1730

T.H.I. 25/700 B

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 38

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FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date-Time of Origin 21 1040B — Cipher Code Designa.

For Action

TO MMIA to 3d Corps

(W) For information (INFO) — Message Instructions — CR

Originator's No. SA 580 (1) Confidential (2) Army Reports

[illegible] Sup. Contact Cy [illegible] Corps [illegible]

[illegible] Atal [illegible] [illegible] (3) Sup. [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] today

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DELIVERY

IMMEDIATE

Time | By [illegible]

TWX or TOR

Time dispatched

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MESSAGE FORM

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	OUT			

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TO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MMA LO 31 Corps	66/15	25	—

XXXI Corps has NOT yet rec'd any instructions from SMRE about raising six smoke cays additional to 501 and 502 Please signal conveying details of requirements

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Signature.....	Signature.....		T.H.I.

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C O P Y.

File
Ambulances
Sopel

Signal Message.

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From: Moveit

To : (1) Detramiles (2) Superesercito Trasporti (3) MMIA
(4) Mov Brindisi (5) Mov Bari (6) Mov Barletta
(7) Mov Foggia (8) Mov Filpot (9) 71 S-A (10) 151 S-A

Ref:- Mov1/3212 25/4/44.

Confidential (.) 503 Italian Smoke Coy 5 offrs 281 ORs 5 tons baggage move LATIANO to MANFREDONIA by rail 29 Apr (.) Dep in 7 box trucks personnel 1 box baggage on train 7167 at 1340 arr Brindisi 1450 dep tr 56 at 1839 arr Bari 2155 dep with 1 extra box truck for officers tr 8436 at 2245 arr Foggia 0512 dep tr 8605 at 0600 arr Manfredonia 0730 30 Apr(.) ~~Authy~~ Authy Filpot Mov 87 of 22

Copy to "C" for info.

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S/Capt., Q (M).

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COPY. Move of 30/ Smoke Bay

Signal Message.

From: Mov Reggio

To : (1) Movwit (2) DMRS (3) 701 Rly Guard Div Naples (4) RTO Naples Central (5) Mov Filpot (6) Mov 3 Dist (7) 3 Dist (8) 57 Area (9) MMIA

Ref:- Mov A/484

25/4/44.

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Further to my Mov A/470 of 24th (.) Special train departed CATANZARO MARINA 1020 hrs strength Offrs 5 ORs 213 baggage 5 tons (.) Stock 11 covered vans (.) All informed

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Please rule copy of signal as above. The Bay was 68 short of original strength for which movement required - 281 compared with 213

S/Capt., Q (M)

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File 34

SUBJECT:- Smoke Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
SD/13
22 Apr 44

S M R E

1. 501 Italian Smoke Coy will move shortly to NAPLES. On arrival comes under command 3 District for training with 849 British Smoke Coy.

2. 502 Italian Smoke Coy will move shortly to BARI. On arrival comes under command 2 District for training with 847 British Smoke Coy.

3. 503 Italian Smoke Coy will move shortly after 1 May to MANFREDONIA. On arrival comes under command 2 District for training with 848 British Smoke Coy.

ABC

F. Fox Capt
for Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Register stats.

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ACTION SLIP

This slip will NOT be removed

To: G from Movements.

23/4/44

Filpot signal Mov.87 dated 22/4/44 reads :-

FROM FILPOT Mov 87. 22

TO Moveit. MMIA Superesercito Trasporti Info Distwo Mov Foggia Mov Brindisi Delegazione Trasporti Military Bari MMIA LO 31 Corps Fatima for Offenhauer DGMR PBS for MMIA LO.

503 Italian Smoke Coy strength 5 Officers 281 ORs 5 tons baggage move by rail soonest under arrangements from LATIANO to MANFREDONIA . Unit comes under Comd 2 Dist for training with 848 Smoke Coy. AAI SD1359 of 20 and Distwo SD1/589 of 21 neither to all refer. Superesercito instruct del Trasporti Bari contact MOVEIT for details immediately.

G1 to see G Ops

G: JK 23/4

S/Capt.

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Regrets, SD/1.

ACTION SLIP

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To: G From Movements.

23/4/44

FILPOT signal Mov 88 dated 22/4/44 reads :-

To Mov Reggio MMIA Superesercito Trasporti Info Moveit Mov Taranto Tn Distwo MMIA LO 51 Corps Fatima for Offenhauer DMGR PBS for MMIA LO

From Filpot. Mov 88 22/4/44

502 Italian Smoke Coy strength 5 Officers 281 ORs 5 tons baggage will move by rail soonest after 1 May under your arrangements from C R O T O N E to B A R I by ordinary service. Unit comes under Comd 2 Dist for training with 847 Smoke Coy. AAI SD 1359 of20 and Distwo SD/589 of 21 neither to all refer. Superesercito instruct local del Trasporti contact Mov Reggio for details.

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Capt.

Per GI 23/4

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6 Smart Corps

Copia per staff. Bonnabeau

File Bz 31 24th

SMAD SEZIONE - STATO MAGGIORE
UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO - COMANDO VICEREALE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

R. 2775/ord. di prot. ..., 57.11 22 aprile 1944

O.G.G. - T.T.O. : Costituzione compagnie europee.-

Il Comando del Gruppo d'Armate ...

e, per conoscenza:

Al M.N. - Dir. Gen. Personale ...
Al Comando Supremo ...
Allo S.M.E. - Ufficio Collegamento
Allo S.M.E. - Ufficio Operazioni
Allo S.M.E. - Ufficio Stato M.

