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SD/23 ORG. of 'A' 'A' UNITS
Opened Sept. 7, 1944 - Closed Ap. 6, 1945
Sept. 1944 - Ap. 1945

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

Date Time

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

061825A

INFO: MMIA LO BR INCR 5 ARMY
DISTWO
MMIA LO 3 DIST
66 AA BDE
60 SUB-AREA

REF : SD 2576

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DISTHREE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOVWIT ARE
ISSUING ORDERS TO 832 SL PLATOON STRENGTH 2 OFFRS 46
OR'S 8 VEHs TO MOVE BY ROAD ON OR BEFORE 10 APR FROM
NAPLES FROM UNDER COMD DISTHREE TO
LEGHORN TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD 66 AA BDE AND
ADM COMD 60 SUB AREA AND HQ 231 ITALIAN ADM DIV (.)
DISTHREE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ORDER AN ITALIAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO GO AHEAD OF UNIT TO 66 AA BDE (.)
SERIAL 832 MMIA LETTER SD/2/2 OF 27 MAR REFERS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

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INTERNAL:

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Q(OS) Please check equipment situation

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

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TO : DISTHREE

SECRET

INFO : 15 ARMY GP
MMIA
DISTWO
66 AA BDE
MOWVIT

ROUTINE

REF : FX 55426

PARA 1 (.) 832 ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOON STRENGTH 2
OFFERS 46 ORS 8 VEHS WILL BY ROAD ON OR BEFORE 10 APRIL
UNDER ORDERS DISTHREE IN CONJUNCTION WITH
MOWVIT FROM NAPLES FROM UNDER COMD
DISTHREE TO LEGHORN TO UNDER OPERATIONAL
COMD 66 AA BDE AND ADM COMD 60 SUB AREA(.)
PARA 2 (.) ITALIAN REP AHEAD TO 66 AA BDE

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am 6 April 45

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Subject : Move of 831 S/L Platoon.

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4 Apr 45.

The following details are sent to you for information

From MOVWIT

To Mov REAR 8 (Info) MAIN 8 MMIA 22 AA BDE
DISTHREE 86 AREA 3 BEACH GP

Ref Mov/H/915. SECRET.

Reference AFHQ FX.51827 of 29 March not to all. 831

Italian S/L Platoon moves by road under unit arrangements

4 Apr. Estimated time of arrival FORLI 8 April.

To : G (2)
Ufficio Trasporti.
Float.

Capt. RE.
S/Capt 'Q'(M)
(The Lord Westbury)

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MMI - - -
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DATE: <u>5/4</u>

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: 22 AA BDE

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TO : 831 ITALIAN SL PN

SECRET

INFO: DISTHREE
MOVWIT
MAIN 8 ARMY
MMIA
58 HAA REGT

IMPORTANT

REF : 0.322

831 ITALIAN SL PN WILL MOVE SOONEST BY ROAD TO FORLI
COMING UNDER COMD 8 ARMY ON ARRIVAL (.) ARRANGE DETAILS
MOVE DIRECT WITH MOVWIT (.) BRITISH REF AHEAD TO RA MAIN
HQ 8 ARMY (.) AUTHORITY AFHQ FX 51827 OF 291645A (.) ACK

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DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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FROM : MMLA
TO : MIN OF WAR
INFO : MMLA LO 8th ARMY
MMLA LO 3 DISTRICT
MMLA LO PENSOUTH.
REF NO : SD 2550

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DISTHREE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOVWIT ARE ISSUING ORDERS TO 831
SL PLATOON STRENGTH 2 OFFICERS 40 ORG & VEHICLES TO MOVE BY
ROAD SOONEST FROM N.FILES FROM UNDER COMMAND DISTHREE TO FORLI
TO UNDER COMMAND 8th ARMY FOR ALL PURPOSES (*) DISTHREE HAVE
BEEN ASKED TO SEND A BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE AHEAD TO R.A. MAIN
HQ 8th ARMY

Precedence IMPORTANT to all

Authenticated *W. Marshall*
Capit.

INTERNAL:

RE
Q.2
Q (AE)) please check equipment situation.
Q (OS))
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : FREEDOM Sgd SACHED CTRF FHGCT

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TO : DISTHREE

SECRET

INFO : MAIN 8th ARMY, MOVWIT, MMIA,

PRIORITY

22 AABde

REF : FX 51827

To Min of War Info MMIA's 8th Army & 3 Dist & Penworth

IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOVWIT

DISTHREE ARE ISSUING ORDERS TO

Confidential

831 ~~PLATOON~~ ST PLATOON STRENGTH 2 OFFICERS 46 ORS 8 VEHICLESTo ~~will~~ MOVE BY ROAD SOONEST UNDER ORDERS OF DISTHREE INCONJUNCTION WITH ~~MOVWIT~~ FROM NAPLES FROM UNDER

COMMAND DISTHREE TO F O R L I TO UNDER COMMAND 8th

ARMY FOR ALL PURPOSES (.) Disthree have been asked to send a

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE AHEAD TO R.A. MAIN HQ 8th ARMY (.)

Important call

Copies to : R.E.; Q.2; Q(AE) please check equipment situation
Q(OS)

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JV 30 March

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

N. *11/26* /Ord.I di prot.P.M. 3800, *11/22* /3/45

OGGETTO: Organizzazione reparti fotoelettrici.=

Organisation of searchlight units= ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

Riferimento richiesta verbale fatta dal maggiore Dobbs di codesta M.M.I.A. al ten.col.Grati.

Questo S.M. concorda pienamente con quanto proposto dall'Allied Force Headquarters Antiaircraft & Coast Defence Section con foglio AA.O.470.3-17, data 11 c.m.=

MMIA	50/3
FILE:	28/3
DATE:	



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Ghiubli

*Ref. verbal request made by Maj. DOBBS to Col. GRATI.
This Office fully agrees with the proposal made
by AFHQ Antiaircraft & Coast Defence Section in letter
AA.O. 470.3-17 dated 11th inst.*

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*(Agel) G. 414221**St. 10000*

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/23
25 March 45

TO : HQ 22 AA BDE

39 attached

Ref 3 Dist 104/636A of 20 March.

Herewith for information, copy of this HQ letter
SD/23 dated 18 March 45.

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K
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: 28 (with copy 3 Dist letter)

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S E C R E T

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

3 District
Tel Ext 21
104/636 A
20 Mar 45

HQ 22 AA Bde

G-(SD)
Q-(AE)
Ord
MMIA LO
ILO
Land Forces Sub-Commission,
AC (MMIA)

831, 832, 833 & 834 Italian S/L Pls

Reference attached copies of AFHQ CR/1116/C1(Br)(Ser.1757) dated 6 Mar 45.

1. Formation of the a/n Searchlight Platoons on WE CM/763/1 wef 7 Mar 45 will be supervised by you.
2. 22 AA Bde will arrange with MMIA for the submission of indents for clothing and equipment (less vehicles and controlled stores). Further instructions regarding demands for vehicles and controlled stores will be given by Q(AE) 3 District.
3. Field Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.
4. Completion report will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ.
5. G(SD). Please supply copies of the above quoted WE when available.

AKC/JAW

/s/
for Col.
DA & QMG

WS

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP

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TO : AFHQ

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INFO: MMIA

REF : SD1382

FOR G-3 ORG(.) YOUR FX 43062 OF 13 MAR CITE PHGCT(.)

AGREE PROPOSALS IN YOUR AAO-470.3-17 OF 11 MAR

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nv 24 Mar

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.

To : HQ MAAF Allied Liaison Section.

Date : 22nd March 1945

Ref. : AFSC/360/1/ORG.

TRANSFER OF I.A.F. No.1 GROUP BALLOON PERSONNEL

(27)

Further to our letter AFSC/354/1/ORG of 13th March.

Herewith enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Director of personnel, for your information.

F.L. Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW S/LDR
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copy to:

Land Forces Sub Commission.

Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Bari.

W/Cdr Knowles, Eq. Sect. AFSC, AC. Rome.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 50/23.
DATE: 24/3.

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FROM : ITALIAN AIR MINISTRY

TO : A.F.S.C.

DATE : 19/3/45

REF. : 2/DFM/8497/AM 3/2304 Coll

TRANSFER TO I.A.F. OF BALLOON SQUADRON PERSONNEL

a.f.i. to / I.A.F. STATO MAGGIORE UFF. ORDINAMENTO

We inform you that the date of the transfert to I.A.F. of the 1^o Group Balloon personnel has been postponed from 15th March to 1st April 1945 in order to avoid administrative difficulties.

IL DIRETTORE
(GenA. AGNESI)

Translated by E. Gasparini



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-3 DIVISION

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24/3

22 March, 1945.

File Ref : ASD/922.8(A) 8
SUBJECT : Italian Searchlight Platoon.
TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(MMIA)

(Attention G(SD))

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Reference your signal SD-2502 dated 22 March 1945.

Attached hereto are the following:

- 3 copies WE CM/763/1
- 3 copies Appendix 'A' - AAC-470-3-17(B)

HIS/mmc

Daniel Noce
DANIEL NOCE,
Major General, GSC.,
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Indi
1 copy - file SD/23.
2 copies - WECS

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <i>SD/23</i>
DATE: <i>24/3</i>

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APPENDIX 'A'

AN ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOON (STATIC)

(i) Personnel

	PLN HQ	THREE DETACHMENTS (EACH)	TOTAL
GURALTEN	1	1	1
Total, officers.	1	-	1
Detachment commander - WO	-	1	3
Total warrant officers	-	1	3
Electrician	1	-	1
SL Fitter	1	-	1
Assistant det. comd.		1	3
Vehicle fitter		2	6
SL Operator		3	9
Orderlies	1		1
Total rank and file	3	6	21
Total other ranks	3	7	24
Total all ranks	4	7	25

(ii) Transport

Motor cycles (British)	1	-	1
Truck (Italian)	1	-	1

(iii) Equipment

Searchlights (Italian)		2	1700
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Electrician	1	-	1
SL Fitter	1	-	1
Assistant det. comd.		1	3
Vehicle fitter		2	6
SL Operator		3	9
Orderlies	1		1
Total rank and file	3	6	21
Total other ranks	3	7	24
Total all ranks	11	7	25

(ii) Transport

Motor cycles (British)	1	-	1
Truck (Italian)	1	-	1

(iii) Equipment

Searchlights (Italian)		2	6
Generators (Italian)		2	6

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OPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE WHFCT
TO : MMIA
REF : FX 48079

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YOUR SD 2502 OF 22 (.) COPIES OF DOCUMENTS FOLLOW
BY MAIL

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am. 23 Mar 45

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : NMIA

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TO : AFHQ

ORIGINATOR'S NO SD 2502

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FOR G3(ORG 3) (.) REF AAO-470-17 OF 11 MARCH (.) PLEASE FORWARD
THREE COPIES OF WS CM/763/1 AND APPENDIX A TO AAO-470-3-17 (c)

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, AC. Rome.
To : HQ AAF Allied Liaison Section.
Date : 20th March 1945.
Ref. : AFSC/354/1/ORG.

TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL TO I.A.F.

(BALLOON COMPANIES)

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Further to our letter of March 13 of even reference, a further additional U.S. Navy Personnel was omitted and has since been added to "Navy Personnel attached" to No. 3 Balloon Coy, Arona.
Name: S.O. Cann. CORTINI ERNESTO

F. R. Bradshaw
S. L. BRADSHAW, D. L. I. I. I.
AIR VICE MARSHAL
AIR OFFICER COMMANDING

Copies to:
Equipment Section.
Equipment Section, AFSC, Bari.
300 Squadron A.A.F.
M.A.I.A.

MMIA - 'G'	
FILE:	<i>SD/23</i>
DATE:	<i>23/3</i>

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army

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3 District
Tel Ext 21
104/636 A
20 Mar 45

HQ 22 AA Bde

G-(SD)
G-(AB)

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Land Forces Sub-Commission,
MO(ISA).

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831, 832, 833 & 834 Italian S/L Fls

Reference attached copies of AFHQ CM/1116/G1(1r)(Ser.1757) dated 6 Mar 45.

1. Formation of the a/n Searchlight Platoons on VE CM/⁷⁴³156/1 wef 7 Mar 45 will be supervised by you.
2. 22 AA Bde will arrange with MIA for the submission of indents for clothing and equipment (less vehicles and controlled stores). Further instructions regarding demands for vehicles and controlled stores will be given by Q(AB) 3 District.
3. Field Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.
4. Completion report will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ.
5. G(SD). Please supply copies of the above quoted VE when available.

MMIA 'G'

SD/23

21 Mar.

AFHQ/5AW

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DA & QMG

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SUBJECT: Formation of Searchlight Platoons.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/23
20 Mar 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

copy to: AFHQ for G3 Org.
AFHQ for AA & CD.
MAAF
3 District.
MMIA LO 3 District.
PBS for MMIA LO
OC Brit Cadre 803 BMD.

Reference our SD/23 of 12 March.

In para 2 for W.E. CM/736/1, please read CM/763/1.

tvb.

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

INTERNAL:

M.A. to G.O.C.
A. Med
Q. Welfare
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Q (Artv) Q2
SD/1/3 Q/OS
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : DIA 20 1 A

TO : AFHQ

INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP

ORIGINATOR'S NO. SD 2401 36

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FOR G3 CMC (FOR) (.)
REF OUR SD 2414 OF 19 MARCH (.) PL. SEE DATES/SD/23 DATED 12 MARCH/AND
SUBJECTIVE/AND-470.3-17 OF 11 MARCH USJCS

PREPARED BY _____

APPROVED BY _____

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

19 1800a

TO : AFHQ FOR G3 ORG (FOR)

INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP

ORIGINATOR'S NO SD 2484

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REF YOUR AAG-479.3-17 DATED 12 MARCH AND FX 43062
OF 13 AND OUR SD/23 DATED 12 MARCH (.) MMIA AGREES FOLLOWING (.) FIRST (.)
PROPOSALS FOR SEARCHLIGHT ORGANISATIONS (.) SECOND (.) ALL PERSONNEL
OF SL UNITS SHOULD BE BR-III CATEGORY 3

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AUTHENTICATED

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H. Col.

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Subject : Italian Military Personnel - Postings.

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Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.S.I.A.)
H Q M E
A/II

16 March 45.

Ministry of War

1. The attached lists give particulars of seven officers and twenty-four G.R.'s. who are all Searchlight Specialists and who are available at 10 Regimento Sazio for service in the 4 Searchlight Platoons now being formed at Colonia Geremia Bonilippo, Naples.

2. Please give the necessary orders for these men to be posted to the new Units.

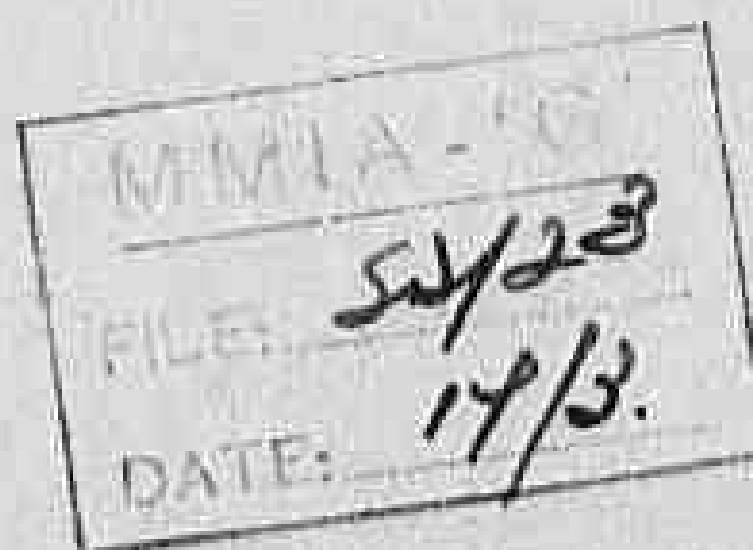
S.P. Archer Cym

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
For Major General,
M.S.I.A.

Copy to : - HQ MAAF. Your ACT GWR adp, of 12 Mar. refers.
- G MIA.
- A/II/2.

SM/fo

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*Land Force Sub Commission
Allied Commission (MMIA)*

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - ITALIAN ARMY

ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.1814)
16 Mar 45.

831, 832, 833 & 834 ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOONS

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.1757) dated 6 Mar 45.
2. The above mentioned units will be formed on W.E. CM/763/1 and not CM/736/1 as detailed in the letter under reference, which will be amended accordingly.

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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A/c *SD/23*
SD/1/2
Q.

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(as per CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.1757) of 6 Mar 45)

Letter sent

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MMIA - 'G'	
FILE:	<i>SD/23</i>
DATE:	<i>17/3.</i>

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Subject: Balloon Barrage Units

Air Forces Sub Commission
Navy Sub Commission
Fifth Army MMIA LO
1 District MMIA LO
MMIA LO 52 Area
MMIA LO 54 Area

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M. I.A.)

File No SD/23

17 March 45

Further to our SD/23 of 12 March, herewith copy of War
Ministry letter 11637/Ord dated 15 March for your information.

Copy to: RE Q/G4 (2)
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Translation

FROM : SMRE
TO : MMIA

Subject: Balloon Barrage Units

Ref SD/23 dated 12 March.

