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SD/20/2 ORG of SMOKE UNITS 1st Cover
Opened Sept. 14, 1944 - Closed Mar. 24, 1945
Sept. 1944 - Mar. 1945

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGCT
TO : DISTRICT THREE
INFO : MMIA: DISTRICT 1
REF : FX 50173

261707A

SECRET

ROUTINE

REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WATSON- SHAUGHNESSY (.)
ADVANCE PARTY 4 ITALIAN TC COMPANY 1 OFFICER 51 OR WILL
MOVE BY ROAD IN OWN TRANSPORT FROM O T T A I A N O TO
A N C O N A EARLIEST (.) PARA (.)
BALANCE PERSONNEL BY RAIL WEEK 26 MARCH- 1st APRIL (.)
UNIT PASSES FROM UNDER COMMAND DISTRICT 3 TO UNDER COMMAND
OF DISTRICT 1 FOR ALL PURPOSES

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action Copy: SD/20
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en. 28 Mar 45

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Subject: Disbandment of Units - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
Q/74

9 Mar 45.

A.F.H.Q. (G-1 Br)

Ref your CR/1074/G-1(Br)(Ser. 1718) of 24 Mar 45.

1. The disposal of equipment and transport will be effected in accordance with para 3 thereof with the exception of Italian equipment and transport concerning which this HQ will instruct the War Ministry.
2. It is much easier if Italian equipment etc, is handled by the Italian Authorities. The greater part of clothing and equipment of BRIT service tps is Italian owned and controlled and if transferred to Br Ord has to be handed over to the Italian Army with the resultant double handling.
3. It is requested that this amendment to your instructions be notified to all concerned and incorporated in future orders regarding the disbandment of Italian Army Units.

RAG/wk

F. J. NOAKES.
F. J. NOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: GSD MMIA
HQ Fifth Army (for Br Iner)
HQ 3 District

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MMIA	19
File Ref	3
Date Recd	SD/20
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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Units - BR-III

SECRET

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

SD/20
8 Mar 45.

TO : Min of War.

507, 509 & 510 ITALIAN PIONEER SMOKE COYS
46 ITALIAN INCREMENT TO 697 ARTISAN WORKS COY

1. The under mentioned Units will be disbanded as shown:-

Unit	W.E.	Effective Date	Supervisory Authority
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
46 Italian Incr to 697 Artisan Wks Coy	CM/303/1	1 Mar 45	Br Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army.
507 Italian Pnr Smoke Coy	CM/335/1	-do-	HQ No 3 District- TRANI
509 -do-	-do-	-do-	-do- TRANI
510 -do-	-do-	-do-	-do- TRANI

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) The personnel of 46 Italian Increment to 697 Artisan Wks Coy will be used to reinforce existing BR-III Italian Engr Coys under 237 Div and/or 228 Div.
- (b) The personnel of the Smoke Coys will be incorporated in new Italian Transport Coys now under-going training at TRANI vide MIA letter SD/20 dated 17 Feb 45 and SD 6/1 dated 2 Mar 45.
- (c) Please issue the necessary instructions to effect the above.

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(a) British vehicles

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1. The under mentioned Units will be disbanded as shown:-

Unit	W.I.	Effective Date	Supervisory Authority
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
46 Italian Incor to 597 Artisan Wks Coy	CM/803/1	1 Mar 45	Br Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army.
507 Italian Par Smoke Coy	CM/835/1	-do-	HQ No 3 District- TRANI
509 -do-	-do-	-do-	-do- TRANI
510 -do-	-do-	-do-	-do- TRANI

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) The personnel of 46 Italian Incorment to 597 Artisan Wks Coy will be used to reinforce existing BR-ITI Italian Engr Coys under 237 Div and/or 228 Div.
- (b) The personnel of the Smoke Coys will be incorporated in new Italian Transport Coys now under-going training at TRANI vide IMIA letter SD/20 dated 17 Feb 45 and SD 6/1 dated 2 Mar 45.
- (c) Please issue the necessary instructions to effect the above.