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I) - Si dispone la costituzione di nei compagnie nazionali da contro agli Alleati.-

II) - Normazioni e mezzi: risultano dall'allegato n° ...-

III) - Personale e mezzi necessari saranno tratti dalle altre divisioni.
Indicativi, località e data di approntamento ed altri elementi relativi alla costituzione dei reparti risultano dallo stato allegato n° 1.
Le compagnie avranno autonomia amministrativa.-
Dovranno essere "pronte a muovere" entro il 10/5-44.-

IV) - Centro di addestramento: Deposito ... Centro di Regio Esercito.

V) - Impiego: gli ufficiali dei ruoli legali ... della divisione, subordinati alla costituzione, delle compagnie in atto, saranno assegnati alla Direzione Generale ... dettati dal Ministero della Guerra per gli ufficiali ...

...

e, per conoscenza:

[illegible]

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I) - Si dispone la costituzione di sei compagnie [illegible] da adire agli ordini.-

II) - Formazioni e organici: risultano dall'allegato n° 1.-

III) - Personale e mezzi necessari saranno tratti dalla [illegible] divisione.
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IV) - Centro di addestramento: [illegible] Campo Calvario.

V) - Personale: gli ufficiali dei diversi rami [illegible] della divisione, [illegible] alla costituzione, [illegible] saranno segnalati alla Direzione Generale [illegible] ufficiali del Ministero della Guerra per gli [illegible] ti.-

VI) - Materiali:
a) armamento: [illegible] l'armamento [illegible] in distribuzione;

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b) [illegible] individuali: quelle avvalendo in distribuzione ai militari destinati di permessi di convalescenza la consistenza del vestiario movimento essere [illegible] urgente di richiesta a questo [illegible] - Ufficio Servizi;

c) [illegible] di materiali di una guarnigione (cuoio ecc.) e mezzi di trasporto risultanti dagli organici allegati.-

VII) - Non appena i reparti saranno "pronti e nuovamente" occorre [illegible] il progetto di [illegible] trasporto a questo [illegible] - Ufficio Servizi Trasporti. Questo ultimo comunicherà gli orari con le [illegible] per l'avviamento e [illegible] dei reparti stessi.

Avvenuto ciascun [illegible] a questo [illegible] i permessi di [illegible] per la concessione dei reparti [illegible] e di [illegible] costituiti.-

VIII) - A prima [illegible], a 12 [illegible] di volontari [illegible] con [illegible] le tre compagnie mobilitanti, per [illegible] è stata disposta la costituzione con [illegible] 741/[illegible] del 10 corrente. [illegible] le [illegible] riportata nell'ordine.-

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
(Gen. G. GAV. [illegible])

S. M. R. E.
UFF. ORD. e MOB.

F. C. C.
[illegible] UFFICIO
(Aldo Chiavarino)

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Allegato A.1 al foglio [illegible]/Gab.Mil [illegible] 28

ORGANICI E ORGANICI PER COMPAGNIA PLOTONE PER A.L.

Comprende:
- comando di cp.
- 2 plotoni mobbiogeni.

	Ufficiali			Sottufficiali		Truppa
	Uff.	Uff.	Sottuff.	Sottuff.	Graduati	Militari
Comando di compagnia						
Comandante (capitano)	1	–	–	–	–	–
Subalterno a disposizione	1	–	–	–	–	–
Ufficiale di collegamento	1	–	–	–	–	–
Sergente maggiore di compagnia	–	1	–	–	–	–
Sottufficiale di contabilità	–	1	–	–	–	–
Scritturali	–	–	(2)	–	–	–
Sottuff. al vettovagliamento e cuochi (di cui un capo per mensa ufficiali)	–	1	6	–	–	–
Autiere	–	–	1	1	–	–
Attendenti	–	–	4	–	–	–
Magazziniere	–	–	1	–	–	–
Addetti al servizio sanitario (di cui 1 graduato)	–	–	3	–	–	–
Staffetta (di cui 1 graduato e 1 soldato)	–	–	3	–	1	–
Totale comando di compagnia	3	2	18	1	1	–
Plotone mobbiogeni						
Comandante	1	–	–	–	–	–
3 squadre mobbiogeni ciascuna su						
- comandante (sergente)	–	1	–	–	–	–
- caporali maggiori	–	–	1	–	–	–
- caporali	–	–	2	–	–	–
- soldati	–	–	1	–	–	–
Totale squadra	–	1	5	–	–	–
Totale plotone con 3 squadre	1	3	15	–	–	–
Riepilogo generale						
Totale di compagnia	3	2	18	1	1	–
2 plotoni mobbiogeni	2	6	30	–	–	–

S.M.