1. It is confirmed that the 1st Balloon Barrage Group, which
comprises a Group HQ and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Coys, has been completely
and definitely evolved.

for General
M.M. I.A.

SECRET - URGENT

Ref: 11637/Ord
Date: 15 March 45

Ref SD/23 dated 12 March.

1. It is confirmed that the 1st Balloon Barrage Group, which
comprises a Group HQ and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Coys, has been completely
and definitely evolved.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Translation

SECRET - URGENT

FROM : SMRE
TO : MMIA

Ref: 11637/Ord
Date: 15 March 45

Subject: Balloon Barrage Units

Ref SD/23 dated 12 March.

1. It is confirmed that the 1st Balloon Barrage Group, which comprises a Group HQ and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Coys, has been completely and definitely excluded from the Army.

2. The unit in question has been passed on VUE of the Air Force which has issued the necessary instructions in that respect.

3. In accordance with instructions issued by SMHE, the 3rd Balloon Barrage Coy which is located in ANCONA area, withdraw rations from the Air Force Ration Depot of Falconara Marittima.

Sgd Il Generale Addetto
G. LIUZZI

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Translation.

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From:- SMRE.
To:- MMIA.

Ref:- 11637/Ord.
Date:- 15th Mar. 45.

Subject:- Balloon Barrage Units.

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Ref. SD/23 dated 12th inst.

1) It is confirmed that the 1st Balloon Barrage Group, which comprises a Group 48 and 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th Coy, has been completely and definitely excluded from the army.

2) The unit in question has been passed on to the Air Force which has issued the necessary instructions in that respect.

3) In accordance with instructions issued by SMRE, the 3rd Balloon Barrage Coy which is based in Ancona Area, withdraw rations from the Air Force Ration Depot of Falconara Marittima.

Copies sent to } See 33.
Addressees at 24
Sgt. FABRE.

(Sgd) C. L10221

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MMIA - G'
FILE: SD/23.
DATE: 16/3.

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

URGENTE

IN

n° 11637/Ora. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 15 marzo 45

OGGETTO: Reparti aerostieri.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (NMIA) ROMA

Risposta al foglio SD/23 del 12 corrente.-

- 1°)- Si conferma che il 1° gruppo aerostieri, comprendente comando di gruppo e 1° - 2° - 3° - 4° compagnia, è stato completamente e definitivamente posto fuori dell'Esercito Italiano.-
- 2°)- I suddetti reparti sono passati organicamente alla R.Aeronautica che, al riguardo, ha impartito le disposizioni esecutive di competenza.-
- 3°)- La 3° compagnia aerostieri, dislocata nella zona di Ancona, preleverà, come da disposizioni dello Stato Maggiore R.Aeronautica, i viveri dal magazzino viveri di tale forza armata a Falconara Marittima.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Ghiavelli

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

15 / 230 A

FROM : MIL.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : 3 DISTRICT FOR MIA LO : 1 DISTRICT:
1 DISTRICT FOR MIA LO: PBS FOR MIA LO: 54 AREA
FOR MIA LO : ELU RTO ICF, MAAF, AFHQ FOR AA & OD:

REF NO : SD 2465

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REFERENCE OUR SD/23 OF 14 MARCH NOT TO ALL (*) AS SUFFICIENT
PERSONNEL FOR FORMATION OF NEW SEARCHLIGHT UNITS IS NOT AVAILABLE
IN BR-ITI DEFECTS YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW SEARCHLIGHT
SPECIALISTS UP TO NUMBER REQUIRED FROM BR-ITI SERVICE UNITS REPLACING
SUCH MEN BEFOREHAND FROM APPROPRIATE DEPT () SEARCHLIGHT
SPECIALISTS MAY ALSO BE DRAWN FROM RHC ICF CESANO (*) ALL SUCH
PERSONNEL SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO COLONIA GEREMIA,
POSSILLOPO, NAPLES WHERE UNITS ARE BEING FORMED INSTEAD OF X ENGINEER
REGT, CAPU.

Precedence 1012047847

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REF NO : SD 2466

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REFERENCE OUR SD/23 OF 14 MARCH NOT TO ALL (*) AS SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL FOR FORMATION OF NEW SEARCHLIGHT UNITS IS NOT AVAILABLE IN BR-ITI DIRECTS YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO WITHDRAW SEARCHLIGHT SPECIALISTS UP TO NUMBER REQUIRED FROM BR-ITI SERVICE UNITS REPLACING SUCH MEN BEFOREHAND FROM APPROPRIATE DEPOT (*) SEARCHLIGHT SPECIALISTS MAY ALSO BE DRAWN FROM RVC ICF CES.MO (*) ALL SUCH PERSONNEL SHOULD NOW BE SENT TO COLONEL CARMELICA, POSILLIPO, NAPLES WHERE UNITS ARE BEING FORMED INSTEAD OF X ENGINEER REGT, CAPUA.

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Precedence WIPORANT

Authenticated WIPORANT

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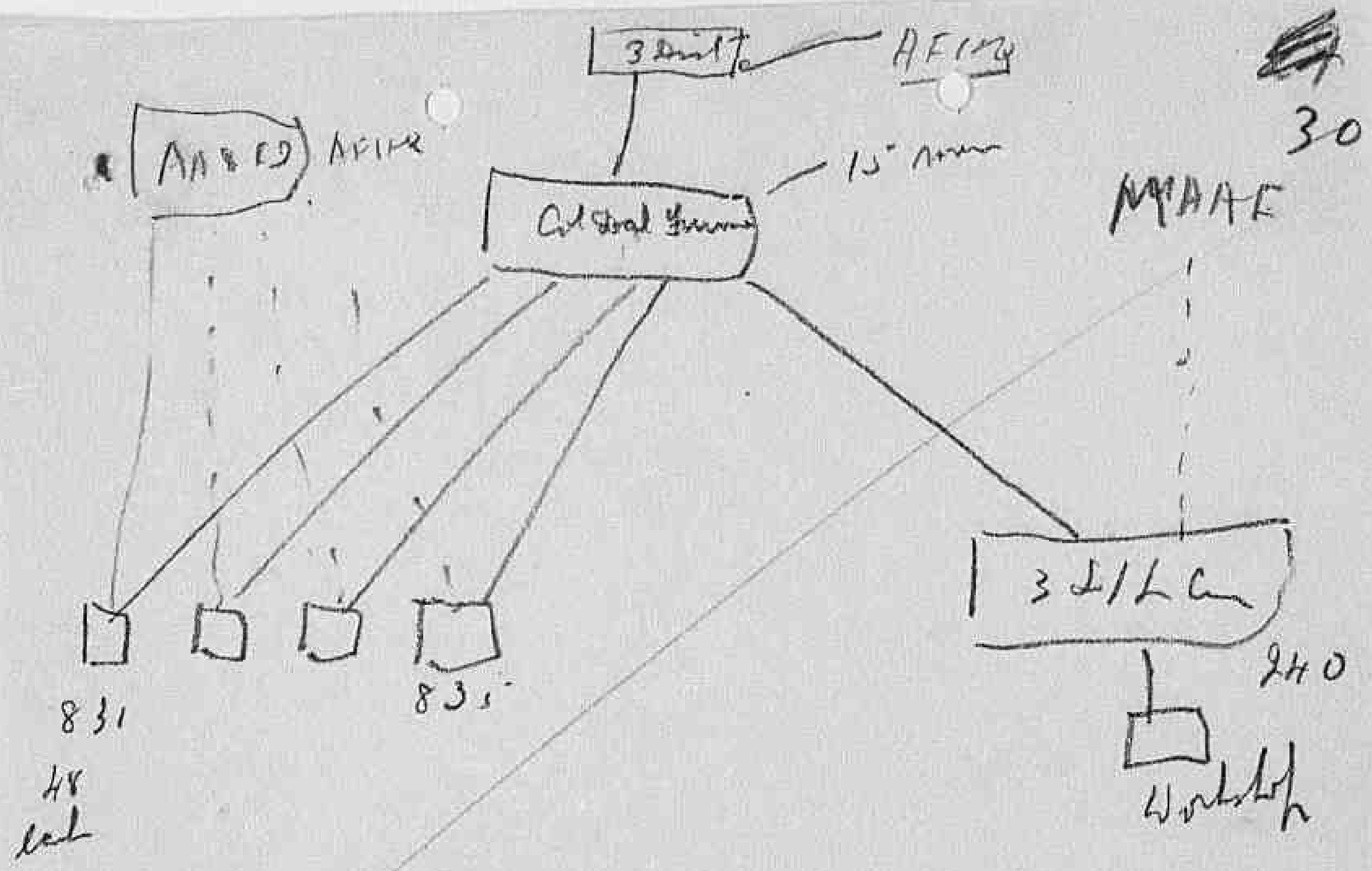
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15 Nov -

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From : Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome
To : Land Forces Sub Commission, (MMIA)
Date : 14th March 1945
Ref. : AFSC/360/1/Org.

BALLOON BARRAGE UNITS.

In reply to your letter file SD/23 11th (?) March 1945, our letter Ref. AFSC/354/1/Org. of today's date gives the information desired.

This was delivered by hand to Capt. Archer.

2. In reply to para (2) of your letter it will be seen on the chart of personnel transferred that, whilst O.R.s Italian Army have been transferred to I.A.F., their Officers and N.C.O.s can only be attached, and the whole of the Navy personnel are attached only.

3. The attached personnel, however, are rationed etc. by the Italian Air Ministry.

F.L. Bradshaw
F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

N.M.A.	R 15/5
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From: Air Forces Sub Commission, Rome

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To : HQ, MAAF, Allied Liaison Section
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A.O. Bari
986 Sqm RAF (for inf)
RMIA

Date: 13th March 1945

Ref : AFSC/354/1/Orig.

TRANSFERENCE OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL TO I.A.F.
(Balloon Companies)

Information has been received from the IAM that, as from 15th March, certain balloon personnel are to be transferred to I.A.F.

2. Rather than distribute copies of the translation of the order issued by IAM, which is somewhat confusing, attached is a chart showing the position.

3. This chart shows personnel transferred, and also those who are attached, but it is made clear that the latter are also to be rationed and employed by the IAM.

4. The reason for some being transferred and others attached is due to the fact that no Army Officers nor N.C.O.s can, under Italian regulations be transferred from one service to another, and this applies equally to all Navy ranks.

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To "A" for any action re the
actual bodies
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F.L. BRADSHAW, S/Ldr,
Air Vice Marshal,
Air Officer Commanding.

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ARMY PERSONNEL TRANSFERRED TO I.A.F.

<u>Taranto</u>	<u>Taranto</u>	<u>Gioia del</u>	<u>Ancona</u>	<u>Ardenza</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Ball.Sq.	1 Ball. HQ	Colle	3 Ball.	4 Ball.	Personnel
H.Q.	Coy	2 Ball.Coy	Coy	Sq	transferred
O. NCO. OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O.NCO.OR	to I.A.F.
- - 2	- - 41	- - 68	- - 34	- - 130	275

ARMY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO I.A.F.

<u>Taranto</u>	<u>Taranto</u>	<u>Gioia del</u>	<u>Ancona</u>	<u>Ardenza</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Ball.Sq.	1 Ball.HQ	Colle	3 Ball.	4 Ball.	Personnel
H.Q.	Coy	2 Ball.Coy	Coy	Sq	attached
O. NCO. OR.	O. NCO OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O.NCO.OR	to I.A.F.
2 2 -	3 7 -	6 7 -	2 5 -	6 18 -	58

NAVY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO I.A.F.

<u>Taranto</u>	<u>Taranto</u>	<u>Gioia del</u>	<u>Ancona</u>	<u>Ardenza</u>	<u>Total</u>
1 Ball.Sq.	1 Ball;HQ	Colle	3 Ball.	4 Ball.	Navy
H.Q.	Coy	2 Ball.Coy	Coy	Sq	Personnel
O. NCO. OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O. NCO. OR.	O. NCO.OR.	O. NCO.OR	attached
- - -	- 2 33	- 1 11	- - 1 -	- 1	49

GRAND TOTAL

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From : AFHQ signed SAC cite FHGCT

To : NMIA 15 ARMY GROUP

Ref : EX 43062

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Request earliest comments on this HQ letter AAO-470.3-17 of 11 (.)

All SL units will be carried within BR - ITI category on reorganisation

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Action copy to: (SD/23)

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Translation.

From: S.M.R.E.

To: MMIA.

Dtd. 6/3

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REF: 14019.

DATE: 13 March 46.

Subject: Disbandment of A.A. and
Coastal Defence Units.

G/3 20/136

For the settling of information promised in
letter 10286/Mob. dated 18.12.44. we forward
herewith the return showing the work carried
out by the personnel of the disbanded A.A. and
Coastal Defence units of Naples Territorial H.Q.

The total of personnel transferred is
shown as 770, corresponding with the strength
of the units on the date of the disbandment -
20.11.44.

The difference between this figure and
the expected strength of 1099 (return on 9/10/44)
is represented by:-

a) by personnel of 3 Searchlight Coy.,
not disbanded

110

b) by the following transfers
effected between 9.10.44 - 20.11.44:-

- officers

transferred 10 Arty Regt. Dep. (mobilisation
centre) because on convalescent leave

transferred to 212 Italian H.Q.

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H.C.O.s

Transferred to 10 Arty. Regt. Dep.
(mobilisation centre) because on
convalescent leave.

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O.R.s

Transferred to 10 Arty. Regt. Dep.
(mobilisation centre).

A.W.O.L.

Convalescent leave

Transferred to Afragola Transit Camp
Astroni

128

13

61

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Total

329

Jennin.



Sgd. Luzzi.
Gen.

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

SEGRETO

N° 14019 / Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11-13 marzo 1945

OGGETTO : scioglimento dei reparti controerei e difesa costiera.

ALL. : 1

Disbanding of A.D. and Coast Defense Units
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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

IN

A scioglimento della riserva formulata con il foglio n° 10286/Mob. in data 18/12/44, si trasmette allegato lo specchio indicante l'impiego effettuato del personale dei disciolti reparti controerei e difesa costiera del comando territoriale di Napoli.

Il totale del personale trasferito risulta di 770 unità, corrispondente alla forza dei reparti alla data dello scioglimento : 20/11/44.

La differenza fra tale cifra e la forza prevista di 1099 unità (situazione al 9/10/44) è rappresentata :

a) - dalle unità delle 3^e compagnia fototelegrafisti non disciolta n° 110
b) - dai seguenti trasferimenti avvenuti dal 9/10/44 al 20/11/44 :

- ufficiali	
. trasferiti al 6 ^o reg. 10 ^o regt. art. (centro di mobilitazione) perché in licenza convalescenza	" 4
. trasferiti al comando italiano 212	" 2

- sottufficiali

(centro di mobilitazione)


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b) - dai seguenti trasferimenti avvenuti dal 9/10/44 al 20/11/44 :

|                                                                                              |   |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|
| - <u>ufficiali</u>                                                                           | " | 4 |
| . trasferiti al dep. 10° rgt. art. (centro di mobilitazione) perché in licenza convalescenza | " | 2 |
| . trasferiti al comando italiano 212                                                         |   |   |

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|
| - <u>sottufficiali</u>                                                                       | " | 7    |
| . trasferiti al dep. 10° rgt. art. (centro di mobilitazione) perché in licenza convalescenza | " | 1673 |

|                                                              |         |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|
| - <u>truppa</u>                                              | "       | 128 |
| . trasferiti al dep. 10° rgt. art. (centro di mobilitazione) | "       | 13  |
| assenti arbitrari                                            |         |     |
| licenza convalescenza                                        |         |     |
|                                                              | .. / .. |     |



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trasferiti al campo affluenza Afragole  
" " " Astroni

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4

totale

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IL GENERALE ARDETTO  
(Giorgio Lancia)

*Pinelli*





STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Mobilitazione

## SPECCHIO DIMOSTRATIVO DEI TRASFERIMENTI VERIFICATISI TRA IL PERSONALE

| GRADO    | Sottocommissione Forze di terra (M.M.I.A.) | 412° rgt. lavor. pionieri | 210° div. fant. (Firenze) | Campo transito: richiamati Sicilia in Regio Calabria | Comando Italiano 212 e Campo affluenza Astroni | Comando Artiglieria Territoriale di Napoli | Commissione interrogatrice prigionieri di guerra | Deposito 9° reggimento art. (Podi Garganico) | 409° rgt. lavoratori pionieri | 410° rgt. lavoratori pionieri | 155° reggimento artiglieria (S. Giorgio del Sannio) |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 1        | 2                                          | 3                         | 4                         | 5                                                    | 6                                              | 7                                          | 8                                                | 9                                            | 10                            | 11                            | 12                                                  |
| Uffic.   | 2                                          | 2                         | 11                        | 5                                                    | 11                                             | 2                                          | 1                                                | 1                                            | 1                             | 1                             | 5                                                   |
| Sottuff. | -                                          | -                         | -                         | -                                                    | 77                                             | -                                          | -                                                | -                                            | -                             | -                             | -                                                   |
| Truppa   | -                                          | -                         | -                         | -                                                    | 333                                            | -                                          | -                                                | -                                            | -                             | -                             | -                                                   |
| Totali   | 2                                          | 2                         | 11                        | 5                                                    | 421                                            | 2                                          | 1                                                | 1                                            | 1                             | 1                             | 5                                                   |

(1) - Specializzati.