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

- (a) British vehicles and British equipment will be returned to Ordnance under instructions to be issued by:-
- Br Incr 5 Army or
3 District
as is appropriate.
- (b) Italian equipment will be returned to Italian Stock under instructions to be issued by you: Details of all such handed in will be reported to HQ IMIA.

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Sheet 2

4. POSTAL

- (a) 507, 509 & 510 It. Pioneer Smoke Coys.
All post for a/mentioned coys will be blocked at TRANI Post Office. TRANI Camp will be responsible for collection from TRANI Post Office and will re-address letters until official notification of new unit is made by personnel.
- (b) 46 It. Increment to 697 Artisan Works Coy.
All post for a/mentioned unit will be blocked at P.M. 900. 229 Div and 231 Div will be responsible for forwarding nominal rolls of personnel with new Unit address to P.M. 900 for re-addressing by same.

5. COMPLETION

Report when disbandments are complete.

tvf.

Copy to: MMIA LC Br Iner 5 Army.
" " 3 Dist.
" " 54 Area.

Sigs BARLETTA for O'Donnell.
CI Br A.C.

3 District (ref your 104/116 A dated 6 Mar 45 addressed
Internal: RE: A: Q(AE): Q(OS): ST: LAB
MA for C.C.C.

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S. Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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As you rightly
gauged paras

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the front part.

Am checking up
new paras

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Units - Italian Army

SECRET

3 District
Tel. 5-1-24
104/116 A
6 Mar 45

PA 5. Area
C-30
C-45
ST
D-1
Labour
250 Italian Div
104/116 A
104/116 A
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
AC(321A).

507, 509 & 510 Italian Div Single Copy

Reference attached copies of AFHQ CP/104/51 (3r) (Serial 716) dated 2 Mar 45.

1. Disbandment of the a/n units, with effect from 1 Mar 45, will be effected under your supervision.
2. Transport and equipment will be disposed of under the direction of G(AB) and DROS 3 District.
3. Completion reports will be rendered in triplicate to this HQ.

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AM/JAN

Outgoing
for 104/116 A
104/116 A

See folio 20.

17 letter should go

Copy to 3 Dist of your

104/116 A of 6 Mar

addressed 52 Area

MM 1 A	AP 8/3
FILE REF	50/20
Date Recd	11

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units - Italian Army

Bv. D.C.

SECRET

Min of War

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C-3/1074/C-1 (E.O.) (Ser. 1718-17)
2 Mar 45.

507, 509 & 510 ITALIAN PIONEER SMOKE COYS
46 ITALIAN INCREMENT TO 697 ARTIZAN WORKS COY.

1. The under mentioned Units will be disbanded as shown:-

Unit	W.E.	Effective Date	Supervisory Authority
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
46 Italian Inor to 697 Artizan Wks Coy	CM/803/1	1 Mar 45	Br. Inor HQ Fifth (US) Army.
507 Italian Pnr Smoke Coy.	CM/635/1		HQ No.3 District - TRANI
509	-do-	-do-	-do-
510	-do-	-do-	-do-

2. PERSONNEL

(a) The personnel of 46 Italian Increment to 697 Artizan Works Coy will be used to reinforce existing Italian Engr Coys under British Control in 45 Army Group, 231 Div and/or 318 Div.

(b) The personnel of the Smoke Coys will be incorporated in new Italian Transport Coys now undergoing training at TRANI. *See VHA 6th*

(c) Instructions for the disposal of personnel will be issued by Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (Mila). *See necessary instructions to*

(d) Will be handed in to Ordnance in accordance with instructions to be issued by the Supervisory Authorities.

(e) A list of all vehicles returned will be sent to Q (AE), AFHQ, CMF and Q (AE)4, GHQ MEF, showing:-

(i) W.D. Numbers
(ii) Type
(iii) Make
(iv) To whom returned.

4. POSTAL

Attention is directed to GRC 683/43, copy att.

5. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G-1 (B), in 1 section, AFHQ, **1106**
disbandments are complete.

6. ACK

Br. Iner HQ Fifth
(US) Army.

1 Mar 45

Cay 803/1

46 Italian Iner to

697 Artizan Wks Coy

507 Italian Par

Smoke Coy.