Comandante (maggiore)	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sottufficiale di contabilità	–	–	–	–	–	–
Graduati di [illegible]	–	–	–	–	–	–
Sergente maggiore di compagnia	–	1	–	–	–	–
Sottufficiale di contabilità	–	1	–	–	–	–
Scritturali	–	–	(a)	–	–	–
Sottuff. al vettovagliamento e cuochi (di cui 1 cuoco per mensa ufficiali)	–	1	6	–	–	–
Autiere	–	–	1	1	–	–
Attendenti	–	–	1	–	–	–
Caporalmaggiore	–	–	1	–	–	–
Addetti al servizio sanitario (di cui 1 graduato)	–	–	1	–	–	–
Staffette (di cui 1 graduato e 1 sotuf.)	–	–	1	–	1	1
Totale comando di compagnia	1	1	10	1	1	1
Plotone mobilieri.						
Comandante	–	–	–	–	–	–
3 squadre mobilieri ciascuna su:						
- comandante (sergente)	–	1	–	–	–	–
- caporali maggiori	–	–	1	–	–	–
- caporali	–	–	1	–	–	–
- soldati	–	–	8	–	–	–
Totale squadra	–	1	10	–	–	–
Totale plotone su 3 squadre	1	3	30	–	–	–
Riassunto compagnia:						
Comando di compagnia	1	1	10	1	1	1
2 plotoni mobilieri	2	6	60	–	–	–
Totale	3	7	80	1	1	1
			(b)	(b)	(b)	

(a) - Non deve essere interpretato.
(b) - L'autocarro e la motocicletta saranno forniti a domanda.

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765/B	5 carpenti mobilieri.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sin. ris. lib. della 1ª div.	10	[illegible]	[illegible]
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					Complementi di strumenti di utilità di fortuna mobiliari.	-	80	
					Totale	70	1850	

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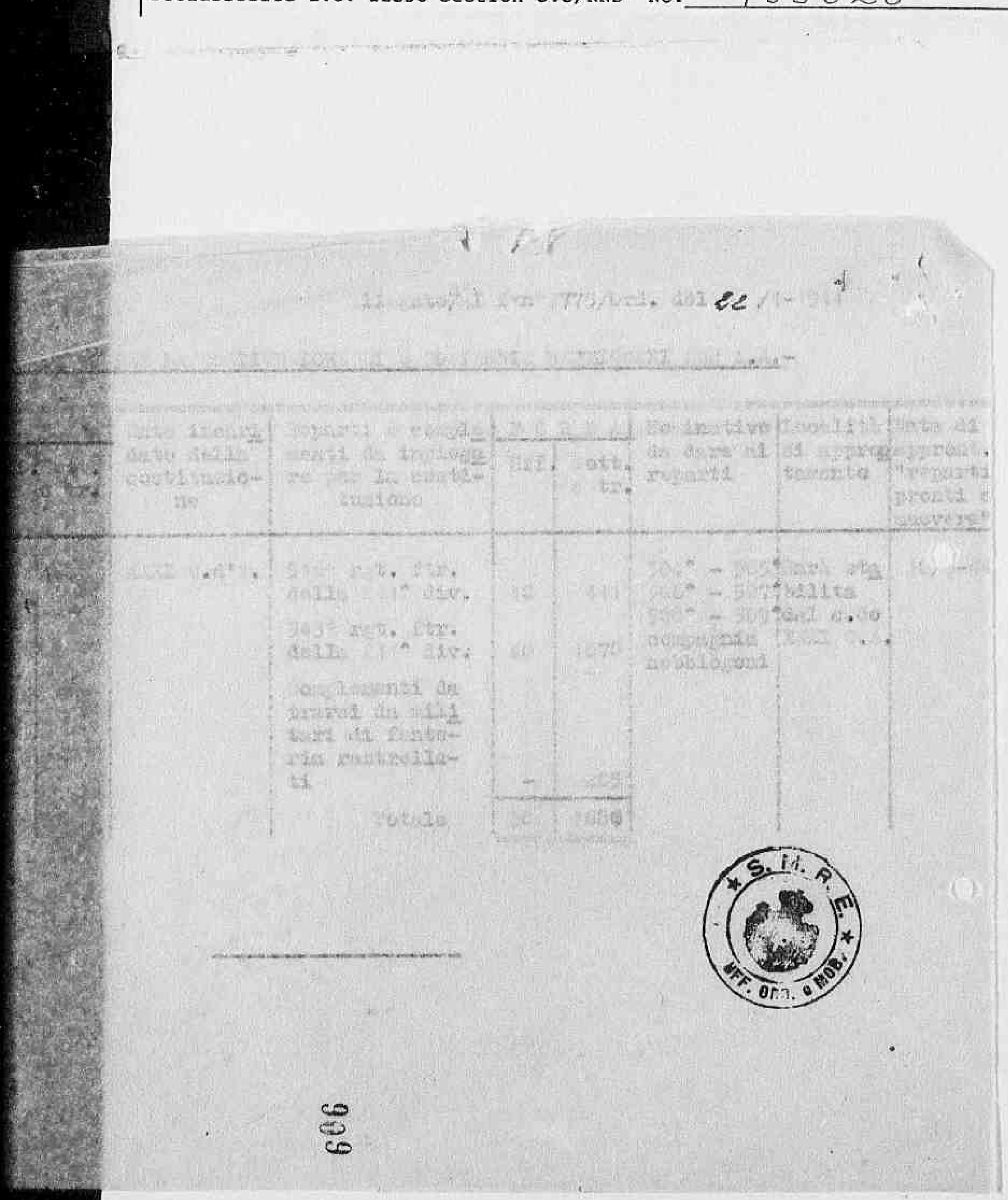

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REGB V LEAR IMPORTANT T MR 982

QVRT

FROM AAI 220915B

TO MEIA

INFO DISTWO AFHQ

QOY GR33

SD1364

CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF MY SD 1359 OF 20 APR (.) 27

FIRST (.) 502 ITALIAN SMOKE COY WILL NOW MOVE

EARLIEST AFTER 1 MAY (.)

