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SD/24 MOVES INITIATED BY M.M.I.A. ANIMALS 1st Cover

Opened Dec. 28, 1943. Closed June 15, 1944

Dec. 1943 - June 1944

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SUBJECT:- Requisitioning of Mules

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
15 Jun 44

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A.A.I.

1. The Italian Gen Staff have requested permission to requisition civilian mules.

2. In view of the number of mules which have been handed over to the Allies it is now found that hardly sufficient remain for Italian needs.

3. In order not to interfere with any Allied plans for the requisition of mules, the Italian General Staff have suggested that they be allowed to requisition mules in SICILY only from where they consider they will be able to obtain sufficient.

4. This suggestion is put forward with the idea that Allied authorities will not requisition mules in SICILY as well.

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

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ARMY FORM 6 Mar (Revised) MESSAGE FORM Register No.

Call | Set No | Priority | Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: M M I A | Date Time of Orig: 101230B | Office Date Stamp 137

TO For Action: (1) MOV REGGIO

(W) For Information (INFO): (2) SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI. (3) MOV FILPOT.

Message Instructions | OR - No Trace No Trace

Originator's No. MOV 171 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Your Mov 1829 of 28 and FILPOT Mov 64791 28 refer (.) 40 horses for APRIGLIANA now located VIBO VALENTIA (.) Request you arrange move. 1910

Group

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Name J Greaney Capt

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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ARMY FORM C 2128

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. SD 124

No. of Groups GR.

Office Date Stamp D 136

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TO ACC Main for OFFENHAUER — Ref A 41 PBS

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 894		

Confidential ⊙ Reference conversation ⊙ Delay Confirmed
OFFENHAUER — BUTTERWORTH ⊙ PBS
You will advise when personnel of 21 units
will collect 122 BASSO from CAPRI & ISCHIA ⊙ PASSPORTS
from there alert them of the two ports

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

Signature

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Signature

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

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ARMY FORM C-2126

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No. of Groups: GR.

Serial No.

Office Date Stamp: 136A

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FROM

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Signature

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority: Expedite

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COPIA TELESCRITTO

Rapporto + Tele 20/242

DA COFAR CAMPANIA
AT SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO

N° 2366/OP. RIFERIMENTO TELE 3993/ORD. DATA 4 CORRENTE ALT FORZA REPARTI DISLOCATI CAPRI ET ISCHIA DA TRASPORTARE A NAPOLI COMUNICATA FOGLIO 2321/OP. DATA 3 GIUGNO ALT TOTALE AMMONTA A 122 UOMINI ET 21 QUADRUPEDI ALT PER TRASPORTO PROVVEDERA' COMANDO P.B.S. FINE COFARCAMPANIA = 2310/5/6/44 =

p. c. c.
IL TEN.COL.in s.S.M. CAPO SEZIONE
(Giovanni Guida)

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"F" from AQ 30/24

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ARMY FORM C 2186 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 134

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: AGC SARDINIA | Date-Time of Orig'n: 4 1152

Office Date Stamp: RUBY

TO For Action: FREEDOM cite FHGDT

(X) For Information (INFO): AAI cite Q1 MMIA

Message Instructions: 115 | CK

Originator's No.

Cite F 476 (*) Ref your cable 3rd June disregard part 2 AGS
F471 dated 31 MAY (*) Under provision AAI letter 1046/1/Q1 dated
23rd MAY Allied Forces responsible for feeding animals as follows
Mules Scale ratio to 1085 Horses 552 Mules Tonnage 2/3 scale ratio (*)
734 Horses 40 Mules

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS REGARD OF PRIORITY

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SIGNED

REMARKS

P.S.N. - A - (2000 pads of 100) 11-43.

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MESSAGE FORM

Army Form C 2130

Serial No. 2/7

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
IN MEVT VIESTE - M-QVK2 - NR 2007 QQY OUT TRANSCRIPT	GR. 39	SD/RF/ 07/0

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TO FILPOT INFO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
PERBASE CITE BPSUP	15202		129

RESTRICTED ⊙ Collection of animals is subject ⊙ REURAD Q 1316 ⊙
Will arrange for collection of animals when terminated
full particulars
offshore fixing. PBS will tell BASSO when they are picking up the 122 men & 21 mules & BASSO will tell them & wait at the only two ports on ISCHIA & CAPRI until they are picked up 190/

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Signature.....