(2) - Direzione di artiglieria, Gruppi di combattimento ecc..

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
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 - Sezione Mobilitazione -

RICATISI TRA IL PERSONALE DEL DISCIOLTO 19° RAGG/TO ACAT DAL 20 - 11 - 1944

| 409° rgt. lavoratori<br>pionieri | 410° rgt. lavoratori<br>pionieri | 155° reggimento artiglieria<br>(S. Giorgio del Sannio) | Dep. Addestramento Forze Ita-<br>liane di Combatt. (Teano) | Dep. Add. Forze Ital. per Gr.<br>di Combatt. (Cesano di Roma) | Deposito 10° reggimento<br>artiglieria di C.A. | Distretto militare di<br>Napoli | Centro recuperi vestiario<br>di Napoli | 405° reggimento lavoratori<br>pionieri | Comando Militare Territoria-<br>le di Napoli | Campo affluenza di<br>Afragola | Enti Vari | TOTALI |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 10                               | 11                               | 12                                                     | 13                                                         | 14                                                            | 15                                             | 16                              | 17                                     | 18                                     | 19                                           | 20                             | 21        | 22     |
| 1                                | 1                                | 5                                                      | 4                                                          | 1                                                             | 5                                              | 1                               | 1                                      | 1                                      | 1                                            | -                              | -         | 56     |
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Subject: Balloon Barrage Units

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Land Forces Sub Commission AC  
(M.M.T.A.)

File No SD/25

11 March 45

War Ministry

Reference SD/47 of 26 Nov 44 and conversation Col.  
CARMONE and Majors HOLT and CALLARINI.

- Will you please confirm HQ later than 1600 hrs on  
15 March that 4 gruppamento, comprising HQ and 1,2,3, and  
4 Compagnia Sbarraamento Aereo, has been entirely and finally  
transferred out of the Italian Army.

- Please also inform this HQ whether after transfer the  
units form part of the Air Force or of the Navy.

See (32)

by PIAXET M.M. is

for Major General  
M.M.T.A.

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| 1011A LO 52 Area | 1 District | } SD/47 of 15 Dec 44 refers. |
| " " 54 Area      | Fifth Army |                              |

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ALLIED FORCE HQ DIVERS  
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SUBJECT: M.L. Proposal.

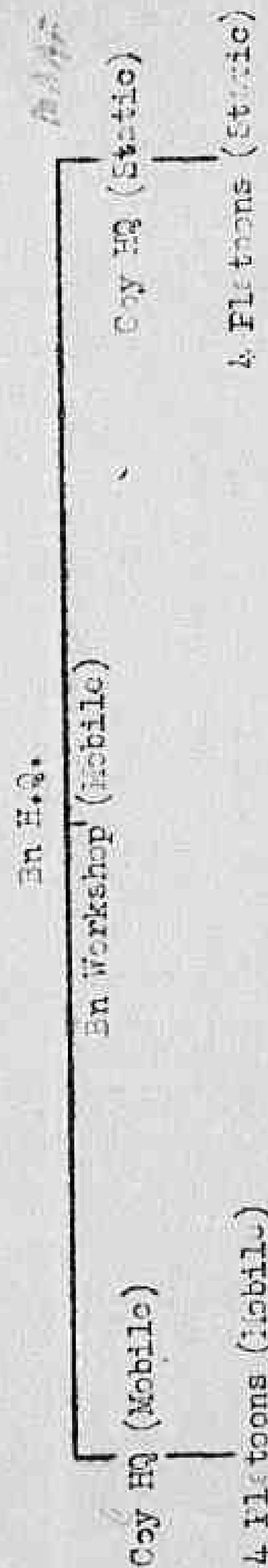
TO : C-3 (Or) (For) (7 Copies)

1. Herewith proposals for the following new Italian W.L.s. for search-lights:-

- (a) Bn H.3.
- (b) Bn Workshops
- (c) Coy H.3. Mobile
- (d) Coy H.3. Static
- (e) Platoon Static

2. Proposal (a), (d) and (e) mainly involve the regularising of existing Italian units which have not been operating for some months in the provision of S.L. homing beams in I.L. F. circuits. Proposal (c) is designed to produce a homing unit for the 4 S. mobile platoons whose formation on W.L. 1/286/1 has already been authorised (OR/1116/C-1(2c) Sor 1757 dated 6.11.45). Proposal (b) involves the regularising of (H.3.) which already exists in which is considered essential for the co-ordinated issue, maintenance and servicing of Italian technical S.L. equipment.

3. The complete organisation proposed is shown below:-



11 March, 1943.  
M/V/GVI

*Passes & supplies for whole*  
*Italian Workshop for maintenance*

*11/3/43*  
*W.L. 1/286/1*  
*Prigodien, 1670*  
*Chief, ... & ...*

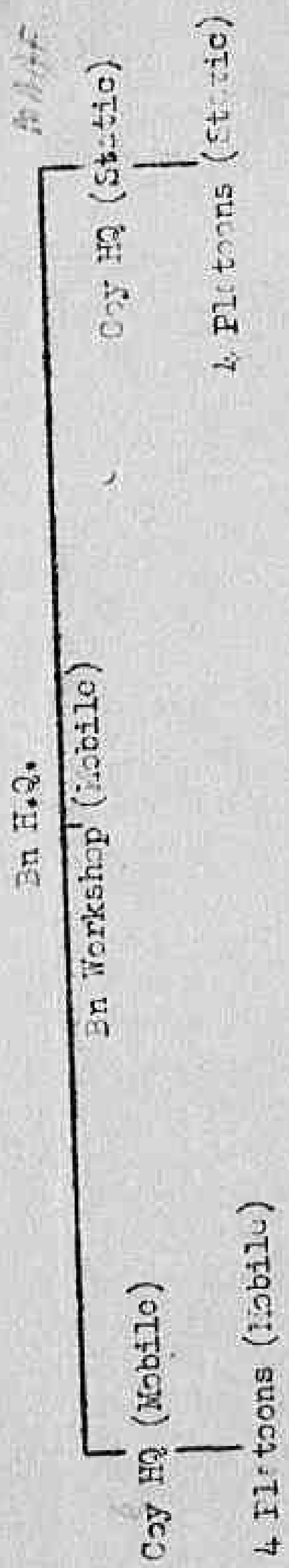


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W.B. 7/78/1 has already been authorised (CR/111/G-1(Dr) Ser 1757 dated 6/1/45). Proposal ( ) involves the regularising of S.H.L. which already exists in which is considered essential for the co-ordinated issue, maintenance and servicing of Italian technical S.L. equipment.

3. The complete organisation proposed is shown below:-



*1/3 June 1945*  
R. ... HOLLIS,  
Prig. Lion, ... & ...  
Chief, ... 1670

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

AAO-470.3-17(a)

8 March 1945.  
W.R/R..

SUBJECT: E. Proposal.

TO : G.3 (Org) For. (7 copies)

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) An Italian Searchlight Battalion Headquarters.

(b) Proposal is for new E.

(c) Not Applicable.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

(a) Increase of 3 Officers, 14 ORs (all Italian), 3 Vehicles and 1 Motor Cycle (all British).

(b) Not applicable.

(c) One.

(d) and (e) Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by past reductions of British and Italian AA and CD units.

(f) All personnel may be Med. Cat. "B".

(g) Approval in principle has been given by MIA, MAAF and AA & CD.

(h) See Appendix "A"

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

(a) The function of the It. SL Bn Hq. will be to administer two It. SL Coys and one It. SL Mksp.

(b) One of the It. SL Coys is employed by MAAF to operate honing SL beacons on airfields, and one Coy will be used by the Army to provide artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of Br. SL Btys already employed. The SL Mksp will be employed to service and maintain the equipment of the two SL Coys.

(c) The principal purpose of the Bn Hq. apart from routine administration, will be to ensure a regular and steady flow of equipment and spares to

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II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) Increase of 3 Officers, 14 ORs (all Italian), 3 Vehicles and 1 Motor Cycle (all British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e) Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by past reductions of British and Italian AA and CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med. Cat. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MMIA, MAAF and AA & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A"

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) The function of the It. SL Bn H. will be to administer two It. SL Coys and one It. SL Mksp.
- (b) One of the It. SL Coys is employed by MAAF to operate homing SL beacons on airfields, and one Coy will be used by the Army to provide artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of Br. SL Btys already employed. The SL Mksp will be employed to service and maintain the equipment of the two SL Coys.
- (c) The principal purpose of the Bn HQ, apart from routine administration, will be to ensure a regular and steady flow of equipment and spares to the SL Coys. This is likely to present considerable problems in view of the long running hours and consequent wear and tear on equipment employed to provide aircraft homing beacons and artificial moonlight.
- (d) The unit already exists on an ad hoc basis and has performed valuable work for the SL Coy which has been in operation on MAAF airfields for several months, and in gathering together equipment and personnel for the SL Coy which is being formed for the Army to provide artificial moonlight. The proposal, in effect, is designed to regularise a state of affairs which already exists.

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15 Army Group  
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MAAF.

H. A. HOUNSELL,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, AA & CD.

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APPENDIX "A"

AN ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

(i) Personnel (Italian)

|                                       |    |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Lieutenant-Colonel                    | 1  |
| Adjutant - Captain                    | 1  |
| Quartermaster (Captain or Lieutenant) | 1  |
| Total officers                        | 3  |
| SL Fitters (1 WO, 1 Sgt)              | 2  |
| Clerk (Sgt)                           | 1  |
| Total WOs and Sgts                    | 3  |
| SL Fitters                            | 2  |
| Clerks                                | 2  |
| Drivers IC                            | 2  |
| Motor Cyclists                        | 2  |
| Orderlies                             | 2  |
| Telephonists                          | 1  |
| Total, rank and file                  | 11 |
| Total, other ranks                    | 14 |
| Total, all ranks                      | 17 |
| (ii) Transport (British)              |    |
| Car 4 Seater, 4 x 2                   | 1  |
| Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS                | 2  |
| Motor Cycles                          | 2  |

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

440-470.3-17(b)

8 March, 1945.  
WWR/CVI

SUBJECT: W.D. Proposal

TO : G-3 (Org) For. (7 copies).

I. THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An Italian Searchlight Workshops (Mobile)
- (b) Proposal is for a new W.D.
- (c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An increase of 1 Officer and 33 ORs, and 4 Vehicles (all Italian).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e). Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by post reductions in Italian A. and CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med. Cat. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by ILL, IIAF and A.I. & CD.
- (h) See Appendix 'A'.

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

- (a) The function of the SL Wksp (Mob) is to maintain and service the equipment of two SL Coys operating approximately 78 Italian Searchlights.
- (b) 54 of the searchlights are employed as homing searchlight beacons on MAF airfields and the other 24 are to be employed for producing artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of British SL Btys already so employed.
- (c) These employments involve long running hours and considerable wear and tear on Italian searchlight equipments which have already seen

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(c) Not applicable.

## II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) An increase of 1 Officer and 33 ORs, and 4 Vehicles (all Italian).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e). Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by post reductions in Italian A. and CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med. Det. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MIL, IMAF and AA & CD.
- (h) See Appendix 'A'.

## III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

- (a) The function of the SL Wksp (Iib) is to maintain and service the equipment of two SL Coys operating approximately 73 Italian Searchlights.
- (b) 54 of the searchlights are employed as hanning searchlight beams on MAF airfields and the other 24 are to be employed for producing artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of British SL Bays already so employed.
- (c) These employments involve long running hours and considerable wear and tear on Italian searchlight equipments which have already seen considerable service.
- (d) The unit already exists on an ad hoc basis and has performed valuable work on the SLs employed by IMAF, and on those to be employed by the Army for producing artificial moonlight. This proposal is therefore designed to regularise an existing state of affairs.

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H. A. HOUNSELL,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, AA & CD.

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APPENDIX 'A'.

AN ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT WORKSHOPS (MOBILE)

(i) Personnel.

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Captain                               | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, officers                       | <u>1</u>  |
| W.Os. i/o Workshops                   | 2         |
| Storemen (Sjt)                        | 1         |
| Clerk (Sjt)                           | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, warrant officers and sergeants | <u>4</u>  |
| Clerks                                | 2         |
| Storemen                              | 1         |
| Generator fitters                     | 4         |
| Electricians                          | 5         |
| Vehicle Mechanics                     | 5         |
| Carpenters                            | 3         |
| Blacksmiths                           | 3         |
| General fitters                       | 2         |
| Drivers IC                            | 2         |
| Welder                                | 1         |
| Orderly                               | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, rank and file                  | <u>29</u> |
| Total, other ranks                    | <u>33</u> |
| Total, all ranks                      | <u>34</u> |

(ii) Transport

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|                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Clerks               | 2         |
| Storemen             | 1         |
| Generator fitters    | 4         |
| Electricians         | 5         |
| Vehicle Mechanics    | 5         |
| Carpenters           | 3         |
| Blacksmiths          | 3         |
| General fitters      | 2         |
| Drivers IC           | 2         |
| Welder               | 1         |
| Orderly              | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, rank and file | <u>29</u> |
| Total, other ranks   | <u>33</u> |
| Total, all ranks     | <u>34</u> |

(ii) Transport

|                              |   |
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| Trucks (Italian)             | 2 |
| Lorries, machinery (Italian) | 2 |

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

AAO-470.3-17(c)

8 March 1945.  
WIR/RH.

SUBJECT: ME Proposal.

TO : G-3 (Org) For. (7 copies)

I. THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) An Italian Searchlight Company Headquarters (Mobile).
- (b) Proposal is for a new ME.
- (c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An increase of 2 officers and 15 ORs (all Italian), 1 vehicle (Italian) and 1 vehicle and 1 motor cycle (both British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e) Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by past reductions in British and Italian AA and CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med. Cat. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MMIAA AA & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A".

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) The function of the SL Coy HQ (Mobile) will be to administer four Italian SL Plns on VE CA/736/1.
- (b) The Plns will be employed to produce artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of Br. SL Btys already so employed.
- (c) Apart from carrying out general routine administration of the Plns, the principal work of the Coy HQ (in conjunction with the SL Bn HQ) will be to ensure a regular supply of equipment and spares to the Plns. This is likely to prove a considerable problem in view of the long running hour involved.



## II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An increase of 2 officers and 15 ORs (all Italian), 1 vehicle (Italian) and 1 vehicle and 1 motor cycle (both British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e) Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by past reductions in British and Italian AA and CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be lied. Cat. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MMIAA AA & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A".

## III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) The function of the SL Coy HQ (Mobile) will be to administer four Italian SL Pins on VE CA/736/1.
- (b) The Pins will be employed to produce artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of Br. SL Btys already so employed.
- (c) Apart from carrying out general routine administration of the Pins, the principal work of the Coy HQ (in conjunction with the SL Bn HQ) will be to ensure a regular supply of equipment and spares to the Pins. This is likely to prove a considerable problem in view of the long running hour involved.

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*H. A. Hounsell*  
H. A. HOUNSELL,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, AA & CD.

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APPENDIX "A"

AN ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS (MOBILE)

(i) Personnel

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Captain                         | 1         |
| Subaltern                       | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, officers                 | <u>2</u>  |
| Clerk (Sgt)                     | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, sergeants                | <u>1</u>  |
| Clerk                           | 1         |
| Driver IC                       | 1         |
| Motor C. clist                  | 1         |
| Telephonist                     | 1         |
| Cook                            | 1         |
| Orderly                         | 1         |
| Vehicle fitters                 | 4         |
| Electrical fitters              | <u>4</u>  |
| Total, rank and file            | <u>14</u> |
| Total, other ranks              | <u>15</u> |
| Total, all ranks                | <u>17</u> |
| (ii) Transport                  |           |
| Motor cycle (British)           | 1         |
| Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS (British) | 1         |
| Truck (Italian)                 | 1         |

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

50-470.3-17(d)

8 March, 1945.  
WVR/CVI.

SUBJECT: W.E. Proposal.

TO : G-3(Org) For. (7 copies).

I. THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An Italian Searchlight Company Headquarters (Static)
- (b) Proposal is for a New WE.
- (c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) Increase of 2 Officers and 9 ORs (all Italian), 2 Vehicles (Italian) and 1 Motor Cycle (British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e). Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by past reduction in British and Italian AA & CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med.Cat. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MILA, LAAAF and AA & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A".

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

- (a) The function of the SL Coy HQ (Static), which has existed for some time as an Italian unit, will be to administer nine Italian SL Plns (static) employed to operate homing searchlight beacons on LAAAF airfields.
- (b) The Plns on airfields are scattered in small detachments over a large area of Italy. They have been operating for several months and it has been found that their administration presents considerable difficulties, especially in respect of provision of equipment and



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II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Increase of 2 Officers and 9 ORs (all Italian), 2 Vehicles (Italian) and 1 Motor Cycle (British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) and (e). Additional personnel and vehicles required are offset by past reduction in British and Italian AA & CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med.Cet. "B".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MIA, MAAF and AA & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A".