SECOND (.) 503 ~~[illegible]~~ ITALIAN SMOKE COY WILL MOVE EARLIEST

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TRT 0935

REPTN ~~LEAR~~ ~~DTP~~ ~~T QVRT 220915 AOY GR33 1364 1359 20 SECRET 502+10~~

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563 MEGB V MEAV IMMEDIATE T QVR2 ~~QKH~~ QQY
FROM DISTWO
TO (1) GSD FILPOT
INFO (2) MMIA
SD1/589
CONFIDENTIAL . REQUEST YOU ORDER MOVE
502 ITALIAN SMOKE COY TO BARI AFTER
1 MAY AND 503 ITALIAN SMOKE COY TO
MANFREDONIA EARLIEST AND NOT
AS STATED IN YOUR SD 1359 OF
20 APR . MY SD1/556 DATED
18 APR REFERS
211655B
RPTN ~~563 2 1 2 1/509 502~~
~~1 503 1359 20 1/556 18~~
~~211655~~
HEC B

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NEGB V HEAV 691 T Q 2

FROM AAI 201530B

TO DTCTHREE

INFO AFHQ [redacted] MMIA

SD1360

CONFIDENTIAL . REF MY SD1299 (25) AND MMIA SD543 (26) BOTH OF 18

APR . ONE ITALIAN SMOKE COY DESIGNATED 501 ITALIAN SMOKE COY

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RPTN 691 B 201530B SD1360 SD1299 SD543 18

SENT LS BB

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SECOND . 503 ITALIAN SMOKE COY LOCATED LATIANO L1423 WILL

MOVE EARLIEST AFTER 1 MAY TO MANFREDONIA TO UNDER COMD

2 DISTRICT FOR TRG WITH 848 BRIT SMOKE COY .

THIRD. STRENGTHS EACH COY OFFRS 5 ORS 261 STORES 5 TONS .

FOURTH. MOVES TO BE UNDER ARRAGEMENTS MOV THIS HQ

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BT201530B

RPTN 691 B 201530B SD1299 SD27056 2 AM 501L1423 1 261 5

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REGD V NEAV 691 T 0 3

FROM AAI 201530B

TO DISTRNEE

INFO AFHQ [redacted] MMIA

SD1360

CONFIDENTIAL . REF MY SD1259 AND MMIA SD545 BOTH OF 18 25 26

APR . ONE ITALIAN SMOKE COY DESIGNATED 501 ITALIAN SMOKE COY

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RPTN ~~691 3 201530B SD1360 SD1259 SD545 18~~

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MEGB V MEAV 690 IMPORTANT CVR 1

FROM AAI 201530B

TO MMIA

INFO DSTWO AFHQ

SD1359 CONFIDENTIAL

FIRST 502 ITALIAN SMOKE COY LOCATED CROTONE Z7058 WILL MOVE EARLIEST TO BARI UNDER COND 2 DISTRICT FOR TRG WITH 347

BRIT SMOKE COY .

SECOND . 503 ITALIAN SMOKE COY LOCATED LATIANO L1423 WILL MOVE EARLIEST AFTER 1 MAY TO MANFREDONIA TO UNDER COMD 2 DISTRICT FOR TRG WITH 848 BRIT SMOKE COY .

THIRD. STRENGTHS EACH COY OFFRS 5 ORS 281 STORES 5 TONS .

FOURTH. MOVES TO BE UNDER ARRAGEMENTS MOV THIS HQ

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RPTH ~~690 201530B SD1359 50Z7058 2 347 50L1423 1 848 281 5~~

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MESSAGE FORM.

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From MMIA

To ANI rptd DISTHREE MMIA LO 31 CORPS
MMIA LO DISTWO FATIMA for OFFENHAUER SMRE

SD549 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Your SD1299 of 18 April (*) 501 SMOKE Coy strength 5 offrs 281 ors 5 tons stores located CATANZARO ready to move NAPLES 20 April (*) 502 located CROTONE Z7058 for BARI and 503 LATIANO L1/23 for MANFREDONIA also ready 20 April (*) 501 and 502 will require boots and clothing at destination

May be sent as written except ( ) wireless

To be sent in Cipher if liable to interception

Cipher Text

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NEXT MESS O M QUR NR 311/18 O SR47 21/18 50/21 26

~~MEGD V MEAV 370 IMPORTANT T QVR 1 QR47~~

FROM AAI

TO M++ MMIA 181045B

INFO DISTHREE AFHQ

SD1299

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ONE ITALIAN SMOKE COY WILL MOVE TO NAPLES EARLIEST TO UNDER COMD 3 DISTRICT FOR TRG WITH 849 SMOKE COY (.) MOVE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV THIS HQ (.) MMIA TO SIGNAL DATE ~~AVAILABLE~~ AVAILABLE STRENGTHS TONNAGE AND LOCATION (.)