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Signature.....

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time of Origin 061950B

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Army Form C.2130.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 247

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEYT V PEGB - - - QVL2 - NK 210/1 BQX -	No. of Groups GR. 39	Office Date Stamp 13 Sep
	OUT		

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TO ALRAF INFO MEYT

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FROM MJAQ

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

CLASSIFY RESTRICTED O Collection of animals no subject fpd PENBASE 18202 fpd PENBASE to FRLPOT and MJAA for infor fpd cite BPSUP fpd raised queen one three one six fpd will arrange for collection of animals when furnished full particulars

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Originator's Instructions
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SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

C/1

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

10 Apr 44

AFHQ

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Reference your AFH/3310/Q(Maint) dated 9 Apr 44.

1. Your para 2

Could further information please be given reference US Pack Troop. When and where is it being formed. Two Mtn Bns (US) are already in ITALY and it was understood that no further US Mtn units were being formed.

1995

2. Your para 4(c).

Information is being obtained from MMIA on this point and will be forwarded to you as soon as available.

3. Your para 5

Suitable facilities for grazing animals do exist in ITALY. Any animals requisitioned would be very much better moved to and maintained in ITALY.

[signature]
General.
Commander-in-Chief.

Copy to:- MMIA
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V & RS

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ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 59/24 D

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FROM (A) Originator: M M H. | Date Time of Origin: 051120 B

For Action: MMH 10 XXXI Corps.

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GP 1905

Originator's No. S-1 868 (.) Ref your Gibbs of 2 June (.) No objection to DRIFTON subject to FINAL APPROVAL WITHOUT NOTICE BUT MUNSKY OF WAR REQUIRE REQUEST IN WRITING FROM XXXI Corps

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Signed

Is liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands. This message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed Gen Cox Capt

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Army Form C.2130.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 715

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MEYTVNEGB NR290/5 HQVR2 ACRAR GUX OUT	No. of Groups GR. 24	Office Date Stamp 129 SU/24 D

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TO CG PBS. INFO. MMIA. ACC MAIN.

FROM FILPOT	Originator's Number Q1316	Date —	In Reply to Number —

Ref MMIA SD850 ~~127~~ dated 2 June. Will you please arrange collection for MMIA. please signal ETA and place of arrival to PBS

GK 5/6

19c.

Time of Origin 050940B

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MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No. SD/24

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS		No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
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TO Main ACC for OFFENHAUER rptd AAI PBS

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number SD 866 | Date 04 | In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL (:)	Ref	our	letter	SD19	
of	20	May	and	our	signal
SD850	of	2 June (:)	have	personnel	been
shipped	to	mainland	yet	query (:)	if not
will	P B S	arrange	collection	of	approx
200	personnel	and 21	mules (:)	personnel	for

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( ) Wireless
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Time of Origin 1900

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FROM

	=2=	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

serial 1075A cmm mules fbr P B S

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Signature [signature]

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MESSAGE FORM

TOO 12 1830B

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From MTLA

To AAI rptd PBS ACC MAIN for OPERATIONS

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SD850 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Ref your letter 1064/1/Q1 of 26 April (*) 21 mules are available from ISCHIA and CAPRI and will be shipped to mainland with personnel due to arrive shortly (*) Request PBS arrange collection on arrival (*) ETA will be signalled when known

1900

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Box Capt ( )

Loo 129
for reply

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. Sig/26

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TO MMIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
XXXI CORPS	C(G2)/48		

Request authority from MMIA and Ministry to Clear 15 AMERICAN AIR FORCE Radio Officers Camp at MANCUSO

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SUBJECT: Mules.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (ARTA)
LECUILLE (LECCE)
SD/24
/ June 44.

S.M.R.F.

Ref your 7/351/Serv of 30 May 44, subject as above.

1. Confirming verbal instructions given by Maj. BAUMANN today, please include the 21 mules in your transport request to be sent in reply to our SD/19 of 20 May 44, subject "Engineer Regt for P.B.S. - Serial 1075A on Priority List".

2. Instructions as to destination of the mules will be given later.

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for Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.RCM.