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

- (a) The function of the SL Coy HQ (static), which has existed for some time as an Italian unit, will be to administer nine Italian SL Plns (static) employed to operate homing searchlight beacons on MAAF airfields.
- (b) The Plns on airfields are scattered in small detachments over a large area of Italy. They have been operating for several months and it has been found that their administration presents considerable difficulties, especially in respect of provision of equipment and spares.
- (c) The SL Coy HQ by maintaining constant contact with the Plns, on the one hand, and the SL Bn, on the other, would ensure a regular supply of equipment and spares, besides carrying out other necessary routine administration.

*H. A. HOUNSELL*  
H. A. HOUNSELL,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, AA & CD.

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APPENDIX "A".

AN ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS (STATIC)

(i) Personnel (Italian)

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Captain               | 1         |
| Subaltern             | <u>1</u>  |
| Total, officers       | <u>2</u>  |
| Clerk (Sjt)           | <u>1</u>  |
| Total Serjeants       | <u>1</u>  |
| Drivers IC            | 2         |
| Motor Cyclists        | 1         |
| Clerk                 | 1         |
| Telephonist           | 1         |
| Cook                  | 1         |
| Orderlies             | <u>2</u>  |
| Total, rank and file  | <u>8</u>  |
| Total, other ranks    | <u>9</u>  |
| Total, all ranks      | <u>11</u> |
| (ii) Transport        |           |
| Motor Cycle (British) | 1         |
| Trucks (Italian)      | 2         |

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

AAO-470.3-17(e)

8 March, 1945.  
WBR/CVI.

SUBJECT: H.M. Proposal.

TO : G-5 (Org) For. (7 copies)

I. THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) An Italian Searchlight Platoon (Static)
- (b) Proposal is for a new W.E.
- (c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An increase of 1 officer and 24 ORs and 1 vehicle (all Italian) and 1 motor cycle (British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Nine
- (d) and (e). Additional personnel and vehicle required are offset by past reduction in British and Italian AA & CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med. Cat. "3".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MTA, MAAT and A. & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A".

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) The function of the Flns is to operate homing searchlight beacons for aircraft on MAAT airfields in this theatre.
- (b) Nine platoons are already in existence on an ad hoc basis and have been employed under the operational control of MAAT for several months.
- (c) The object of this proposal is to regularise an existing state of affairs.



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(c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECT ON THE PROPOSAL

- (a) An increase of 1 officer and 24 ORs and 1 vehicle (all Italian) and 1 motor cycle (British).
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Nine
- (d) and (e). Additional personnel and vehicle required are offset by past reduction in British and Italian AA & CD units.
- (f) All personnel may be Med.Cat. "3".
- (g) Approval in principle has been given by MIA, MAAF and A. & CD.
- (h) See Appendix "A". 21/2261  
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III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) The function of the Flns is to operate homing searchlight beacons for aircraft on MAAF airfields in this theatre.
- (b) Five platoons are already in existence on an ad hoc basis and have been employed under the operational control of MAAF for several months.
- (c) The object of this proposal is to regularise an existing state of affairs.

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AAG-470.3-17

Italian Army Units (BR-ITI)

- Brig C-3(Org)  
1. AA & GD Foreign 5 Mar Reference AAG-470I of 22 Feb 45.

1. The Appendix forwarded with the above-quoted letter is cancelled.  
2. Requirements for Italian Army units (BR-ITI) are now as shown in the Appendix to this letter and comprise:-

- (a) One SL Bn H.Q. (i) To be formed to administer two SL Coys and one S.L. Wksp.  
(ii) Personnel to be BR-ITI.
- (b) One SL Wksp (Mobile) (i) Already exists and employs ITI-ITI personnel.  
(ii) Has no approved WS at present.  
(iii) Required to service the equipment of two SL Coys.  
(iv) Personnel to become BR-ITI.
- (c) One SL Coy (Static) (i) Already exists and employs ITI-ITI personnel.  
(ii) Has no approved W.S. at present.  
(iii) Is employed by MAAP to operate homing SL beacons on Airfields. Has been so employed for 4-5 months.  
(iv) Personnel to become BR-ITI.
- (d) One SL Coy (Mobile) (i) To be formed to provide artificial moonlight in ports and forward areas in support of Brit. SL Btys already so employed.  
(ii) Will comprise four SL Flms on WS CM/736/1 plus Coy HQ for which WS is to be submitted.  
(iii) Personnel to be BR-ITI.

3. Full implementation of the programme outlined in para 2 above is subject to the concurrence of MAAP on certain points now under discussion by MAAP and this Section.

4. When agreement has been reached, it is anticipated that this Section will submit proposals for WSs in respect of:-

- A SL Bn H.Q.  
A SL Wksp (Mobile)  
A SL Coy (Static)  
A SL Coy HQ (Mobile) (to administer four SL Flms on WS CM/736/1)

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Italian Army Units (BR-ITI)

1. (Continued)

5. All Italian personnel and equipment needed for the proposed units are available and have been earmarked.

*W. A. Housell*  
W. A. HOUSSELL,  
Brigadier,  
Chief, AA & OD.

Copy to:- M.A.A.F.  
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Appendix 'C' to AFHQ letter  
ASD/222.2 dated 19 Feb. '45

Revised Requirements for Italian Army Units (BR-ITI Service Reg.)

| Designation of Proposed Units      | Proposed arrangements for training specialists | Priority for for- mation.                | Proposed Strength known | Proposed Strength if W.S. known | Proposed Strength if W.S. required | Brigade No. of Units | Total Italian Strength | Total British Strength |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| (a)                                | (b)                                            | (c)                                      | (d)                     | (e)                             | (f)                                | (g)                  | (h)                    | (i)                    |
| Searchlight Battalion Headquarters | Already trained                                | B                                        | -                       | 3                               | 14                                 | -                    | -                      | 14                     |
| Mobile Searchlight Workshop        | Already trained                                | Personnel already employed (ITI-ITI)     | -                       | 1                               | 33                                 | -                    | -                      | 33                     |
| Searchlight Company (Station)      | Already trained                                | Personnel already operational as ITI-ITI | -                       | 11                              | 200                                | -                    | -                      | 200                    |
| Searchlight Company (Bilo)         | Already trained                                | B                                        | -                       | 11                              | 200                                | -                    | -                      | 200                    |

Total Strength: 26 Officers : 447 ORs.

\* To include four Italian S.L. Platoons each of 2 Officers and 46 ORs on W.S. 31/736/1



SUBJECT: Formation of Searchlight Platoons SECRETLand Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/23

12 Mar 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

copy to: AFHQ for G3 Org  
AFHQ for AA & CD  
MAAF

3 District

MTIA LO 3 District

PBS for MTIA LO

CC Brit Cadre 803 BRD

1. Reference MIA G/3 of 10 February, the authority for the formation of the four Searchlight Platoons referred to has now been received (AFHQ CR/1116/G-1(Br) (Ser 1757) of 6 March). Your 11414/Ord of 6 March also refers.

2. The Units will be designated 831, 832, 833 and 834 Italian Searchlight Platoons. They will be formed at the HQ of the X Engineer Regiment, CAPUA, with effect from 7 March 1945 under the supervision of HQ No 3 District, on N.E. CM/736/1. Copies of this establishment will be forwarded to you as soon as received; it corresponds to that given in our G/3 of 10 February.

3. You are requested to report when all the necessary personnel has been collected at CAPUA. It is confirmed that they may be taken from the following sources:-

- (a) Disbanded AA and CD Units.
- (b) Experienced Searchlight personnel

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1. Refer to MIA G/3 of 10 February, the authority for the formation of the four Searchlight Platoons referred to has now been received (AFHQ CR/1116/G-4(Br) (Ser 1757) of 6 March). Your 11414/Ord of 6 March also refers.
2. The Units will be designated 831, 832, 833 and 834 Italian Searchlight Platoons. They will be formed at the HQ of the X Engineer Regiment, CAPUA, with effect from 7 March 1945 under the supervision of HQ No 3 District, on W.D. CM/736/1. Copies of this establishment will be forwarded to you as soon as received; it corresponds to that given in our G/3 of 10 February.

3. You are requested to report when all the necessary personnel has been collected at CAPUA. It is confirmed that they may be taken from the following sources:-

- (a) Disbanded AA and CD Units. 1663
- (b) Experienced Searchlight personnel now held at 802, 803 and 804 Base Reinft Depots ORVIZO, AFFAGOLA and TRANI.
- (c) Personnel already at the barracks of X Engineer Regt.

4. Instructions for the issue of the necessary British vehicles and Unit and personal equipment will be given by HQ No 3 District. Please empower Lt Col Del Fiume to collect the necessary Italian Searchlight Equipment from all Army depots.

5. The future policy with regard to Searchlight Units is as follows:-

see folio 31

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- (a) A Battalion HQ will be formed to administer both 3 Searchlight Company (with Workshop) and 831, 832, 833 and 834 Searchlight Platoons. As the Platoons will be operating separately it is not proposed to insert a Company HQ between the Battalion and the Platoons. A proposed W.I. for this Battalion is now being prepared by MAAP and AA and OD Section AFHQ. It is requested that Lt Col Del Fiume be the Commander.
- (b) The Battalion's duties will include the control of all Searchlight equipment throughout IIIAF and its distribution as required to 3 Searchlight Company and the Searchlight Platoons. The Battalion will also coordinate for 227 Division the training of a 5% reserve of Searchlight reinforcements who will be held at 503 BRD, AFRAIGOLI.
- (c) 3 Searchlight Company will remain under the command of MAAP. 831, 832, 833 and 834 Searchlight Platoons will be allotted to Army Formations in the Army Area, under the supervision of AA and OD Section AFHQ. The new Searchlight Battalion will be under command of 3 District through 227 Division. You are therefore requested to place Lt Col Del Fiume at the disposal of 227 Division instead of Military HQ CAMPANIA as at present.
- (d) It is proposed to transfer all Searchlight personnel from Category 4 III-III to Category 3 BR-III.

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All the above



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(d) It is proposed to transfer all Searchlight personnel from Category 4 IRI-ITI to Category 3 BR-ITI.

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*L.M. T. [Signature]*  
for Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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On 1<sup>st</sup> March 1945  
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La Compagnia Trasporti  
Aereo

Hd. Q. - Cdo. Gr.

Aerostieri - Taranto

1 Coy. - Cdo. Aereo - -do-

2 Coy. - " Gioia del  
 Colle -

Fuglia  
 M. Bari

3 Coy. - " Ancona

4 Coy. - " Livorno



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Capt Pacini - Report No. 64  
dated 27 February 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : ~~1st~~ Compagnia Sbarramento Aereo  
Location : Masseria Annunziata on S. Vito road  
Personnel: 5 Officers  
61 EM  
37 Naval personnel attached  
Comdg. O.: Lt. Parolini

I was informed that this unit is under the Navy for rations, so I don't know whether it falls within our jurisdiction. Nevertheless an inspection was made and found that this unit has not been active for some time. It was stated, however, that the C.O. is in Rome to determine whether the unit can be authorized to start operating on observation balloons in search of loose mines as requested by a British Admiral in Taranto. Although this Company is part of the Engineer branch of the Italian Army it is presently under the Navy and has also often worked for the Air Corps, Italian and British.

The Group Hdqs. is also located here, with a personnel of 1 Officer and 3 EM, included in the above quoted figures. The Group consists in addition to the Company under discussion of:

2nd Co. at Gioia del Colle  
3rd Co. at Ancona  
4th Co. at Livorno

It is very questionable in my mind whether this type of unit should be part of the Army at all, it seems to me that the type of service performed would place it either in the Navy or the Air Corps.

Henry J. Pacini"

2. What sort of an outfit is this? Please straighten it out and advise me.

3. Report action taken by 8 March 1945.

3 March 1945.

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## Translation.

From. SMRE.

Ref No 11414/ORD.

to. MMIA.

Date 6.3.45.

Search light platoons

Answer to letter G/3 Dated 10-2-45.

Further to verbal accord with MMIA, this S.M. have issued, to all the military commands and receiving camp for B.R. 171. the order to inform them of the search light personnel available and to hold this personnel at their disposal until further orders.

We beg you to inform us if the constitution of the search light platoons is still being studied, or otherwise, when will it be possible to carry out the formation, ~~the~~ so as to enable S.M.R.E to issue necessary orders.

Rellangfredi

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S.M.

Letter written "Mark".

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② **SEGRETO**

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

**IN**

n° 11414 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 3800, 6 marzo 45

OCCORRENZA: Plotone fotoelettricisti.-

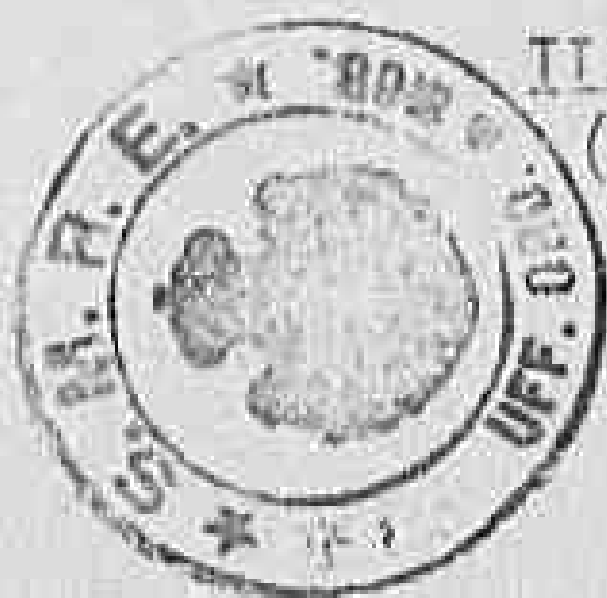
*Searchlight Platoon*  
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE A.C. (MIA)

ROMA

Risposta C/3 del 10 febbraio 1945.-

A seguito intese verbali con codesta Missione, questo S.M. ha diramato ai dipendenti comandi militari territoriali e campi affluenti BR. ITI l'ordine di segnalare il personale fotoelettricista disponibile e tenerlo a disposizione in attesa di successivi ordini.-

Si prega precisare se la costituzione dei plotoni fotoelettricisti è ancora in fase di studio o, diversamente, quando se ne potrà effettuare la costituzione, perchè questo S.M. possa emanare ordini in conseguenza.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

*Giulini*

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From : H.Q. Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, C.M.F.  
To : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
Date : 6th March, 1945.  
Ref : HQMAAF/S.102/7/Air

Italian Searchlight Assistance  
for A.F.H.Q., AA & CD Section.

1. Reference your letter SD/23/1 dated 3rd March, 1945.
2. It is confirmed that it is proposed to form a Searchlight Battalion H.Q. under the command of Lt. Colonel Dal Fiume to administer the 3rd Searchlight Company to which is attached a mobile workshop (Officina Mobile per Fotoelettrici) and the 4 Searchlight Platoons which are to be employed in a ground role.
3. It has been considered most practicable and convenient for the Battalion to be formed under the auspices of A.F.H.Q. - AA & CD Section, that the Battalion Headquarters should be administered by Three District and that in effect, the Third Searchlight Company (or whatever its title may be) should be placed at the disposal of M.A.A.F. and continue as hitherto to operate under M.A.A.F.'s command.
4. It is noted and agreed that Lt. Colonel Dal Fiume should co-operate with AA & CD.

*I.D.N. Lawson*  
I.D.N. LAWSON/G/Capt.,  
for Air Marshal,  
Commander-in-Chief,  
R.A.F. MEDAE.

*15. This document has been  
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SECRETSUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
 GF 1116/C-1(BR) (Ser. 1757)  
 6 Mar 45.

831, 832, 833 & 834 ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT PLATOONS.

1. (a) The above mentioned Platoons will be formed on W.B. CM/736/1 with effect from 7 Mar 45 under the supervision of HQ No.3 District.  
 (b) Copies of the W.B. will be distributed automatically by HQ No.3 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No.3 District.  
 (c) Serial Nos. 93927 to 93930 respectively, have been allotted to these Platoons.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided from disbanded AA & OD Units under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MIL).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

- (a) Unit and Personal equipment to basic equipment list 6056/7 and Special Equipment List to be issued by Q (AE), AFHQ.
- (b) Pr. vehicles to complete to W.B. in accordance with existing priorities.
- (c) Italian vehicles will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission (MIL).

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1593) to No.21 Stationery Depot.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1594) to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1592) to ADESS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Fls will use the Poste Militaire number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

HQ No.3 District will report to G.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.



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Platoons.

2. PERSONNEL  
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(b) Br. vehicles to complete to W.L. in accordance with existing priorities.  
(c) Italian vehicles will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission (MILA).

4. STATIONERY  
Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-  
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(c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1592) to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL  
Pls will use the Postal Military number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION  
HQ No.3 District will report to G.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

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SUBJECT: Searchlight Platoons.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(G.M.T.A.) C/3  
10 Feb 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. AFHQ is now considering the proposal shown below for four Italian Searchlight Platoons to be used in the forward area for road lighting, area lighting, and for lighting special tasks such as bridging. Personnel will be carried in Category 4 of the Order of Battle.