COUNTS AGAINST SERIAL 1051C THIRD PRIORIT LIST .

SPTN 376 ~~ZRPTM0370~~ 47 181045B SD1299 3 849 1051c

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WELL CANT ACCEPT IT WITH SECRET ON SRY

NEXT WHEN (1) HOURS NR 462/18 & JB 67

MEMO Y HEAV 992 IMPORTANT QVR 2

FROM DISTWO 181515B

TO (1) GSD FILPOT

INFO (2) MMIA (3) GSD 3 DISTRICT (4) 6 BASE SUB AREA

(5) 151 SUB AREA (6) MOVEIT (7) Q

SD1/556 CONFIDENTIAL (.)

REF YOUR SD1199 DATED 13 APR NOT. TO ALL (.) CAN ACCEPT SMOKE

COYS AS FOLLOWS (.) 848 BRIT SMOKE COY

MANFREDONIA NOW (.) 847 BRIT SMOKE COY BARI AFTER 1 MAY

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RPTN 992 181515B CX PO CS 6 6 181 SD1/556

SD1199 13 848 847 182030

SENT LS BB

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ARMY POWER SYSTEM

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 22/16

Call: DEFT UNDER | Sel. No.: 394/16 | Priority: | Transmission Instructions: Pm QRRG

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OFFICE DATE STAMP.

FROM (A) Originator: DISTHREE | Date-Time of Origin: 161315 B

TO: GSD AAI. 57 AREA . For Action 22 AA BDE.
MMIA 227 ITALIAN COASTAL DIV
(W) For information (INFO)
COPY TO Q MOV

Message Instructions | GE — 56

Originator's No.
SD673 O CONFIDENTIALO first oore italian smoke coy is to be placed under comd Disthree for trp designation not yet known O On arrival comes under comd 22 AA BDE for trp with 849 BRIT SMOKE COY NAPLES and for adm 57 AREA through 227 ITALIAN COASTAL DIVO Secondo for GSD AAI unit can be accepted at once

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TO MMIA ytd P.D.S. for MMIA LO

FROM AAI			Originator's Number SD 632	Date 17	In Reply to Number
Secret ⊙	Ref SD	5361 of 16	13 Ap 6	Agree	serial
should be	1051 B				

This message may be sent As Written by any means *(except) (.....) Wireless Signature.....	This message must be sent In Cipher if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands Signature	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time of Origin 1645B 1900 T.H.I 171712B T.O.R.

* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including"

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
APO [illegible] (INDIA)
SD/21
15 Apr 44

SECRET

Copy to: MMIA No 31 Corps
MMIA No 2 District

SUBJECT:- Formation of Indian Coys

Further to our letters SD/19 of 9 and 12 Apr, and SD/21 of ~~[illegible]~~ 14 Apr ~~[illegible]~~

1. Herewith copy of War Establishment ID/172/1 on which the mine Coys are to be formed.

2. Please ensure that the Coys are organised as shown and that the necessary officers, NCOs and technicians are included.

3. These units are to be included in the Priority list as Serial 1031B.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/27/G(SD1)

11 Apr 44

Subject :- Italian Smoke Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC

Reference the formation of nine Italian Smoke Coys.

1. Herewith attached is a copy of NA/172/1 on which these Coys are required to be formed.

2. It is pointed out that these Coys are British diluted Units.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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WA/172/1

RESTRICTED

Effective Date 21 October 1943

Amdt No.	-
Date	21 Oct 43
Officers	3
O. Rs.	284
Total	287
Vehs	1
Trailers	-
M. C.	1

ITALIAN PIONEER COMPANY, NORTH AFRICA

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Headquarters (British)	Italians: Headqtrs	Italians: Pen Secs (each)	Italians: Total	Total, Italian Pioneer Coy, North Africa
Captains	(a)1	1		1	2
Subaltern		1		1	1
Total Officers	1	2		2	3
Company Sergeant-Major		1		1	1
Company quartermaster-sergeant		1		1	1
Sergeants	1	(b)1	1	11	12
Total, warrant offrs, colour sgts and sergeants	1	3	1	13	14
Corporals	1	(b)1	2	21	22
Lance-corporals		1	2	21	21
Privates	1	16	21	226	227
Total, rank and file	2	18	25	268	270
Total, other ranks	3	21	26	281	284
Total, Italian pioneer company, North Africa	4	23	26	283	287

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Tradesmen					
Clerks (includes 1 British corporal for pay duties)	1	(c)2		2	3
Cooks (includes 1 for officer's mess)		7		7	7
Total, tradesmen	1	9		9	10
Non-tradesmen					
Batmen		2		2	2
Driver I.C.	1				1

Subaltern		1		1	1
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Non-tradesmen					
Batmen		2		2	2
Driver I.C.	1				1
Storeman		1		1	1
Sanitary dutymen		3		3	3
Orderlies (includes 1 Lance-corporal for postal duties		3		3	3
General dutymen			25	250	250
Total, non-tradesmen	1	9	25	259	260
Total, rank and file	2	18	25	268	270

(iii) Transport

Bicycle	1
Motor-cycle, solo(for British Officer)	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	1

(iv) Weapons

Pistols, .38 inch	1
Rifles, .303 "	2
Machine carbines	1

(a) Liaison Officer, (b) Cook (c) Includes 1 Interpreter.