509 -do-

510 -do-

Cay 835/1

-do-

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HQ No. 3 District - TRAMI

-do-

-do-

-do-

2. PERSONNEL

(a) The personnel of 46 Italian Increment to 697 Artizan Works Coy will be used to reinforce existing Italian Engr Coys under British Control in 45 Army Group. 231 Div and 218 Div.

(b) The personnel of the Smoke Coys will be incorporated in new Italian Transport Coys now undergoing training at TRAMI. *new 101st Airborne*

(c) Instructions for the disposal of personnel will be issued by Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (AFSA). *new*

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(a) Will be handed in to Ordnance in accordance with instructions to be issued by the Supervisory Authorities.

(b) A list of all vehicles returned will be sent to Q (AE), AFHQ, CEF and Q (AE) 4, CHQ MEF, shewing:-

(i) W.D. Numbers
(iii) Make

(ii) Type

(iv) To whom returned.

4. POSTAL

Attention is directed to GRC 683/43, copy att.

5. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G.4(D), n.4 Section, AFHQ, CEF. Disbandments are complete.

6. ACK

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Field-Marshal
Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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M71 AND B1 Iner 5th Army

3 Div

SA Area

Site Barletta for O'Donnel

RE. A. Q. Q(AE) Q(OS) ST. Lab. G1 Br A.C.

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DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (S.D.2.)

CHQ AEF

CG 15 Army Group

CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br. Incr) 9 x

HQ Eighth Army

HQ No.1 District

HQ No.2 District

HQ No.3 District

CHQ 2nd Echelon

CHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)

Land Forces Sub Commission

Allied Commission (MIA)

No. 9 Publications Depot, RASC

No.10 Publications Depot, RASC

No. 8 Command Pay Office

Signalmaster CASERIA

* Incl copy for unit concerned and
distribution as necessary.

G.1(E) A.9. (2)
G.1(E) A.10. (2)
+++ C.3(Org.2) (Manpower) (2)
G.3(Org.2) (ORBAT) (2)
G.3(Org.4) Foreign (3)
Q. (Maint) (3)
Q. (A.E.) (3)
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Engrs (3)
Ord (Br) (3)
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F.A. (3)
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A.D.P.S.3. (3)
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Historical Sec (2)
War Diary (2)
M & D (2)

+++ ASD/922.8(B) dated 23 Feb 45
ASD/922.8(B) dated 24 Feb 45
refer.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

DATE

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TIME

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12.30

TO (FOR ACTION) SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL.

TO (FOR INFO) 3 DISTRICT. MMIA TO 3 DISTRICT. MMIA TO 54 AREA.
MINISTRY OF WAR.

ORIG NO

SD 2348

CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

REF MMIA SD/20 OF 17 FEB PARA 2 AND MMIA TO DISTRICT HL 212 OF 17

FEB (.) SMOKE COY RPTS WILL BE ALLOTTED AS FOLLOWS (.) 502 COY

BAKI 20 (.) 508 COY BRITISH 52 (.) ALL INFORMED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

[Signature]

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FROM: MMIA IO DISTHREE

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IO : MMIA

INFO: BARLETTA SIGS OFFICE FOR O'DONNELL

HL 212

AMEND MY 3DLO/6 of 11 TO READ (.) 502 COY BARI 20 DEFICIENCIES (.) 508 COY
BRINDISI 52 DEFICIENCIES

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SD DIST.: SD/20 (Action Copy)

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SUBJECT: Rfts - Italian Smoke Corps

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
SD/20
17 Feb 45.

To : WMIA LO NAPLES.

copy to: 3 Dist:) Ref WMIA SD/20
WMIA LO 3 Dist:) dated 17 Feb 45.
Ministry of War)
LAL.

1. Please screen arrivals for 103 suitable rfts for 506 Smoke
Coys. CANCELLLO and arrange now on completion with WMIA LO 3 Dist.

tnn.

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

Rgn

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SUBJECT: AFSA - Italia Smoke Coys.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.S.I.A.)
SD/28
17 Feb 45.

To : Capt. O'DONNELL, Sigc Office BARBETTA.

copy to: 3 Distr
MIA LO 3 Distr
MIA LO 54 Area
Ministry of War.
LAE.