2. The suggested P.E. for each platoon is :-

| Personnel                                                               | Platoon HQ | Six 33 Dets (each) | Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------|
| Officers                                                                | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Platoon Sgt                                                             | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Vehicle Fitters                                                         | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Electrical Fitter                                                       | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Clerk                                                                   | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Telephonists                                                            | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Cook                                                                    | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Drivers I.C.                                                            | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Det Commander                                                           |            | 1                  | 1     |
| Searchlight Operators                                                   |            | 1                  | 1     |
| Generator Musters                                                       |            | 2                  | 2     |
| Total                                                                   | 12         | 6                  | 18    |
| Equipment (Italian)                                                     |            |                    |       |
| Searchlights complete with Generators ( <del>Not to be included</del> ) |            |                    | 6     |
| Transport (British) for Pln HQ                                          |            |                    | 1     |
| Lorry 3-ton 4 x 2 G.S.                                                  |            |                    | 1     |
| Car 2-seater 4 x 2                                                      |            |                    | 1     |

In anticipation of the orders to form these platoons you are requested to provide the following equipment:-

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
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| Officers              | 2                             | 2     |
| Platoon Sgt           | 1                             | 1     |
| Vehicle Fitters       | 2                             | 2     |
| Electrical Fitter     | 1                             | 1     |
| Clerk                 | 1                             | 1     |
| Telephonists          | 2                             | 2     |
| Cook                  | 1                             | 1     |
| Drivers I.C.          | 1                             | 1     |
| Net Commander         | 3                             | 3     |
| Searchlight Operators | 2                             | 2     |
| Generator Movers      | 2                             | 2     |
| Total                 | 12                            | 48    |

Equipment (Italian)  
Searchlights complete with Generators (Not known whether available)

Transport (British) for Platoon HQ  
Lorry 3-ton 4 x 2 G.S.  
Car 2-seater 4 x 2

3. In anticipation of the orders to form these platoons you requested to concentrate the necessary specialist personnel at the barracks of the 2 Engineer Regiment CAPUA. Please report if the required numbers of trained men is available.

4. It is for consideration that the four platoons mentioned should be incorporated in the Searchlights Group now operated by USAF under supervision of Colonel Del Fiume.

Spoken Major Brainer 12 Feb  
S.M.R.E. for Lt Col Del Fiume to  
further personnel & equipment.  
Major General  
H.E.D.A.



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TO: MMIA

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YOUR SD 2207 OF 30 JANUARY IS REFERENCE (.) PARA ONE (.)  
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ON FORMATION OF ITALIAN  
SEARCHLIGHT PLATOONS CMA CURRENT ITALIAN A A DISBANDMENT  
PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD UP IN SO FAR AS DISPERSAL OF TRAINED  
ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT OPERATORS CMA INCLUDING OFFICERS CMA  
IS CONCERNED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY PERSONNEL FOR  
FOUR PROPOSED PLATOONS

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SECRET (.) YOUR AD 061.711/041 DATED 10 JAN 45 (.) YOUR PROPOSALS  
AGREED (.) STRENGTH WILL BE CARRIED UNDER CATEGORY FOUR ITALIAN ARMY (.)  
PLEASE FORWARD FURTHER DETAILS OF MEN OF UNITS (.)

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To : MMIA

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Request earliest reply to my AG 091.711/041 dated 10 Jan 45 (\*) Subject  
Italian Searchlight Platoons for use with ground troops

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Date 10 January 1945

AG 091.711/041 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian Searchlight Platoons.

TO : President, Allied Commission.  
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA).

1. The below WE has been submitted for four (4) Italian Army SL Platoons to be used in the forward area for road lighting, area lighting, and for lighting special tasks such as bridging. Will you please comment.

2. The proposal is agreed in principle and the strength will be carried against the 600 allocated for this purpose.

3. Suggested WE for each SL PL:

| Personnel (Italian)   | Platoon Hq | Six SL Dets (each) | Total |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|-------|
| Officers              | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Platoon Sgt           | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Vehicle Fitters       | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Electrical Fitter     | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Clerk                 | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Telephonists          | 2          |                    | 2     |
| Cook                  | 1          |                    | 1     |
| Drivers I.C.          | 2          | 1                  | 8     |
| Det. Commander        |            | 1                  | 6     |
| Searchlight Operators |            | 2                  | 12    |
| Generator Numbers     |            | 2                  | 12    |
|                       |            | 6                  | 48    |
| Total                 | 12         |                    |       |

## Equipment (Italian)

Searchlights complete with Generators  
Transport (British) for Pln HQ  
Lorry 3-ton 4 x 2 G.S.  
Car 2-seater 4 x 2

not known whether  
available. write to HQ  
for return and availability of  
searchlights.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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R. H. FRESE,  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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Solo 501 refers.

Suggest following action

(a) that we pass these up to AFSC when all have been received, as the units are theirs

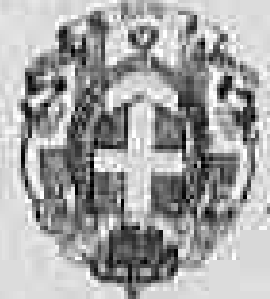
(b) ask SMRE (of June 7) why these men have not yet been transferred

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Action taken  
Phoned SMRE Capt Keller Comd  
Official Detachment. Told him  
to see the excess people at A Co  
and send to Davis for 1 month.  
Also asked Capt Keller to see that all excess  
men were sent to Davis  
Please take action

\* Capt Yeardley  
Please

8 Jan.





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## INSPECTION REPORT OF ITALIAN UNIT

3 January 1945

1. Unit 4 Balloon Co 2. Location LETHORN near ARLENZA
3. Serial Ref. your SD/47, 15 Dec 44 4. Required for \_\_\_\_\_
5. Strength: OFFICERS EM ANIMALS VEHICLES CARTS 986 Balloon Sqd. R.A.F.  
Horses Mules Squadron Leader Woods (B) Cmdg.  
(by types)

Officers 5 128 See Vehicle Report  
 On leave 23 previously forwarded.  
 In Hospital 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total 5 153 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of Commanding Officer Tenente MANZONI Renato
7. Origin: (Whether formed from an existing unit or from depots, re-organization camps, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Formed from engineers and infantry and to be transferred to the Italian Air Corps. Orders have not yet been received by unit from S.M.R.E. for this transfer.

8. State of Clothing and Personal Equipment:

Unsatisfactory. Unit is not equipped to scale. Shortages exist in all items. Have 200 pairs of shoes which need repair. If unit had leather and nails, they could repair their own shoes for they have two cobblers.

9. Tentage:

Billetted in buildings, have no tents.



In Hospital      Total 5      153

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could repair their own shoes for they have two cobblers.

9. Tentage: Billeted in buildings, have no tents.  
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10. Cooking Equipment: Satisfactory. Have built a cook house similar to the one the British are  
using.

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11. Technical Equipment and Vehicles: None.

Sgt. Leader Woods (B) informs me that the personnel of the unit have taken a keen interest in Barrage Balloons. The new British manual on Barrage Balloons has been translated from English into Italian by Sergeants Armeni. See reference to him below.

12. Condition of Animals:

None

13. Arms and Ammunition: (Include number of rounds per arm)

Small rifles. Approximately 10 rounds per man.

14. Command & Discipline: (Whether Officers & EM appeared to have control of their men)

Appeared to be very satisfactory. Morale of troops appeared to be good.

15. State of Training (Particularly in regard to job for which required including any remarks of lack of specialists)

16. Interpreters (Names of)

Sgt. Armeni Egeo, born in Luxemburg, is an outstanding non-commissioned officer and should be promoted if possible. He speaks 4 languages fluently and is recommended most highly by Sgt. Leader Woods.



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17. Date Unit is to move (or did move) to Destination:

Moved to Leghorn during July 1944.

18. General Remarks: (Appearance, fitness, keenness)

See attached page.

Date: Station Hq 5th Army

Signed: R.C. VAN KIRK, Major, Infantry, Sr. (AMIA) L.O., 5th Army

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General Remarks:

1. This is a unit which is doing a good piece of work in handling the barrage balloons in and around Leghorn, but needs attention both from the Allied and Italian sides for the unit lacks proper clothing, shoes, and also rations do not appear adequate for the heavy work these men are doing in raising, lowering and handling the balloons. There appears to be a definite insufficiency of the Italian components of the ration. Capt. Dadini (Italian) is supposed to be the Italian L.O. for this unit at Leghorn and for the one at Ancona which is also under command of Sqd. Leader Woods, but Dadini has not been heard from in months. It is rumored he is in jail, having been picked up by the British M.Ps. near Taranto. In any event, Woods says he is no use to him and should be replaced. He also states that S.M.R.E. has sent Lt. Rosetti to relieve Lt. Tempesti at Ancona, but he does not approve of this transfer for Tempesti is performing his work satisfactorily.

2. Reference paragraphs 4 and 5 basic communication, all personnel present were listed on nominal roll attached as appendix "A" except those on appendix "B" attached. In accordance with your instructions, I have given orders for the men listed on "B" and not on the original nominal roll to be sent to TRANI, attached is copy of my letter to Squadron Leader Woods. Attached as appendix "C" is the list of men now present with the company, including those which are shown on "B" and are to be sent to TRANI. The effective strength of the unit after the officer and the men named leave for TRANI will be 4 officers and 149 enlisted men available for transfer to the Italian Air Corps.



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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY  
A.P.O. #464, U. S. Army

RCV/jad  
4 January 1945

Subject: Transfer of Army Personnel, Fourth Balloon Barrage Company  
to the Italian Air Force.

To : Squadron Leader Woods, R.A.F.  
Navy House, Leghorn.

1. In accordance with MMIA letter, copy attached, SD/47 of 15 December  
1944, request you cause to be despatched to TRANI Camp, the following personnel:

| <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u>        | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Tenente     | CHIESA, Pietro     | 1916                 |
| Geniere     | GIORDANO, Cosimo   | 1915                 |
| Geniere     | MIRICCHONI, Vasco  | 1920                 |
| Geniere     | RESTUCCIA, Antonio | 1915                 |
| Geniere     | SAVINI, Domenico   | 1915                 |

2. The officer and men named appear not to be on the nominal roll furnished me by my HQ and must be sent to TRANI Camp. Lt. CHIESA should be placed in charge and impressed with the importance of delivering himself and the 4 men to the C.O. TRANI Camp, and he should also report to the MMIA LO there.

3. Existing Allied transport facilities can be used by these men for this movement.

4. Enclosed is copy of my inspection report which I am forwarding to my headquarters.

R.C.VAN KIRK,  
Major, Infantry,  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

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*Appendix "A"*

1)

ITALIAN PERSONNEL 986 SQUADRON R.A.F.

ENGINEERS

|     | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u>  |                       | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-----|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1)  | Tenente     | MANZONI      | Renato ✓              | 1910                 |
| 2)  | Tenente     | MATASSINI    | Alfredo ✓             | 1916                 |
| 3)  | S.Ten.      | BONSIGNORE   | Pietro —              | 1910                 |
| 4)  | S.Ten.      | GRASSI       | Giovanni —            | 1914                 |
| 5)  | S.Ten.      | MASSA        | Michele ✓             | 1919                 |
| 6)  | S.Ten.      | LANDOZZI     | Claudio —             | 1921                 |
| 7)  | S.Ten.      | MANUSSI      | Giulio ✓              | 1917                 |
| 8)  | S.Ten.      | SCARAFIA     | Vittorio <i>Leave</i> | 1920                 |
| 9)  | Sergente    | ARMERI       | Egeo ✓                | 1921                 |
| 10) | Sergente    | GABRIELE     | Giovanni ✓            | 1922                 |
| 11) | Sergente    | ROTARCOLA    | Giuseppe ✓            | 1916                 |
| 12) | Sergente    | GUERRIERA    | Sebastiano ✓          | 1922                 |
| 13) | Sergente    | CRACA        | Michele ✓             | 1919                 |
| 14) | Sergente    | GUALTIERI    | Decimo ✓              | 1916                 |
| 15) | Sergente    | HUGGERO      | Giosuè —              | 1916                 |
| 16) | Sergente    | FIORA        | Fante ✓               | 1916                 |
| 17) | Sergente    | GAUDIO       | Antonio ✓             | 1916                 |
| 18) | Sergente    | GRASSO       | Adriano ✓             | 1910                 |
| 19) | Sergente    | DE MOGLIE    | Livio ✓               | 1916                 |
| 20) | Sergente    | PREVITALI    | Vittorio ✓            | 1917                 |
| 21) | Sergente    | ZATTINI      | Alfredo ✓             | 1910                 |
| 22) | Sergente    | LEONESSA     | Rodi ✓                | 1912                 |
| 23) | Sergente    | COSTA        | Stellario ✓           | 1915                 |
| 24) | Cap. Magg.  | ARGENTIERI   | Cesare —              | 1920                 |
| 25) | Cap. Magg.  | BOIARDI      | Mario ✓               | 1919                 |
| 26) | Cap. Magg.  | DONFRANCESCO | Mario ✓               | 1919                 |
| 27) | Cap. Magg.  | LICCI        | Antonio <i>Leave</i>  | 1916                 |
| 28) | Cap. Magg.  | LUEDI        | Ugo ✓                 | 1922                 |
| 29) | Cap. Magg.  | ROSSI        | Armando —             | 1916                 |
| 30) | Cap. Magg.  | BEI          | Giuseppe <i>Leave</i> | 1919                 |
| 31) | Cap. Magg.  | CAUDA        | Francesco ✓           | 1909                 |
| 32) | Cap. Magg.  | D'AMATO      | Michele ✓             | 1923                 |
| 33) | Cap. Magg.  | GARGATAGLI   | Piero ✓               | 1913                 |
| 34) | Cap. Magg.  | PIOPPI       | Angelo ✓              | 1919                 |
| 35) | Cap. Magg.  | BILINGUARDI  | Piero ✓               | 1916 44              |
| 36) | Cap. Magg.  | TONI         | Gelindo ✓             | 1923                 |
| 37) | Cap. Magg.  | VECCHIO      | Angelo <i>Leave</i>   | 1917                 |
| 38) | Cap. Magg.  | BRUNETTI     | Carlo ✓               | 1919                 |
| 39) | Cap. 1e     | BRACCI       | Gino <i>Leave</i>     | 1921                 |
| 40) | Cap. 1e     | CARRELLA     | Luigi ✓               | 1918                 |



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|     | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> |                          | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 41) | Cap.1e      | CASACNI     | Boero ✓                  | 1922                 |
| 42) | Cap.1e      | DEL VECCHIO | Uglio ✓                  | 1916                 |
| 43) | Cap.1e      | PASCOLI     | Cesare ✓                 | 1909                 |
| 44) | Cap.1e      | GIORGETTI   | Mario ✓                  | 1922                 |
| 45) | Cap.1e      | IACOBICCI   | Mario ✓                  | 1915                 |
| 46) | Cap.1e      | MARCELLI    | Giuseppe ✓               | 1920                 |
| 47) | Cap.1e      | MARTINI     | Adolfo ✓                 | 1921                 |
| 48) | Cap.1e      | PROSPERI    | Romeo —                  | 1922                 |
| 49) | Cap.1e      | SCILLABI    | Mehmed —                 | 1912                 |
| 50) | Cap.1e      | TANQUINI    | Romeo —                  | 1913                 |
| 51) | Cap.1e      | BARA        | Mario ✓                  | 1909                 |
| 52) | Cap.1e      | ZEPPI       | Guido ✓                  | 1918                 |
| 53) | Cap.1e      | BERTASSI    | Alfredo ✓                | 1921                 |
| 54) | Cap.1e      | CAROFRESC   | Beniamino ✓ <i>Leath</i> | 1921                 |
| 55) | Cap.1e      | DI LINDO    | Michele ✓                | 1922                 |
| 56) | Cap.1e      | PISCHETTI   | Giuseppe ✓               | 1920                 |
| 57) | Cap.1e      | FONTANA     | Mario ✓                  | 1919                 |
| 58) | Cap.1e      | RICCIETTI   | Guido ✓                  | 1907                 |
| 59) | Cap.1e      | SALERNO     | Francesco ✓              | 1921                 |
| 59) | Cap.1e      | VALENTINI   | Antonio ✓                | 1917                 |
| 60) | Cap.1e      | VALERINELLI | Walter ✓                 | 1922                 |
| 61) | Cap.1e      | BALBONI     | Giorgio ✓                | 1922                 |
| 62) | Cap.1e      | PISTRONORO  | Fernando ✓ <i>Leath</i>  | 1918                 |
| 63) | Sold.       | BELIOMIA    | Gennaro —                | 1922                 |
| 64) | Sold.       | MARZETTI    | Ottorino —               | 1921                 |
| 65) | Sold.       | D'ANGELO    | Sino ✓                   | 1921                 |
| 66) | Sold.       | DE ANGELIS  | Emilio —                 | 1920                 |
| 67) | Sold.       | DELL' UOMO  | Antonio ✓                | 1916                 |
| 68) | Sold.       | GUTTADANRO  | Gastano —                | 1911                 |
| 69) | Sold.       | LUZZI       | Angelo ✓                 | 1919                 |
| 70) | Sold.       | NALAVENRA   | Lorenzo —                | 1919                 |
| 71) | Sold.       | MARINELLI   | Domenico —               | 1921                 |
| 72) | Sold.       | REBUCCIA    | Vincenzo —               | 1915                 |
| 73) | Sold.       | PELLI       | Michele ✓                | 1921                 |
| 74) | Sold.       | BELLUSCIO   | Antonio ✓                | 1922                 |
| 75) | Sold.       | BERTINO     | Silvio ✓                 | 1915                 |
| 75) | Sold.       | BIANCHI     | Alfredo ✓                | 1917                 |
| 77) | Sold.       | BOSETTO     | Domenico ✓               | 1917                 |
| 78) | Sold.       | BRAMBILLA   | Angelo ✓                 | 1915                 |
| 79) | Sold.       | WIPPA       | Lino —                   | 1912                 |
| 80) | Sold.       | CANPI       | Creste ✓                 | 1909                 |
| 81) | Sold.       | CARPERA     | Arnaldo ✓                | 1914                 |
| 82) | Sold.       | CANTOLLI    | Rinaldo ✓                | 1908                 |