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MOPEA PER CAPITANO RAUSANI

2829 Comm. 13-4-44

T E L E G R A M M A

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DA COMANDO XXXI CARM

AT SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO

AT SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI

N° 05/1590 ALT. RISPOSTA TELE SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO 2743/ORD. 10 APRILE ET TELE 2786/ORD. 11 APRILE ALT. APPRONTAMENTO COMPAGNIE NEBBIOGENI 501ª ET 502ª IMPONE DISIMPEGNO ET RACCOLTA PERSONALE 211ª DIVISIONE ADETTO SERVIZI VARI ET MANOVALANZA NONCHE' RECUPERO ELEMENTI DI SPECIALITA' CHIMICA ADDETTI VARI MAGAZZINI ALT. AVVISO INOLTRE CHE 114 ELEMENTI DOVRANNO ESSERE TRATTI DA CAMPO RIORDINAMENTO RASTRELLATI IN NICASTRO ALT. PERTANTO COMPAGNIE PREDETTE NON POTRANNO ESSERE PRONTE A PARTIRE PRIMA GIORNO 20 CORRENTE ALT. RICHIEDO PER TALE DATA SEGUENTI TRASPORTI (:) 501ª COMPAGNIA DA CATANZARO MARINA ET 502ª COMPAGNIA DA CROTONE, CIASCUNA SU UFFICIALI 6 DI CUI 4 IN SOLO ACCOMPAGNAMENTO, TRUPPA 281 ET 3 TONNELLATE MATERIALE ALT. GENERALE CORONATI = 2245120444 =

Information of smoke cos 501 and 502 regarding disemployment and collection of personnel of 211th already employed on labour and other jobs as well as the collection of specialists in chemicals employed on various depots. In addition 114 men will have to be collected from Reorg. Camp at NICASTRO. Thus these cos will not be ready to leave until 20

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Smoke Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (SMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SD/21
14 Apr 44

S M R E

Copy to:- MMIA LO 31 CORPS
MMIA LO 2 District

Ref our SD/19 of 12 April.

1. Authority is granted for each Coy to have five offrs as originally ordered.

2. The first three Coys will go to NAPLES, BARI and MANFREDONIA.

3. Please forward strengths, locations etc as soon as possible so that rail transport may be applied for.

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Major Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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COPIA PER CAPITANO BAUMANN

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DA COMANDO XXXI CARM

AT SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO

AT SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI

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Opt requested for the date: 500 Cay from CATANZARO, PATRINA and 502 Cay from CROWNE each cay 8/6 offs (only four of these will be accompanying Hq), 281 ORs and 3 tons stores

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File on Sicilia file

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FONOGRAMMA IN PARTENZA 14 APRILE 1944

DA SUPERTRASPORTI

AT M.M.I.A. LEQUILE (fono a mano)

e, per conoscenza:

AT COMANDO XXXI° CORPAMILES CATANZARO (telegrammadi stato)

N.2421/T/F ALT RICHIEDESI AUTORIZZAZIONE PER EFFETTUAZIONE TRASPORTI SEGUENTI REPARTI SEMIALT 501^ COMPAGNIA NEBBIOGENI DA SCALO CATANZARO MARINA ET 502^ COMPAGNIA NEBBIOGENI DA SCALO CROTONE PRONTE PARTIRE GIORNO 20 CORRENTE PER SCALO CHE DESIGNERA' CODESTA M.M.I.A. ALT FORZA CIASCUNA COMPAGNIA 6 UFFICIALI 281 TRUPPA ET 3 TONNELLATE MATERIALI ALT

Please authorise Tp. following units: 501 Smoke Coy. from Catanzaro and 502 Smoke Coy from Crotone both ready to leave 20th inst. bound for destination to be ordered by MMIA. ⊙ Strength each Coy. 6 off. 281 OR's and 3 tons baggage.

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SUPERTRASPORTI

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito - Ufficio Trasporti

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From. SMRE Mdn.

Ref. 2160/Ord.

To: ~~M.M.I.A.~~ Circular File..... Date 10.4.44

Subject.....

Further to and partially amending our 2743/Ord. dated 10th inst. ⊙ Establishment each ~~Sm~~ Smoke Coy is 2 off and 281 OR's ⊙ Coys will be ready to move 18th. inst. even if not repeat NOT fully clothed ⊙ Indent for clothing and kit equipment will nevertheless be placed with SMRE SERVICES urgent ⊙ Completion of ~~equipment~~ clothing 501 & 502 Coys will be issued Calabria or after move at destination ⊙ ~~Repeat~~ Confirm same means that personnel is ready.

DA/GI

COPIA PER A/C.C.