Ref MIA LO 3 Dist letter 3 DLO/6 of 11 Feb 45.

1. 507 and 509 Smoke Coys are moving from ANZIO to TOLKI during the week 19-25 Feb under arrangements made by AFHQ.
2. On arrival these coys will be broken up to provide div trainees and also rfts for Smoke Units as follows: -

502 Smoke Coy	BRINDISI	=	20
508 " "	BARI	=	80

Please arrange local rev as necessary.

3. Rfts for 506 Smoke Coy CANTALLO will be provided from AFRAGOLA as available.

tva.

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

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R.A.

Subject:- Rfts - Italian Smoke Coys.

3DLO/6
11 Feb 45.

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

Copy: MMIA LO TRANI Base Rft Depot.
MMIA LO 54 Area.
Lab (your 3Dis/279/L of 10 Feb refers)

SD/20

1. Since it is understood that 507 and 509 Italian Smoke Coys are proceeding to TRANI Base Rft Depot for disbandment Lab 3 District have applied to have a proportion of the smoke trained personnel posted to existing smoke units which have deficiencies as follows:-

Unit.	Location.	Deficiencies.
502 Italian Smoke Coy.	BARI BRINDISI ?	20
506 " " "	CANCELLO	103
508 " " "	BARI BRINDISI ?	52

It is pointed out that both 503 and 508 Coys are still operating circuits and that 506 Coy may be required for operational work.

2. May a descision please be given in this matter.

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Lab.

Recommendations please

If units are to be disbanded, Suggest that personnel be used for reinforcements in respect of all Smoke Coys.

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

as they are trained in smoke duties.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : N 136/7
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : AFHQ
To : action JUSTINE
info MIND DISTANCE

Date/Time Rec'd : 07/11/30
Date/Time Sent :
Reference NR : FX 22369
Cite : FHCT

SECRET @ signed SAC @ Your SD4 of 11th FEB
refers @ arrangements being made to move 507 and
509 ITALIAN SHORE COX to TRANI weeks 18th FEB
to 24th FEB @ destination 502 GUARDS BN @
AREZZO

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Re Hayward Recd in ORBAT. 1/7/ noted

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Subject: Move of 510 Italian Ship Coy.

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25 Jan. 1945

The following details are my passed to you for information :-

FROM : DIRECTOR
TO : DIRECTOR HAD-72, AREA-2417.0A
INFO : DATA

COPY TO :

SD 238. RECORDED. 510 ITALIAN SHIP COY SPS ASTON 160 MOVES
UNDER. SHIP'S DETACH FROM ARSENAL TO TRAVE TO UNDER COMD 3 LINE
ARM 9A AREA. UNIT WILL BE HELD AT ITALIAN BASE USE DEPOT
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO POLICE.

Original & Copy to : G
Copy to : DADL
DATA
FLORE

Capt. H.
S/Capt C(M)
(The Lord Northbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject: Move of 503 Italian Smoke Coy.

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27 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOVETT 261400
TO : 704 NY CD DIV DADL 94 SUB AREA 94 SUB AREA ADL RAAC RTO PONTECAGNANO
IMIA (LO) MOV ROME RAAC DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES
INFO : DISTREE RTO SALERNO MOV TARANTO DARS ROME IMIA

CONFIDENTIAL. MOV/TO/371. AFHQ NY 35604 OF 15 JAN NOT TO ALL REFERS. 503 ITALIAN
SMOKE COY 7 OFFRS 194 ORS 12 TNS STORES WILL MOVE BY RAIL 4 FEB FROM PONTECAGNANO TO ROME
FOR ARTILLERY BARRACKS ROME. 10 BOX CARS PLACED 0900 DEPART 1000 HRS. ETA ROME
FM 5 FEB. PERSONNEL ENTRAIN FILLED
WATER BOTTLES AND 3 DAYS RATIONS. REPORT ON ARRIVAL ADL ROME

Copies to : G (2)
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Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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FROM: DISTONE