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|      | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u>  |                | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|------|-------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 83)  | Sold.       | CAVIGCHIONI  | Nello ✓        | 1913                 |
| 84)  | Sold.       | DE BONOTLI   | Antonio ✓      | 1918                 |
| 85)  | Sold.       | DI GREGGIO   | Benedetto ✓    | 1920                 |
| 86)  | Sold.       | FRANCIA      | Livio ✓        | 1921                 |
| 87)  | Sold.       | LANDOZZI     | Antonio ✓      | 1921                 |
| 88)  | Sold.       | LEGGIERI     | Giuseppe ✓     | 1921                 |
| 89)  | Sold.       | JELBO        | Vito ✓         | 1922                 |
| 90)  | Sold.       | LUCCHI       | Nicola ✓       | 1920                 |
| 92)  | Sold.       | LULLI        | Agrippa ✓      | 1921                 |
| 93)  | Sold.       | LOMBARDI     | Giovanni ✓     | 1918                 |
| 94)  | Sold.       | MACEROLA     | Attoe —        | 1923                 |
| 95)  | Sold.       | MARIANI      | Leonardo ✓     | 1920                 |
| 96)  | Sold.       | MARINELLI    | Giuseppe ✓     | 1902                 |
| 97)  | Sold.       | MELCHIORRE   | Carcano —      | 1920                 |
| 98)  | Sold.       | MENOLFI      | Francesco —    | 1909                 |
| 99)  | Sold.       | MERLIN       | Mario ✓        | 1921                 |
| 100) | Sold.       | MIRATORI     | Giulio —       | 1916                 |
| 101) | Sold.       | PALLINI      | Giordano ✓     | 1919                 |
| 102) | Sold.       | PACLINI      | Antonio ✓      | 1921                 |
| 103) | Sold.       | PAULETTO     | Umberto ✓      | 1920                 |
| 104) | Sold.       | PATISRO      | Nicola ✓       | 1923                 |
| 105) | Sold.       | PIAUTILLO    | Vito ✓         | 1915                 |
| 106) | Sold.       | PUGGI        | Nicola ✓       | 1924                 |
| 107) | Sold.       | GUERIN       | Leonardo ✓     | 1920                 |
| 108) | Sold.       | RAGACIA      | Luigi ✓        | 1909                 |
| 109) | Sold.       | ROSSI        | Enrico ✓       | 1908                 |
| 110) | Sold.       | SALVATORELLI | Cosimo ✓       | 1924                 |
| 111) | Sold.       | SCALINCI     | Domenico ✓     | 1924                 |
| 112) | Sold.       | SILVERI      | Remo ✓         | 1921                 |
| 113) | Sold.       | VIDA         | Eliseo ✓       | 1920                 |
| 114) | Sold.       | ZANINI       | Massimiliano ✓ | 1916                 |



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|     | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u>   | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-----|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1)  | Serg. Magg. | DI GIAMMATTEO | Mario ✓ 1911         |
| 2)  | Sergente    | PIUPICI       | Umberto ✓ 1915       |
| 3)  | Sergente    | PERROTTI      | Luigi ✓ 1917         |
| 4)  | Sergente    | GININO        | Antonio ✓ 1921       |
| 5)  | Cap. Magg.  | DE STRADIN    | Salvatore ✓ 1914     |
| 6)  | Cap. Magg.  | RUSSO         | Nichelo ✓ 1915       |
| 7)  | Cap. Magg.  | IECCISO       | Antonio — 1917       |
| 8)  | Cap. Magg.  | ERARIO        | Angelo — 1915        |
| 9)  | Cap. Magg.  | MARCHI        | Corriero — 1917      |
| 10) | Cap. 1a     | D'ELIA        | Giuseppe ✓ 1921      |
| 11) | Cap. 1a     | CASTRONOVO    | Carmino ✓ 1919       |
| 12) | Soldato     | CAFARO        | Vincenzo ✓ 1924      |
| 13) | Soldato     | CALABRESE     | Francesco ✓ 1923     |
| 14) | Soldato     | CERONE        | Giovanni ✓ 1924      |
| 15) | Sold.       | CHILLEN       | Rocco ✓ 1924         |
| 16) | Sold.       | CINQUE        | Diego ✓ 1923         |
| 17) | Sold.       | LEONE         | Giuseppe — 1922      |
| 18) | Sold.       | MOBILIO       | Nicola ✓ 1924        |
| 19) | Sold.       | MONACO        | Francesco — 1917     |
| 20) | Sold.       | MONTIRARO     | Salvatore ✓ 1914     |
| 21) | Sold.       | RA. TAIE      | Nichelo ✓ 1923       |
| 22) | Sold.       | ROMANO        | Rocco ✓ 1923         |
| 23) | Sold.       | TUFARO        | Leonardo ✓ 1924      |
| 24) | Sold.       | ALICINO       | Riccardo ✓ 1921      |
| 25) | Sold.       | ALIBISIO      | Andrea ✓ 1924        |
| 26) | Sold.       | BOLOI         | Giuseppe ✓ 1926      |
| 27) | Sold.       | BOLOI         | Giovanni ✓ 1925      |
| 28) | Sold.       | EPIFANI       | Pasquale ✓ 1924      |
| 29) | Sold.       | CRISTIANO     | Pietro ✓ 1924        |
| 30) | Sold.       | RIZZO         | Vincenzo ✓ 1924      |
| 31) | Sold.       | SPADA         | Nicola ✓ 1923        |
| 32) | Sold.       | DI FORNO      | Rocco ✓ 1923         |
| 33) | Sold.       | MOHELLO       | Antonio ✓ 1923       |
| 34) | Sold.       | DI PAOLO      | Giuseppe ✓ 1915      |
| 35) | Sold.       | DI FIORE      | Ferdinando ✓ 1923    |
| 36) | Sold.       | DI SABATO     | Gastano — 1923       |
| 37) | Sold.       | RELI          | Leonardo ✓ 1924      |
| 38) | Sold.       | TASSI         | Florindo ✓ 1919      |
| 39) | Sold.       | DELLA GATTA   | Cosimo ✓ 1924        |
| 40) | Sold.       | PALVELLA      | Pasquale ✓ 1922      |
| 41) | Sold.       | PALVELLA      | Giuseppe ✓ 1921      |
| 42) | Sold.       | GIANRICO      | Francesco — 1921     |
| 43) | Sold.       | FIORILLO      | Cosimo ✓ 1923        |
| 44) | Sold.       | PARZIA        | Francesco ✓ 1921     |

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INFANTRY (continuation)

|     | <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-----|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
|     |             | GERARDI     | Vittorio ✓ 1920      |
|     |             | BORGIA GRE  | Giacomo ✓ 1924       |
| 45) | Sold.       | GRECO       | Raffaele ✓ 1923      |
| 46) | Sold.       | ZANUS       | Fortunato ✓ 1904     |
| 47) | Sold.       | BALASCO     | Raffaele ✓ 1924      |
| 48) | Sold.       | CIAMPITTI   | Livio ✓ 1923         |
| 49) | Sold.       | PETRONE     | Cataldo ✓ 1921       |
| 50) | Sold.       | MASARENTI   | Domenico ✓ 1920      |
| 51) | Sold.       | MASUCCI     | Fiorentino ✓ 1923    |
| 52) | Sold.       | MONTESANO   | Pietro ✓ 1921        |
| 53) | Sold.       | IASEBE      | Leopoldo ✓ 1908      |
| 54) | Sold.       | NATALE      | Nichele ✓ 1924       |
| 55) | Sold.       | NARRACCI    | Francesco ✓ 1922     |
| 56) | Sold.       | TORITTO     | Vito ✓ 1924          |
| 57) | Sold.       | LILLO       | Rocco ✓ 1921         |
| 58) | Sold.       | PECAR       | Giovanni ✓ 1926      |
| 59) | Sold.       | PIANIELLI   | Giuseppe ✓ 1918      |
| 60) | Sold.       | BOLOGNESE   | Giuseppe ✓ 1914      |
| 61) | Sold.       | CORIZZO     | Vincenzo ✓ 1919      |
| 62) | Sold.       | DELL'OLIO   | Domenico ✓ 1920      |
| 63) | Sold.       | TOMMASI     | Pasquale — 1923      |
| 64) | Sold.       | OLIVIERO    | Domenico ✓ 1920      |
| 65) | Sold.       | GAMBERALE   | Antonio — 1924       |
| 66) | Sold.       | FIOROTO     | Gennaro ✓ 1923       |
| 67) | Sold.       | MENNA       | Umberto — 1924       |
| 68) | Sold.       | SARDONE     | Nichele — 1915       |
| 69) | Sold.       | MARZOCCA    | Pasquale — 1922      |
| 70) | Sold.       | ANCONA      | Alfonso — 1923       |
| 71) | Sold.       | BUBBICO     | Pasquale — 1916      |
| 72) | Sold.       | DI CHIARA   | Vito — 1922          |
| 72) | Sold.       | CARBONE     | Antonio — 1912       |
| 74) | Sold.       | TALEME      | Giovanni ✓ 1922      |
| 75) | Sold.       | INVOLARO    | Giuseppe ✓ 1922      |
| 76) | Sold.       | LA LOGGIA   | Salvatore — 1913     |
| 77) | Sold.       |             |                      |
| 78) | Sold.       |             |                      |

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Appendix "B"

Italian Personnel ~~Missing~~ *not shown on "a"*

| <u>RANK</u> | <u>NAME</u>       | <u>DATE OF BIRTH</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Tenente     | CHIESA Pietro     | 1916                 |
| Geniere     | GIORDANO Cosimo   | 1915                 |
| Geniere     | QUIRICCHONI Vasco | 1920                 |
| Geniere     | RESTUCCIA Antonio | 1915                 |
| Geniere     | SAVINI Domenico   | 1915                 |



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|     |              |            |      |
|-----|--------------|------------|------|
| 16) | GROSSO       | AGRIANOV   | 1916 |
| 17) | GUALTIERI    | Decimo     | 1922 |
| 18) | GUERRIERA    | Schastiano | 1912 |
| 19) | LEONESSA     | Rodi       | 1916 |
| 20) | LE MOGLIE    | Livio      | 1916 |
| 21) | NOTARCOLA    | Giuseppe   | 1917 |
| 22) | PEROTTI      | Luigi      | 1918 |
| 23) | ZATTINI      | Alfredo    | 1919 |
| 24) | BERRETTI     | Carlo      | 1919 |
| 25) | BOIARDI      | Mario      | 1909 |
| 26) | CAULA        | Francesco  | 1923 |
| 27) | D'AMATO      | Michele    | 1919 |
| 28) | DONFRANCESCO | Mario      | 1913 |
| 29) | GARGATAGLI   | Piero      | 1922 |
| 30) | LUDDI        | Ugo        | 1919 |
| 31) | FIOPPI       | Angelo     | 1915 |
| 32) | RUSSO        | Michele    | 1921 |
| 33) | SILINGARDI   | Piero      | 1922 |
| 34) | TONIN        | Gelindo    | 1918 |
| 35) | BALBONI      | Giorgio    | 1922 |
| 36) | ERTASI       | Alfredo    | 1919 |
| 37) | CANNELLA     | Luigi      | 1916 |
| 38) | CASAGNI      | Boero      | 1909 |
| 39) | CASTRONUOVO  | Carminio   | 1920 |
| 40) | DEL VECCHIO  | Egidio     | 1919 |
| 41) | FASSOLI      | Cesare     | 1915 |
| 42) | FISCHETTI    | Giuseppe   | 1920 |
| 43) | FONTANA      | Mario      | 1921 |
| 44) | IACOBUCCHI   | Mario      | 1907 |
| 45) | MARCELLI     | Giuseppe   | 1921 |
| 46) | MARTINI      | Adolfo     | 1917 |
| 47) | NICOLETTI    | Guilio     | 1922 |
| 48) | SALERNO      | Francesco  | 1919 |
| 49) | VALENTINI    | Antonio    | 1922 |
| 50) | VALGIMIGLI   | Walter     | 1924 |
| 51) | ZARA         | Mario      | 1921 |
| 52) | ZEPPI        | Guido      | 1925 |
| 53) | DI LEMBO     | Michele    | 1919 |
| 54) | ALBRIZIO     | Andrea     | 1917 |
| 55) | ALICINO      | Riccardo   | 1915 |
| 56) | EALASCO      | Raffaele   | 1917 |
| 57) | BOLCI        | Giovanni   | 1915 |
| 58) | BOLCI        | Giuseppe   | 1917 |
| 59) | BONETTO      | Domenico   | 1915 |
| 60) | BERTINO      | Silvio     | 1917 |
| 61) | BIANCHI      | Alfredo    | 1917 |

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Canorale

Geniere



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| Geniere |             | -2-         | Classe |
|---------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| 62)     | BRAMBILLA   | Angelo ✓    | 1915   |
| 63)     | CALABRESE   | Francesco ✓ | 1923   |
| 64)     | CASTOLDI    | Diego ✓     | 1908   |
| 65)     | CAVICCHIONI | Nello ✓     | 1913   |
| 66)     | CERONE      | Giovanni ✓  | 1924   |
| 67)     | CAPARO      | Vincenzo ✓  | 1924   |
| 68)     | CARFENA     | Arnaldo ✓   | 1914   |
| 69)     | CAMPI       | Oreste ✓    | 1909   |
| 70)     | CINQUE      | Diego ✓     | 1923   |
| 71)     | CIAMPITTI   | Livio ✓     | 1923   |
| 72)     | CORIZZO     | Vincenzo ✓  | 1919   |
| 73)     | CRISTIANO   | Pietro ✓    | 1924   |
| 74)     | D'ANGELO    | Gino ✓      | 1921   |
| 75)     | DELL'UNTO   | Antonio ✓   | 1916   |
| 76)     | DE BORTOLI  | Antonio ✓   | 1916   |
| 77)     | DI GREGORIO | Benedetto ✓ | 1920   |
| 78)     | DE PAOLA    | Giuseppe ✓  | 1915   |
| 79)     | DELL'OLIO   | Domenico ✓  | 1922   |
| 80)     | DI PONZO    | Rocco ✓     | 1923   |
| 81)     | EPIFANI     | Pasquale ✓  | 1924   |
| 82)     | FRANCIA     | Livio ✓     | 1921   |
| 83)     | FIORILLO    | Giordano ✓  | 1923   |
| 84)     | FALVELLA    | Pasquale ✓  | 1922   |
| 85)     | FIORITTO    | Gennaro ✓   | 1923   |
| 86)     | FRELISI     | Michele ✓   | 1921   |
| 87)     | GIORDANO    | Cosimo ✓    | 1915   |
| 88)     | GRECO       | Raffaele ✓  | 1922   |
| 89)     | JELPO       | Vito ✓      | 1922   |
| 90)     | JASEEZ      | Leopoldo ✓  | 1908   |
| 91)     | LUZZI       | Angelo ✓    | 1919   |
| 92)     | LANDOZZI    | Antonio ✓   | 1921   |
| 93)     | LULLI       | Agostino ✓  | 1921   |
| 94)     | LILLO       | Rocco ✓     | 1921   |
| 95)     | MOBILIO     | Nicola ✓    | 1924   |
| 96)     | MONTENARO   | Salvatore ✓ | 1914   |
| 97)     | MARINELLI   | Giuseppe ✓  | 1902   |
| 98)     | MARIANI     | Leonardo ✓  | 1920   |
| 99)     | MERLIN      | Mario ✓     | 1921   |
| 100)    | MONTESANO   | Pietro ✓    | 1921   |
| 101)    | MORELLO     | Antonio ✓   | 1923   |
| 102)    | MARZIA      | Francesco ✓ | 1921   |
| 103)    | MASSARENTI  | Domenico ✓  | 1920   |
| 104)    | NATAIE      | Michele ✓   | 1924   |
| 105)    | NATAIE      | Michele ✓   | 1923   |
| 106)    | OLIVIERI    | Domenico ✓  | 1920   |
| 107)    | PAULETTO    | Ubaldo ✓    | 1920   |
| 108)    | PATISSC     | Nicola ✓    | 1923   |
| 109)    | PALLINI     | Giordano ✓  | 1915   |
| 110)    | PUZZI       | Nicola ✓    | 1924   |
| 111)    | PIZZUTTO    | Vito ✓      | 1915   |
| 112)    | PECAR       | Giovanni ✓  | 1920   |
| 113)    | PIANEGLIANI | Giuseppe ✓  | 1918   |
| 114)    | PETRONI     | Cataldo ✓   | 1921   |
| 115)    | PAOLINI     | Antonio ✓   | 1921   |