ESERCITO

DA SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO

AL COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA (telegramma)
AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA (telescritto)
AL COMANDO LX CORPO D'ARMATA (telescritto)
AL COMANDO CARPI RICONDIZIONAMENTO (a mano)

Smoke Corps

Nº 2750/Ord. seguito et parziale modifica tele 2743/Ord. data 10 corrente questo Superesercito alt Organico ciascuna compagnia nebbiogeni est 2 ufficiali et 281 sottufficiali et truppa alt Compagnie dovranno essere pronte a partire giorno 16 corrente anche se non dicesi non completate vestiario alt Richiesta vestiario et materiali uso generale sia però inoltrata d'urgenza at questo Superesercito Servizi alt Completamento vestiario per 50% at 50% cp. mark fatto in Calabria oppure at trasferimento avvenuto in zona arrivo alt Confermate stesse norme approvvigionamento personale alt Superesercito Ordinamento = 1230110444 =

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

Nº /Ord. di prot. P.M.151,11 aprile 1944

AL COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 114
AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 894
AL COMANDO LX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 410
AL COMANDO CARPI DI RIORDINAMENTO P.M. 107

e, per conoscenza :

AL S.M. - DIREZ.GEN.PERS.UFFICIALI P.M. 847
ALLO S.M.E. - UFFICIO OPERAZIONI 5 5 0 5
ALLO S.M.E. - UFFICIO SERVIZI 5 5 0 5
ALLO S.M.E. - UFFICIO TRASPORTI 5 5 0 5

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..... a conferma del sopra riportato telescritto.-

IL COMANDANTE DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Nº 2760/Ord. Seguito et parziale modifica telo 2743/Ord. data 10 corrente questo Superesercito alt Organizzo distacca compagnia mobilitazioni ent 2 ufficiali et 281 sottufficiali et truppa alt Compagnia dovrebbe essere pronte a partire giorno 18 corrente anche se non diessi non completate vestiario alt Richiesta vestiario et materiali uso generale sia però inoltrata d'urgenza at questo Superesercito Servizi alt Completamento vestiario per 501ª et 502ª cp. sarà fatto in Calabria oppure at trasferimento avvenute in zona arrivo alt Confermate stesso mezzo approntamento personale alt Superesercito Ordinamento = 12301 10444 =

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

Nº /Ord. di prot. P.M.151,11 aprile 1944

AL COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 114
AL COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 89
AL COMANDO LI CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 410
AL COMANDO CAMPI DI RIORDINAMENTO P.M. 87

e, per conoscenza :

AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.PERS.UFFICIALI P.M. 147
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO OPERAZIONI " " "
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI " " "
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO TRASPORTI " " "

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...... a conferma del sopra riportato telescritto.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di div. G.B. Grillis)

F. C. C.
IL TEN.COL. DI S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(Luigi Millefiorini)

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C2128. (Pads of 100).

Serial No. 50/19 4/14

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEFT-ME48 (P) M MR232/14 QQX	No. of Groups. GR. 18	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		

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TO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AAI	SD1209	13	

RESTRICTED	@ Your SD 533 of 12	Afr @ Fwie	offrs for	coy	
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TIME OF ORIGIN 1824 58

T.H.I.

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From MMIA TOO 121440 B

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To AAI THI
rptd FLAMBO

SD 533 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref your SD 1163 of 10 (.) SMRE request permission to have five offrs per coy (.) Recommended in view of your SD 1173 of 11 April and recent difficulties (.) Coys will be formed from two chemical units and 211 Coastal Div

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SUBJECT : Italian Smoke Coys.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/27/G(SD1)

11 Apr 44

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Reference the attached copy of AFHQ letter AG 091.711-1 (Italian) C-C dated 26 Mar 44.

Will you please authorise Districts to make available the controlled signal stores, listed in paras 3 and 4 of the above letter, to Italian Smoke Coys which may be placed under their cond by AFHQ.

for Brigadier,
General Staff.

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AMI Adm Bch (less enclosure)
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Date
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/27/G(SD1)

// Apr 44

G(SD) AAI Adm Ech

Reference this HQ 1605/50/6/G(SD1) of 3 Apr.

1. MMLA have now advised that the first three coys can be despatched promptly for training with the three Brit Smoke Coys.

2. Please arrange for the equipment, excepting controlled signal stores, listed in paras 3 and 4 of AG 091.711-1 (Italian) G-O dated 26 Mar 44, four further copies of which are forwarded herewith, to be available for the Italian coys, and advise us when it is available so that the coys may be called fwd.

3. Copies of AFHQ letter are being forwarded to 1 District, 2 District, 3 District and PBS for information.

for Brigadier,
General Staff.

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to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/27/G(SD1)

1 District (7)
2 District (7)
3 District (7)
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MILITARY MISSION. // Apr 44

Date _____

to

Reference the attached copy of AFHQ letter AG 091.711-1 (Italian) G-O dated 26 Mar 44.

1. The first three coys are now ready and will shortly be ordered to move to the Brit Smoke Coys for training.

2. Arrangements are being made for the equipment listed in paras 3 and 4 to be available.

3. It is NOT yet known under whose cond AFHQ intend the Italian coys to be placed when trained but all concerned will be notified when this is known.

4. 2 and 3 Districts will report by signal dates Italian Coys can be accepted at BARI, MANFREDONIA, NAPLES.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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AAI Adm Ech (4) (less enclosures)
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 091.711-1 (Italian) C-O

26 March 1944

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Smoke Coys.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. The formation of nine (9) Italian smoke companies, to be composed of Italian personnel organised on a War Establishment of a normal Italian labor company, has been agreed by this headquarters. It is requested that arrangements be made for the formation of these companies, three at a time. The first group of three to be formed immediately and the remaining two groups of three companies at intervals of three weeks.