TO : 55 AREA

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CONFIDENTIAL

REF BY SD 39 OF 20 JAN (.) 510 ITALIAN PNR SMOKE COY WILL MOVE FROM UNDER COMD
1 DISTRICT AT AREZZO TO UNDER COMD 3 DISTRICT AT TRANI (.) MOVE BY RAIL UNDER
ARRANGEMENTS MOV WESTRAIL (.) ON ARRIVAL ITALIAN BASE RPT CAMP TRANI (.) AUTHY
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COPY

From : FREEDOM signed SAC 22 2105 A
To : 1 DISTRICT. 15 ARMY GROUP.
Info : MMIA.
Ref : FX 89693 *128* SECRET

1 District G27 of 18 Jan NOT to 15 Army Group (*) For 1 District (*)
Subject to 15 Army Group agreement in view of AA paratroop responsibilities
relief of 507 and 509 Italian Smoke (Guard) companies by 508 or 519 Italian
Guard Battalions in 1 District is authorized provided there is NO interference
with special training of latter (*) For 15 Army Group (*) Confirm to No 1
District and this HQ that substitution will NOT prejudice your anti paratroop
arrangements (*) For 1 District (*) on confirmation as above forward date
of release for Smoke companies

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Subject: Move of 510 Italian Smoke Coy.

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25 Jan. 1945

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The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : AFHQ STAFF SAC WING
TO : DISTONE
INFO TO : MMIA DISTRESS MOVEMENT DISTRESS EAST MOVEMENT MOVEMENT

CR 40 BT 22.1.45.

RESTRICTED PX89264. TINSLEY DASH GRAHAM SPOKE 510 ITALIAN SMOKE COY APPROXIMATELY
160 PERSONS WILL MOVE UNDER ORDERS DISTONE FROM AREZZO TO TRANI TO UNDER COMLAND
DISTRESS X UNIT WILL BE HELD AT ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT PENDING FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW (.)

Original & 2 Copies to : G
Copy to : DADL
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RM
Capt. RE.
S/Capt O(L)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject: Move of 510 Italian Smoke Coy.

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23 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : AFHQ STINED SAC FROST
TO : DISTONE
INFO TO : MILA DISTHREE MOVCENT DISTHREE EAST MOVENT MOVWIT

GR 40 BT 22.1.45.

RESTRICTED FXB9264 TINSLEY DASH GRAHAM SPOKE 510 ITALIAN SMOKE COY APPROXIMATELY
160 PERSONS WILL MOVE UNDER ORDERS DISTONE FROM AREZZO TO TRANI TO UNDER COMMAND
DISTHREE X UNIT WILL BE HELD AT ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT PENDING FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW (.)

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Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(H)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

29/19

CALL

CIRCUIT No.

PRIORITY

TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

NR3117

IMPORTANT

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

DISTONE
FROM (A)

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN
181800A

TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ CITE FMGT

TO (FOR INFORMATION) AREA 55 AREA 61 AREA

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS
QVA 2 GR

(REF. No.)

G 27

(SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION)

SECRET

REF YOUR FX 86695 OF 17 JAN.

FIRST. 510 ITALIAN PMR SMOKE COY LOCATED AREZZO AVAILABLE RELEASE
FORTY EIGHT HOURS NOTICE.

SECOND. IF 507 AND 509 COYS MOVED SHORT NOTICE VALUABLE INSTALLATIONS
WILL BE LEFT UNGUARDED. IN VIEW RECENT PARATP AND COMMANDO LANDINGS
CONSIDER MOST IMPORTANT NO REPEAT NO REDUCTION MADE AT PRESENT. IF
ESSENTIAL MOVE SMOKE COYS REQUEST AUTHY EMPLOY 503 OR 519(519) ITALIAN
GDBN AS RELIEF. TRG FOR FUTURE ~~IN~~ ROLE CAN CONTINUE WHILE SO EMPLOYED.

Action Copy: 50/21 4
50/50 4
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IMPORTANT

This Message is to be distributed
outside the Department of Defense
or Headquarters, Department of
the Chief, without prior approval
(Messages marked C.T.P. 1094
paraphrased).

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PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

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SECTION:

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ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Snake Boys W/S.

LAND FORCES HQ. CDR. A.C.
(W.F.I.A.)