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|      |              |             |      |
|------|--------------|-------------|------|
| 82)  | FRONILLO     | Leonardo ✓  | 1922 |
| 83)  | FALVELLA     | Pasquale ✓  | 1922 |
| 84)  | FIORITTO     | Gennaro ✓   | 1923 |
| 85)  | FRELISI      | Michele ✓   | 1921 |
| 86)  | GIORDANO     | Cosimo ✓    | 1915 |
| 87)  | GRECO        | Raffaele ✓  | 1923 |
| 88)  | JELEO        | Vito ✓      | 1922 |
| 89)  | JASEEZ       | Leopoldo ✓  | 1908 |
| 90)  | KEZZI        | Angelo ✓    | 1919 |
| 91)  | LANDOZZI     | Antonio ✓   | 1921 |
| 92)  | LULLI        | Agripio ✓   | 1921 |
| 93)  | LILLO        | Rocco ✓     | 1921 |
| 94)  | MOBILIO      | Nicola ✓    | 1924 |
| 95)  | MONTENARO    | Salvatore ✓ | 1914 |
| 96)  | MARINELLI    | Giuseppe ✓  | 1902 |
| 97)  | MARIANI      | Leonardo ✓  | 1920 |
| 98)  | MERLIN       | Mario ✓     | 1921 |
| 99)  | MONTESANO    | Pietro ✓    | 1921 |
| 100) | MORELLO      | Antonio ✓   | 1923 |
| 101) | MARZIA       | Francesco ✓ | 1921 |
| 102) | MASSARENTI   | Domenico ✓  | 1920 |
| 103) | NATALE       | Michele ✓   | 1924 |
| 104) | NATALE       | Michele ✓   | 1923 |
| 105) | GLIVIERI     | Domenico ✓  | 1920 |
| 106) | PAULETTO     | Umberto ✓   | 1920 |
| 107) | PALISSC      | Nicola ✓    | 1923 |
| 108) | PALLINI      | Giordano ✓  | 1919 |
| 109) | PUZZI        | Nicola ✓    | 1924 |
| 110) | PIZZUTTO     | Vito ✓      | 1915 |
| 111) | PECAR        | Giovanni ✓  | 1926 |
| 112) | PIANEGIANI   | Giuseppe ✓  | 1918 |
| 113) | PETRONE      | Cataldo ✓   | 1921 |
| 114) | PACLINI      | Antonio ✓   | 1921 |
| 115) | QUERIN       | Leonardo ✓  | 1920 |
| 116) | QUIRICCHONI  | Vaseo ✓     | 1920 |
| 117) | ROMANO       | Rocco ✓     | 1923 |
| 118) | RAGAGLIA     | Luigi ✓     | 1909 |
| 119) | RELLA        | Leonardo ✓  | 1922 |
| 120) | ROSSI        | Enrico ✓    | 1908 |
| 121) | RESTUCCIA    | Antonio ✓   | 1915 |
| 122) | SALVATORELLI | Cosimo ✓    | 1924 |
| 123) | SPADA        | Nicola ✓    | 1923 |
| 124) | SAVINI       | Domenico ✓  | 1915 |
| 125) | TURARO       | Leonardo ✓  | 1924 |



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|              |          |                |      |
|--------------|----------|----------------|------|
| 127) Geniere | LASSI    | Florindo ✓     | 1917 |
| 128)         | TORITTO  | Vito ✓         | 1924 |
| 129)         | TAVOLARO | Giuseppe ✓     | 1922 |
| 130)         | TALEMA   | Giovanni ✓     | 1922 |
| 131)         | VIDA     | Alcibi ✓       | 1920 |
| 132)         | ZANTINI  | Massimiliano ✓ | 1916 |
| 133)         | ZANUS    | Fortunato ✓    | 1904 |

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|      |        |             |                |      |
|------|--------|-------------|----------------|------|
| 134) | Sten.  | SCARAFIA    | Vittorio ✓     | 1920 |
| 135) | Orgg.  | DEI         | Giuseppe ✓     | 1919 |
| 136) | -      | LISSI       | Antonio ✓      | 1916 |
| 137) | -      | VECCHIO     | Angelo ✓       | 1917 |
| 138) | Capor. | BEACCI      | Gino ✓         | 1921 |
| 139) | -      | CAROPRESO   | Beniamino ✓    | 1921 |
| 140) | -      | D'ELIA      | Giuseppe ✓     | 1918 |
| 141) | -      | PIETROBONO  | Fernando ✓     | 1919 |
| 142) | Gen.   | BOLOGNESE   | Giuseppe ✓     | 1924 |
| 143) | -      | BORGIA      | Giacomo ✓      | 1922 |
| 144) | -      | BELLUSCIO   | Antonio ✓      | 1924 |
| 145) | -      | DELLA GATTA | Cosimo ✓       | 1923 |
| 146) | -      | DI FIORE    | Ferdinando ✓   | 1922 |
| 147) | -      | PAIVELLA    | Giuseppe ✓     | 1920 |
| 148) | -      | GIRARDI     | Vittorio ✓     | 1924 |
| 149) | -      | KELIER      | Rocco ✓        | 1920 |
| 150) | -      | LUCCI       | Nicola ✓       | 1918 |
| 151) | -      | LOMBARDI    | Giovanni ✓     | 1921 |
| 152) | -      | LEGGIERI    | Giuseppe ✓     | 1922 |
| 153) | -      | MASUCCI     | Franceschino ✓ | 1923 |
| 154) | -      | BALLACCI    | Francesco ✓    | 1924 |
| 155) | -      | RIZZO       | Vincenzo ✓     | 1924 |
| 156) | -      | SCARINCI    | Domenico ✓     | 1924 |
| 157) | -      | SILVERI     | Reno ✓         | 1921 |

FORZA in OSPEDALE

|             |            |             |      |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------|
| 158) Orgg.  | DE SINALIS | Salvatore ✓ | 1914 |
| 159) Capar. | GIORGETTI  | Mario ✓     | 1926 |



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HEADQUARTERS  
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES  
Office of the Director of Operations

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AFD 650, U.S. Army  
26 December 1944

MAAF/S.102/7/Air.

SUBJECT: Constitution of Italian Searchlight Company employed  
on M.A.A.F. airfields.

TO : Military Mission Italian Army.

1. Herewith copy of a letter addressed to the Comando Genio Militare Compagnia by Lt. Colonel Dal Fiume on the above mentioned subject.

2. It is confirmed that the Total strength of the Company will be 220 (including 10 officers) plus a workshop section of 1 officer and 25 men.

3. These numbers make up our total overall requirements (without prejudice to possible future requirements arising out of any large increase in number of airfields on which searchlight equipment may be needed).

4. The composition of the company is as follows:-

|                                                               |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| ( Comando Difesa C.A. Bari                                    | 50         |
| ( Deposito del 9 Genio Trani                                  | 9          |
| ( Deposito 10 Reggimento Genio                                |            |
| -S. Maria C.V.                                                | 47         |
| 50 Sezione Fotoelettricisti (recently arrived from Sardinia). | 35         |
| 3 Compagnia Fotoelettricista, Naples (all personnel)          | 86         |
|                                                               | <u>227</u> |
| Officina mobile Fotoelettricista (incl. 1 officer)            | 35         |
|                                                               | <u>262</u> |

5. It will be seen that the total number of men - 227 - excluding the mobile workshop is seven more than the agreed figure; these seven extra men, will however be returned after a short examination has been made of the more doubtful elements and a final selection made.

\* Names as shown on attached list.

*J.D.M. Lawson* 1631  
C.P. CABELL,  
Brigadier General, USA.,  
Director of Operations,  
and Intelligence.

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From: - O.C. Genio To MAAF.

Ref: - 5087/F.E.

To: - Hd Genio Campania.

Date: - 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 46.

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Subject: Employment of Searchlight personnel of the disbanded  
H.A. and Coastal Defense. NT

Ref 8429/Ord. dated 25/11/46.

In accordance with SMKE instructions contained in folio 8555/Ord. dated 13/11/46 and further to agreements taken with MAAF, herewith movements to be carried out, as ordered by Allied HQ, for airfields.

Personnel Movement: - from 10<sup>th</sup> Genio Regt. Dept.  
to 3<sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Coy.

From H.A. Defense HQ, Bari to 3<sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Coy.  
(This includes 18 searchlight men already employed at Bari Airfield and belonging to 330 Searchlight Section which will be disbanded and incorporated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Coy.)

For 50 Searchlight Section, which is being included in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Coy. W/E, it is necessary to issue orders of disbandment prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> inst.

Therefore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Coy will be formed as under:-

Strength

Off. 10  
Rank & File 210.

Equipment:-

Italian Army Searchlights of sorts — 28. sets.  
Instructions are awaited for the handing over of  
searchlight equipment of the R. Navy. (30 sets of sorts in all).  
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The above figure is liable to be increased.

The lay out reached by the Coy. is as follows:-

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Sheet 2

HQ, Campania with Laboratory and searchlight units based at Naples.

One searchlight unit for tactical employment ~~for~~ for each of the following airfield of the MAAF:-

Rosignano (Leghorn).  
 Pomigliano D'Arco (Naples).  
 Foggia  
 Amendola (Foggia).  
 Tontona (Foggia).  
 Calone (Foggia).  
 Bari  
 Brindisi.

Moreover, a mobile workshop for searchlights, which was functioning in Foggia zone, has been assigned.

Total strength: 35 units.

(Sgd) T. Col. DAI FUMI

O.C. Genoa C/o MAAF.

Sgt FUMI



Napoli 14.12.1944

Copia

Prot. n. 3387/F.E.

AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE CAMPANIA

P.M. 3400

Oggetto : Impiego personale fotoelettricista della disciolta difesa c.a. e costiera.-

(Risp, att.to n.8429/Ord. in data 25.11.1944).-

In base alle disposizioni impartite dallo S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Ordinamento e mobilitazione con foglio n. 8555/ord.in data 13/11 u.s.ed in seguito ad accordi presi con la M.A.A.F..si segnalano i movimenti da effettuare per raggiungere lo schieramento disposto dal comando alleato per gli aeroporti.-

Movimento di persone : dal Deposito 10 Reggimento Genio alla 3 Comp. Fotoelettricisti

Dal Comando Difesa c.a. di Bari alla 3 Compagnia Fotoelettricisti (compresi n. 18 fotoelettricisti già impiegati nell'aeroporto di Bari ed appartenenti alla 330 Sezione f.e. la quale dev'essere sciolta e incorporata nella 3 Compagnia Fotoelettricisti.-)

50 Sezione Fotoelettricisti che passa a far parte organica della 3 Compagnia f.e.(occorre far dare ordine di scioglimento sotto la data del 15 o.m.).-

Conseguentemente la 3 Compagnia Fotoelettricisti sarà così costituita :

ta :

Forza

Ufficiali  
Sottufficiali  
Truppa

n. 10

n. 210

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Materiali :

Stazioni fotoelettriche di diversi tipi del R.E. N. 28

Si è in attesa di disposizioni per la cessione di materiale fotoelettrico delle R. Marina consistente complessivamente in 30 stazioni



dei diversi tipi.-

Tale cifra è suscettibile di aumenti. Lo schieramento che ha assunto la Compagnia è il seguente :

Comando di Compagnia con laboratorio e magazzino materiale fotoelettrico a Napoli.-

Una sezione fotoelettricisti per impiego tattico per ciascuno dei seguenti aeroporti della M.A.A.F. :

- a Rosignano ( Livorno)
- a Pomigliano D'Arco ( Napoli)
- a Foggia centrale
- a Amendola ( Foggia)
- a Tortorella ( Foggia)
- A Celone ( Foggia)
- a Bari centrale
- a Brindisi

Inoltre è stata assegnata un'officina mobile per fotoelettricisti che si trova già in funzione nella zona di Foggia.-

Forza complessiva 35 unità.-

L'UFFICIALE SUPERIORE DEL GENIO

A DISPOSIZIONE DELLA M.A.A.F.

(Ten. Col. Dal Fiume)

*Dal Fiume*

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*Off. attached to 3387/A del 14/12/44*  
 All.to al foglio n.3387/F.E. del 14/12/1944

*Proposed scheme in respect of the disbandment of the 50 Searchlight Sect.  
 which has to be taken in strength 3<sup>rd</sup> Searchlight Coy.*  
 SPECCHIO proposta riguardante lo scioglimento della 50 Sezione f.e.

che dovrà essere assunta in forza dalla 3 Compagnia f.e.

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|-----------------|------------|----|----|
| <i>Off.</i>     | Ufficiali  | N. | 2  |
| <i>W. Or</i>    | Serg.Magg. | "  | 2  |
| <i>Orb.</i>     | Sergenti   | "  | 4  |
| <i>C. magg.</i> | Cap.Magg.  | "  | 2  |
| <i>Cpl.</i>     | Caporali   | "  | 4  |
| <i>Pto.</i>     | Genieri    | "  | 21 |

ELENCO NOMINATIVO DEGLI UFFICIALI : *Memorial Roll of Officers*

Tenente RANCIARO Enrico - classe 1910 Distretto di Perugia

S.Ten.te BERTOLETTI Riccardo - classe 1916 Distretto di Brescia

MATERIALI: *Equipment.*

*Galileo 140 cm Mobile Searchlights.*

Autostazioni fotoelettriche da cm. 120 Galileo N. 5

*Fiat 626/NL Long. me R.E.*

Autocarro FIAT 626/NL Targa R.E. 94573 " 1

*Fiat 4/39 Long. me*

Autocarretta FIAT 1/39 " R.E. 67658 " 1

Napoli 14 Dicembre 1944

L'UFFICIALE SUPERIORE DEL GENIO

A DISPOSIZIONE DELLA M.A.A.F.

*f.* (Ten.Col.Sergio Dal Fiume)

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*Memorandum Roll of Searchlight personnel to be transferred to 329 by  
Naples for duty in MAAF Airfields.*

ELENCO ~~DEFINITIVO~~ DEI FOTOELETTRICISTI DA TRASFERIRE ALLA 3 COMPAGNIA FOTO-  
ELETTRICISTI DI NAPOLI PER IL SERVIZIO NEGLI AEROPORTI DELLA M A A F  
*From 330 Searchlight Sect, AA Defense Puglia & Lucania :-*  
Dalla 330 Sezione fotoelettrici della difesa c.a. delle Puglie e Lucania:

|                                                                           |           |                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1- Cmgg. Fainelli Giovanni                                                | cl. 19... | distratto         |
| 2- Cap.le Andreoli Andrea                                                 | cl. 1916  | distretto Brescia |
| 3- " Zucchelli Angelo                                                     | " 1918    | " Monza           |
| 4- " Malvone Gennaro                                                      | "         | "                 |
| 5- " Coppolillo Fausto                                                    | " 1922    | " Cosenza         |
| 6- Gen.re Maffré Paolo                                                    | " 1916    | " Piacenza        |
| 7- " Balestrieri Domenico                                                 | " 1921    | " Pesaro          |
| 8- " Falano Giovanni                                                      | " 1924    | " Potenza         |
| 9- " Galdi Salvatore                                                      | " 1921    | " Napoli          |
| 10- " Di Lorenzo Belisario                                                | " 1921    | " Salerno         |
| 11- " Giacomello Albino                                                   | " 1918    | " Sondrio         |
| 12- " Schiro Ettore                                                       | " 1918    | " Milano          |
| 13- " Del Giudice Giuseppe                                                | " 1920    | " Foggia          |
| 14- " Ciminelli                                                           | " 1916    | " Terni ?         |
| 15- " Martusciello Gennaro                                                | " 1931    | " Napoli          |
| 16- " Cirillo Triestino                                                   | " 1919    | " Catanzaro       |
| 17- " Maide Francesco                                                     | " 1922    | " Caltanissetta   |
| 18- " Ladisi Cesare                                                       | " 1922    | " Bari            |
| <i>From 329 Searchlight Sect, AA Defense, Puglia &amp; Lucania</i>        |           |                   |
| Dalla 329 Sezione fotoelettrici della difesa c.a. della Puglia & Lucania: |           |                   |
| 19 Cmgg. Urso Stefano                                                     | cl. 1922  |                   |
| 20 Cap.le Caputo Antonio                                                  | " 1923    |                   |
| 21 " Cappelletti Lello                                                    | " 1922    |                   |
| 22 " Filosto Rosario                                                      | " 1922    |                   |
| 23 " Limongelli Giovanni                                                  | " 1919    |                   |
| 24 " Piazzuolo Francesco                                                  | cl. 1922  |                   |



25. Cap.le Quagliariello Mario ~~Gemma~~ cl. 1922

26 " Sampa' Angelo ~~1922~~ " 1922

27 Gen.re ~~Gemma~~ Giovanardi ~~1922~~ " 1922

28 " Fattaglia Salvatore ~~1920~~ " 1920

29 " Galione Michelangelo " 1916

30 " Marlini Francesco " 1922

31 " Murri Natale " 1924

32 " Rossi Nello " 1919

33 " Schimenti Antonio " 1922

34 " Silvestri Pietro " 1921

35 " Simone Giuseppe " 1922

36 " Spinozzi Giuseppe " 1922

37 Cap.le Barbieri Giovanni " 1922

38 Gen.re Del Giudice Giuseppe " 1920

39 " Loppolis Alfredo " 1920

40 " Vitali Ottavio " 1921

*From 331 Searchlight Sect. H.Q. Signal Paglia & Lucania.*  
Dalla 331 Sezione Fototelegrafisti della 4125a c.a. della Paglia e Lucania:

41 Sagg. Palumbo Felice " 1916

42 Cap.le Agosta Giovanni " 1916

43 " Detto Nicola " 1916

44 Gen.re Porino Michele " 1922

45 " Giacobellini Luigi " 1923

46 " Ferrara Gioacchino " 1921

47 " Greco Giuseppe " 1916

48 " Lo Maestro Pasquale " 1921

49 " Odore Salvatore " 1922

50 " Spalluto Pietro " 1922

*From 9 Genie Depot Train*  
Dal Deposito del 9 Genio di Prati

1 Maresc. ord. Atzori Ilario

2 Sergente D'Antonio Cesare



- 3 Cagg. Lanzara Remo
- 4 gen. Setti Giuseppe
- 5 " Asse Pietro
- 6 " Clerici Giovanni
- 7 " Micceri Giuseppe
- 8 " Marinello Vito
- 9 " Pace Leonardo

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*From 10 Genio Regt. Dep. S. Maria C.V.*  
 Dal deposito 10 Reggimento Genio - S. Maria C.V.