2. In order that these companies may be trained in smoke duties they should be attached for a period of three weeks to the following companies :-

847 British Smoke Company - BARI
848 British Smoke Company - ALTAFREDONIA
849 British Smoke Company - NAPLES

It is believed that during this period of training the Italian companies will gain valuable experience if allowed to "double bank" the British companies on the inner ring.

3. During the training period the companies will require the following equipment in excess of War Establishment N./172/1 :-

Bicycles	3
Motorcycles	2
Trucks 3-ton 4 x 2	3

4. When these Italian smoke companies are actually employed on smoke duties, the following eqpt or such portions as may be required, will be made available on a temporary basis by the appropriate Base Section or District in which the company is operating :-

Bicycles	3
Motorcycles	2
P.U.	1
Truck 3-ton 4 x 2	3
Telephone D Mk V	12
Switch Boards	1
Cable D8	12 miles
Pistols, Signal	12
Cartridges, (Signal) Red, White, Green	) as required) Initial issue of 50 each.
Pliers, sidecutting 6"	12
Tape, insulating	

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Cartridges, (Signal)	)	as required
Red	)	Initial issue of
White		50 each.
Green		
Pliers, sidecutting 6"	12	
Tape, insulating	)	as required
Whistles	12	
Watches	3	
Torches, hand	100	with 50% spare batteries
Lamps, Hurricane	20	

5. A small British cadre of one Officer and two ORs will be provided, but to prevent the efficiency of the units from deteriorating over long periods of inactivity, high grade Italian personnel should be employed. The British cadre will be provided from North Africa. It is desired that you notify this headquarters of the date and location to which the first three and subsequent cadres report.

6. Captain MANLETTA'S name has been suggested as a suitable person to be placed in charge of the companies. He may be contacted through No 2 District.

7. The first company formed and trained should be employed immediately on the NAPLES defences to replace the company withdrawn for duty with Fifth Army.

By command of General WILSON:

Sgd. J.L.TARR,
Colonel, GD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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From MMIA

To AAI rptd FLAMBO

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SD525 (°) CONFIDENTIAL (°) Your SD1163 of tenth (°) Request you allot serials for all and notify destinations of first three

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TO AFHQ info MMIA.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AAI	SD 1168	77	—

SECRET ⊙ Your AG 091 211' one Italian cd of 26th March ⊙ First ⊙ First three coys ready to refit for training ⊙ Request you despatch British cadre to refit to 847 848 and 849 British smoke coys ⊙ Remaining cadres required at intervals of three weeks for each group three cadres ⊙ Am inserting in list from at serial 692 A ⊙ Secret ⊙ Request your give disposal instns for coys when trained

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TO MMIA INFO FLAMBO

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FROM AAI	Originator's Number SD1173	Date 11	In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL O Further my SD1163 of 10 apr O AFHQ
Request that personnel be of high grade

Col KERR with his dentist expln
on list

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Smoke Coys

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
SD/19
12 APR 44

S M R E

Copy to:- MMIA LO 31 Corps
MMIA LO 2 District

Ref our SD/19 of 9 Apr.

Para 3 should be amended to read as follows:-

"Each Coy is to consist of 2 officers and 281 other ranks, and will have a small British Cadre of 1 officer and 2 other ranks attached."

ABC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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TO MMIH INFO FLAMBO

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Subject:- Formation of Smoke Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LE QUILE (LNCOE)
HD/19
1 Apr 44

S M R E
copy to MMIA LO 31 Corps
MMIA LO 2 District

Confirming information passed to you by Capt BAUMANN this morning:-

1. You are requested to form Nine (9) Smoke Coys for employment with the Allies.

2. Three are required as soon as possible and the remaining two groups of three companies at intervals of three weeks.

3. Each company is to consist of 5 officers and 209 other ranks, and will have a small British Cadre of 1 officer and 2 other ranks attached.

4. Each company should be organised to operate independently and should be fully equipped with light tentage and household equipment.

5. In order to speed up delivery of the first three companies, Allied HQs have been informed by signal that they can be moved promptly and deficiencies of clothing made up at destination.

6. Please advise this HQ as soon as possible of the designations and locations of the first three companies selected and of the clothing etc that will be required on arrival.

7. Destinations and movement instructions will follow. 870

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

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MESSAGE FORM

Tele SD/19

From MAIA TOO 09 1350 B 29 23

To AAI Rptd FLAMBO THI

~~Rptd~~ DISTWO FATIMA for OBFENHAUER

SD 515 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Your SD 1145 of 8 April (.) The nine coys will be formed mainly from 211 Div located REGGIO CALABRIA (.) first three can be despatched promptly when destinations notified but will require some equipping at destination

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TO MMA INFO FLAMBO DISTINO

FROM AAI — Originator's Number SD 1145 — Date — In Reply to Number

Confidential @ AFHQ require us to form nine italian smoke coys each of 5 offrs 209 ORS @ First group of three coys to be formed immediately remaining two groups of three coys at intervals of three weeks @ AFHQ suggest capt MARLETTA as suitable CO for coys @ Can be contacted through 2 district @ Small brit cadre strength 1 offr 2 ORS each coy will be provided @ Coys when formed will be attached BRIT SMOKE COYS @ Request your original earliest date

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first three coys can be made available

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