18 JAN 49

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: REIA LG 3 Dist (ref SURE letter under ref - copy att)

Ref your 9411 Ord of 9 Jan.

1. While it is desired to reinforce 503 and 506 Snake Boys as soon as possible, this cannot be done immediately as the requirements for these boys must be coordinated with other demands. This is necessary since there are not sufficient reinforcements at present available to fill all demands.

2. A note has been made of the deficiencies, and these should be made up by 3 District out of the next suitable draft of reinforcements allotted them.

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[Signature]
Major General
W.F.I.A.

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FBGCT
TO DISTRICT ONE INFO MMIA
FX 86695

No time shown.!

SECRET

507, 509 and 510 Italian Pioneer Smoke Coys under your command were moved to District One owing to ? non arrival Guard Bns and to supplement labour (.) 510 Coy engaged on labour duties will be released earliest for other duties (.) The two companies on guard duties are surplus to the ceiling allotment of ITALIAN Army for this purpose (.) Report earliest date of release and location of all three companies now urgently required elsewhere.

EK A/C SD/²¹SD/18, SD/61, SD/50, Float, IAR

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Capt Y

What does this involve in body? Tell Max ko 8-15/1

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : WASH
 Classification : SECRET
 Precedence : PRIORITY
 From : AFHQ Signed SAC
 To : DISTRICT ONE WASH AFHQ

Date Time Rec'd :
 Date Time Sent : 17 JUL
 Reference NR : EX 866
 Cite : FHSC

Secret O 527 529 and 500 ITALIAN PIONEER
 SHORE COYS under your command sent man
 to DISTRICT ONE owing to non arrival of
 BATTALIONS and to supplement labour @ 510 Coy
 engaged on labour duties will be released
 earliest for other duties @ the two companies
 on guard duties are surplus to the existing
 allotment of trained troops for the purpose
 report earliest date of release and location
 of all three companies now urgently
 required elsewhere

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FROM DISTHREE

TO 94 SUB AREA: MOVWIT:

INFO ROME AREA (93 BRIT) Copy to: G: LAB: MWIA LO

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From: S M RE.
To: M M 1A.

Ref: 4811/Ord. 182
Date: 9th Jan. 45.

Subject: Smoke Corps W/E.

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Ref SD/21 dated 14th Sept. 44.

The 1/m Smoke units, employed as Pioneer & Labour Units, depend from HQ, 227 Div. -

- 503rd Coy. - located at Marcatello di Salerno - employed by DADL 94 Sub-Group for building up the Rest Camp.
- 506th Coy. - located at "Maha" Camp. Cancelli, employed by 8th E.S.D.D. for loading and unloading materials.

On M. III District orders, these Coy. transferred a number of men to other Smoke Coy which left for Arezzo. Hence, their deficiencies in personnel is 87 and 90 men respectively.

Information is requested please as to whether the W/E of these units should be made up to strength in which case the required personnel could be taken from men in transit at Ofagola Reception Camp.

Spoke DADL answer
is yes. 9 Jan 16/1

(Sgd) A. SANTI.

Sgt. Foster

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P.M. 3800, 11 9 Gennaio 45

OGGETTO: Organici compagnie nebbiogeni.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION (MMIA)

R O M A

Rif.f. SD/21 del 14 settembre 1944

Il Comando della 227^a divisione ha attualmente alle dipendenze i seguenti reparti nebbiogeni, impiegati in lavori di manovalanza:

- 503^a compagnia (dislocata a Mercatello di Salerno a disposizione del D.A.D.L. 94^a Sub-Area per sistemazione campo riposo);
- 506^a compagnia (dislocata al campo "Italia", di Cancello, a disposizione dell'8^o E.S. B.D. per carico e scarico materiali).

Le suddette compagnie, in seguito ad ordine del III Distretto, hanno ceduto del personale ad altri reparti nebbiogeni trasferiti ad Arezzo, per cui hanno rispettivamente una deficienza di 87 e 90 uomini.

Si prega codesta MMIA di voler comunicare se l'organico dei due reparti dovrà essere completato, nel qual caso il personale necessario potrebbe essere tratto da quello in sosta presso il campo affluenza di A-fragola.



UFF. ORD. MOB. GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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