- |                           | cl.  | distretto |      |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| 1 Sagg. Maggi Giovanni    | 1919 | Bari      |      |
| 2 Serg. Boffino Sergio    | 1922 | Monza     |      |
| 3 " Radice Bruno          | 1922 | Vercelli  |      |
| 4 " Amisano Ugo           | 1910 | Milano    |      |
| 5 Cagg. Sampietro Paolo   | 1922 | Tortona   |      |
| 6 gen. Carloni Manilo     | 1921 | Perugia   |      |
| 7 " Canzi Marino          | 1922 | Monza     |      |
| 8 " Frascetti Augusto     | 1922 | Spoleto   |      |
| 9 " Ferri Ginetto         | 1922 | Padova    |      |
| 10 " Mazza Paolo          | 1923 | Salerno   |      |
| 11 " Montani Mario        | 1922 | Monza     |      |
| 12 " Neri Pasquale        | 1921 | Arezzo    |      |
| 13 " Sinigaglia Antonio   | 1920 | Monza     | 1923 |
| 14 " Scanziani Eugenio    | 1923 | Monza     |      |
| 15 " Urbani Mario         | 1920 | Perugia   |      |
| 16 Cap. le Valle Domenico | 1921 | Vicenza   |      |
| 17 " Casagrande Arduino   | 1923 | Treviso   |      |
| 18 Serg. Moscardi Pietro  |      | Milano    |      |
| 19 " Zambelli Otello      |      | Parma     |      |
| 20 " Bocoato Egidio       |      | Treviso   |      |
| 21 Cagg. Simonetti Mario  |      | Genova    |      |



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|    |                         | distretto Torino |
|----|-------------------------|------------------|
| 22 | Capo Bettaglia Prospero | " Ravenna        |
| 23 | Capo Mirri Mario        | " Piacenza       |
| 24 | " Marena Luigi          | " Parma          |
| 25 | " Caracci Temistocle    | " Trento         |
| 26 | ger. Gasperi Angelo     | " Novara         |
| 27 | " Gilardi Erminio       | " Trento         |
| 28 | " Andreati Giulio       | " Milano         |
| 29 | " Galbiati Enea         | " Padova         |
| 30 | " Nicolé Placido        | " Trieste        |
| 31 | " Antoniazzi Aldo       | " Treviso        |
| 32 | " Cheberlet Italo       | " Modena         |
| 33 | " Vandelli Antonio      | " Pavia          |
| 34 | " Gelso Alessandro      | " Sassari        |
| 35 | " Pin Arturo            | " Pola           |
| 36 | " Grubina Narciso       | " Treviso        |
| 37 | " Tassi Colombo         | " Trieste        |
| 38 | " Pressi Mario          | " Brescia        |
| 39 | " Ghirardi Giulio       | " Monza          |
| 40 | " Ceriotti Eugenio      | " Pinerolo       |
| 41 | " Bosco Giovanni        | " Bolzano        |
| 42 | " Banzato Riccardo      | " Com 1622       |
| 43 | " Previtali Pietro      | " Bergamo        |
| 44 | " Fanoni Bonifacio      | " Piacenza       |
| 45 | " Sesotti Luigi         | " Belluno        |
| 46 | " De Zordo Beniamino    | " Modena         |
| 47 | " Zoschi Eduardo        |                  |

cl. 1912  
" 1922  
" 1920



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Personnel on Mediterranean Allied Air Force Airfields  
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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

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TO : Ministry of War  
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Ref this HQ letter G/3 of 17 Nov. para 2.

It is regretted that the Appx "A", (att herewith), was not  
fwd as stated in the a/q letter.

Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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MMIA LO 54 Area

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SUBJECT: Employment of Italian soldiers to replace Italian Naval personnel on Mediterranean Allied Air Force Airfields

1. ALL FORCES HEADQUARTERS, A-6,  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. 0/3  
17 Nov 44  
R 2/5

TO : ALL FORCES HEADQUARTERS

1. Owing to difficulties of administration, discipline and maintenance encountered by Mediterranean Allied Air Force units employing Italian searchlights operated by naval personnel. Headquarters, Mediterranean Allied Air Force has requested the substitution of Italian Naval personnel by Italian soldiers.

2. It is proposed that a searchlight group be formed, to be commanded by an Italian Officer, Lieutenant Colonel D'ALPURA of the Commando Genio who is experienced in searchlight work. It is intended that the total number of men shall not exceed two hundred and twenty (220), including eleven (11) officers. A suggested establishment worked out by Mediterranean Allied Air Force is attached as appendix "A".

3. Italian military searchlight operators are available from the following sources, which should be contacted immediately with instructions to detain personnel until Lieutenant Colonel D'ALPURA has made his selection:

- (a) 13 Reggimento Genio di S. Maria Capua Vetere, under command of Comando Militare della Campania, Salerno, Salerno, ITALIA.
- (b) Compagnia Fotolittoristi, Bari.
- (c) All Italian searchlight personnel, from 3 Compagnia Fotolittoristi, Napoli, under command of 874 Coast Regiment, Na.

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Approximately 50 of the 120 searchlight operators required in paragraph 2







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7. The Italian searchlight operators referred to in this letter will come under category of IXX-III, since they will be entirely administered by Italian military authorities. The number required, 820 men, is well within the authorized limit of 500 at present shown for AA & CL in the IXX-III category. These searchlight units will be under the operational command of Mediterranean Allied Air Force.

*B. M.*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Distribution: A.C. for Naval Sub-Commission  
A.C. for Air Forces Sub-Commission  
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CONFIDENTIALAPPENDIX "A" TO MIA  
G/3 of 17 NOVEMBER

| AIRFIELD (3 Detachments, 1 H.Q.) |                     |              |           |                                    |                                    |                              |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                  | <u>1 Detachment</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>HQ</u> | <u>Total</u><br><u>1 Airfields</u> | <u>Total</u><br><u>9 Airfields</u> | <u>Group</u><br><u>H.Q.</u>  |
|                                  |                     |              |           |                                    |                                    | <u>Grand</u><br><u>Total</u> |
| OFFICERS                         | -                   | -            | 1         | 1                                  | 9                                  | 11                           |
| Sets or W.O's                    | 1                   | 3            | -         | 3                                  | 27                                 | 27                           |
| O.R.'s                           | 4                   | 12           | 1         | 13                                 | 117                                | 119                          |
| Specialists                      | -                   | -            | 2         | 2                                  | 18                                 | 21                           |
| Reserves                         | -                   | -            | 4         | 4                                  | 36                                 | 42                           |
| TOTAL                            | 5                   | 15           | 8         | 23                                 | 207                                | 220                          |

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
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AG-091.711/159 GCT-0

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Soldiers to replace Italian Naval Personnel on Mediterranean Allied Air Force Airfields.

TO : Chief Commissioner, The Allied Commission.  
FROM: Land Forces Sub-Commission, (LSC).

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- b. Compagnia Foto-littriciata, ERI.
- c. All Italian searchlight personnel, from 3 Compagnia Foto-littriciata, NAPLES, under command of 574 Coast Regiment Ra.

Approximately 60 of the 220 searchlight operators required in paragraph 2 above are already employed on Mediterranean Allied Air Force Airfields.

4. Most of the equipment in use belongs to the Italian Navy, and comes from TARANTO and BRINDISI. The Naval Sub-Commission will therefore issue instructions to the Italian Navy to hand this equipment over to the Army. It is understood the Italian Navy is willing to do this.

5. The Comando Militare della Campania at NAPLES, or their superior authority, should also be requested to arrange for Lieutenant Colonel D'ALFUIRE to be seconded to the command of the new searchlight group. His services will be required immediately in selecting operators to replace the naval personnel.

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6. The Italian military authorities should also be requested to arrange for all searchlight equipment, spare parts, carbons etc., to be made available to Mediterranean Allied Air Force, through Lieutenant Colonel D'AMFUE. This applies particularly to equipment and spares known to be at the "Officina Galileo", FIRENZE.

7. The Italian searchlight operators referred to in this letter will come under category of ITI-ITI, since they will be entirely administered by Italian military authorities. The number required, 220 men, is well within the authorized limit of 600 at present shown for A. & CD in the ITI-ITI category. These searchlight units will be under the operational command of Mediterranean Allied Air Force.

By command of General WILSON:

*Alvin T. Wilson*  
 ALVIN T. WILSON,  
 Captain, AGD,  
 Asst Adjutant General.

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Appendix "A"  
 DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - Naval Sub-Commission, AG.
- 1 - HMAF
- 1 - A. & CD
- 2 - G-3 (Org) Foreign
- 1 - AGI
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To Ltr, AFHQ, AG 091.711/189 GCT-O,  
dtd 11 Nov 44.

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APPENDIX "A"  
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| APPENDIX (3 Detachments, 1 H. Q.) |              |       |      |       |                      |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------|------|-------|----------------------|----------------|
|                                   | 1 Detachment | Total | H.Q. | Total | Total<br>9 Airfields | Grand<br>Total |
| OFFICERS                          | -            | -     | 1    | 1     | 9                    | 11             |
| Sgts or T.O.'s                    | 1            | 3     | -    | 3     | 27                   | 27             |
| T.O.R.'s                          | 4            | 12    | 1    | 13    | 117                  | 119            |
| Specialists                       | -            | -     | 2    | 2     | 13                   | 21             |
| Services                          | -            | -     | 4    | 4     | 36                   | 42             |
| TOTAL                             | 5            | 15    | 8    | 23    | 207                  | 220            |

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FROM: EMIA

TO : EMIA LO ALLIED GARRISON, SARDINIA  
EMIA LO PEO  
MINISTRY OF WAR

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Info: MAAF

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Reference our 3/3 of 7 Oct (.) Confirmed with MAAF that  
30 Searchlight Section is still required but for 328 instead  
of 328 Wing (.) For SIMONS please arrange early shipment (.)  
For EMIA LO PEO advise MAAF on arrival (.) Section is for  
ROSSIGNANO Airfield (.) For MINISTRY OF WAR your RM42/Ord of  
6 Nov refers

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT  
AUTHENTICATED SA DIBBS  
Maj

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILIZZAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

SEGRETO

n° 8342

Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 11 6 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: 50° sezione fotoelettrici per 328° Wing R.A.F.-



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO M.M.I.A.  
e, per conoscenza;

ROMA

AL M.G. = GABINETTO = Ufficio C.A. -

P.M. 151

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1.- Con foglio 7478/Ord. del 3 ottobre u.s., questo S.M. chiede se, conformemente a quanto richiesto dalla 328° Wing della R.A.F., si dovesse approntare in Sardegna la 50° sezione fotoelettrici da trasferire in continente.

2.- Confoglio G/3 del 7 ottobre u.s., codesta Sottocommissione autorizzava il trasferimento in continente della 50° sezione fotoelettrici al seguito della 328° Wing.

3.- Il Comando Militare della Sardegna rende ora noto che la suddetta sezione è approntata e pronta a partire a Cagliari, ma che il Comando Guarnigione Alleata della Sardegna ha fatto presente che il reparto non è più necessario, in quanto la 328° Wing sarebbe stata sciolta.

4.- Pregasi voler precisare se la 50° sezione fotoelettrici debba ugualmente essere avviata in continente o se si debba procedere al suo scioglimento, impiegandone il personale per altri scopi.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

(Alessandro Santi)



- 1.- Con foglio 7478/Ord. del 3 ottobre u.s., questo S.M. chie-  
deva se, conformemente a quanto richiesto dalla 328<sup>a</sup> Wing  
della R.A.F., si dovesse approntare in Sardegna la 50<sup>a</sup> se-  
zione fotoelettriciisti da trasferire in continente.
- 2.- Confoglio G/3 del 7 ottobre u.s., codesta Sottocommissione  
autorizzava il trasferimento in continente della 50<sup>a</sup> sezio-  
ne fotoelettriciisti al seguito della 328<sup>a</sup> Wing.
- 3.- Il Comando Militare della Sardegna rende ora noto che la  
suddetta sezione è approntata e pronta a partire a Caglia-  
ri, ma che il Comando Guarnigione Alleata della Sardegna  
ha fatto presente che il reparto non è più necessario, in  
quanto la 328<sup>a</sup> Wing sarebbe stata sciolta.
- 4.- Pregasi voler precisare se la 50<sup>a</sup> sezione fotoelettriciisti  
debba ugualmente essere avviata in continente o se si deb-  
ba procedere al suo scioglimento, impiegandone il persona-  
le per altri scopi.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

(Alessandro Santi)



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SUBJECT: 50 S/L Section for  
323 Wing RAF.

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MILITARY MISSION  
ITALIAN ARMY  
R O M E  
G/3  
7 Oct 44

War Ministry

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SECRET *Rec'd 10*

Copy to: AGC Sardinia for SIMONE (ref AGS Y 171 of 27 Sep)

Ref SMRE letter 7478/Ord of 3 Oct 44

1. Movement to the mainland with 323 Wing RAF of the above S/L Section has been authorised by AAI.
2. Please notify Military H.Q. SARDINIA accordingly.

*A. B. T. for*  
Maj Gen  
M M I A

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Translation.

From SMRE  
to MMIA

Ref No 7478  
Date 3 Oct 44

Searchlight Batteries.

The Sardegna Military Command informed us that the 328<sup>th</sup> B.A.F wing has requested that the 50<sup>th</sup> searchlight section be ready to move to the mainland with them.

Since this SMRE has no knowledge of such move we beg MMIA to confirm the request.

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*[Signature]*

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

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|-----------|--------|
| M.M.A.    | DE     |
| FILE REF  | 13     |
| Date Recd | 4/10/1 |

n° 2448 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 3 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: 50<sup>a</sup> sezione fotoelettrici per 328<sup>a</sup> Wing Ref.-

*50<sup>a</sup> Sezione Fotoelettrici per 328<sup>a</sup> Wing Ref. -*

*Rea 10.*



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCIZIO (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL M.G. - Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.-

P.M. 151

*REB - 6/10*

Il comando militare della Sardegna ha comunicato che la 328<sup>a</sup> Wing Ref ha richiesto l'approntamento della 50<sup>a</sup> sezione fotoelettrici con 5 stazioni fotoelettriche. - Detta sezione dovrebbe trasferirsi in continente al seguito della 328<sup>a</sup> Wing. -

Poichè nulla risulta in proposito a questo S.M., presasi voler confermare la richiesta. -

*Rea To 49*

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Sarti)



*[Signature]*

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

CARE ALLIED MILITARY MISSION ROME

ODI HQ MAAF ~~161133B~~

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GRAA BT

REF M/31431

FOR DOBBS PD REFERENCE YOUR OBOE FIVE FIVE NINE ~~RESTRICTED~~ RESTRICTED  
2 9 (5-11)

ATED TWO NINE AUGUST PD IT HAS BEEN  
DECIDED THAT NO ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT

PERSONNEL WILL NOW BE REQUIRED TO BE BROUGHT FROM SARDINIA OTHER  
THAN THE TWO FIVE MEN WHOM AAI HAVE GIVEN  
2 5

PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY

THREE TWO EIGHT WING ON THEIR MOVE TO THE MAINLAND P YOUR  
3 2 8

COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER HAS BEEN MUCH APPRECIATED

BT 161133B

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~~RET WA ODI HQ MAAF 2 K T A I 161133B~~

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By ELS to

Military Mission Italian Army  
C/O Allied Military Mission

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