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Wt 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 710428 51 6736

ARM FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 50/24

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
		OP	CIPHER SECRET 124

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FROM (A) AGC Sardinia — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 01 0034

For Action. N.A.

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TO AAI

(W) For Information (INFO) MMIA

Message Instructions. GR

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Originator's No AGS Y185

no Trace

Ref your cable cite Q1300 dated 31st May. Have veterinary officer and NCO contact pilot for plane to SARDINIA at base operations POMIGLIANO at 1300 hrs 2nd June.

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Army Form C.2130.

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TO PENBASE INFO AAI CITE Q OMNIB FILPOT PASS

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FROM ACC SARDINIA signed SIMMONS No Tract	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

Cite AGS 184 mag nr wm 1370 confidential ref your cable BPSUP 17559 dated 30 May Lieutenant MILLER and detachment now assisting in procurement and supervision pending and shipment of 512 mules and 285 saddle horses from Italian army to Dutton also include assistance in disposal of average and unserviceable animals. Detachment will be required 1890

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

an expedition until animals are shipped to DUKO

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sezione Veterinaria

N. 7/ 351 di prot. Serv. 7876 P. M. 151, li 30 Maggio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. SD/24 del 2 corrente. Allegati

OGGETTO: muli.-

Mules recovered

Al LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

- L E Q U I L E -

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Dagli accertamenti esperiti dal Comando FF.AA. della Campania, é risultato che i muli idonei al servizio - in consegna temporanea ai civili nelle isole di Ischia e Capri - ammontano a n°21 (14 ad Ischia e 7 a Capri).-

Detti muli - effettivi ai rispettivi Comandi di Presidio - sono a disposizione di codesta Sottocommissione.

Allo scopo di poter impartire le disposizioni del caso, pregasi voler comunicare in quale data i quadrupedi dovranno essere ritirati e la località di avviamento.- 189

Folio 69 refers.

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

G. Oxilia

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Translation

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Information received from HQ Armed Forces of CAMPANIA confirms that the number of fit mules - on temporary loan to civilians in the islands of ISCHIA and CAPRI - is 21 (14 in ISCHIA and 7 in CAPRI).

These mules which belong to the Garrison Headquarters of the respective islands - are at the disposal of the Army Sub Comm.

In order that instructions may be issued will you please advise us of the date on which these animals should be removed and where they are to go.

G.B. Oxilia

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SUBJECT:- Handover of Italian Army Horses to Farmers

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
30 May 44

H.Q., A.C.C.,
RC & MG Section APO 394

Ref your letters 161/74/CA dated 15 and 23 May 44.

1. The delay in replying is regretted.

2. Animals are lent to bona fide farmers. The farmer signs a declaration to the effect that he is responsible for the well-being of the animal and that he is liable to pay damages if the animal suffers or dies through neglect. He is also liable to return all animals without delay on demand.

3. Any financial transaction is illegal.

4. Carts are not loaned to farmers.

5. Definite information of financial transactions or Italian Army carts in possession of farmers should be reported to this HQ who will order the Italian General Staff to investigate the matter and take any necessary disciplinary action.

6. Although both horses and mules may be lent to farmers, in point of fact only horses have been lent as every available mule is required by the Allies.

7. The position regarding all Italian Army equipment including animals is that everything in the hands of the Italians at the time of the Armistice, belongs to the Italians.

In this instance if the locations of the horses and carts can be forwarded to this HQ, the Italian General Staff will be approached with a view to effecting a loan to the RATD but as is known, there is a general shortage of carts for the Italian Army.

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Hamilton Lt Col
for Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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Ref/161/79/CA

23 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses and Carts.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. Reference out 161/74/CA of 15 May 44.

2. Can a reply be now sent to this office of the letter referred to above.

Ltr 29 May

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/161/74/CA

15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses and Carts.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. Attached copy letter, passed to this office by D.P.M. Hq. No. 3 District, is forwarded for your information.

2. Would you please enable me to reply to paragraph (4) of the document.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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COPY

FDR 106

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SUBJECT: Salvage.

DAD Salvage
3 District
CMF

1. I have recently located in this area at least two Italian Army carts which are in possession of farmers. I believe there are others. In one case investigated there was also an Italian Army horse. The farmer produced a document which disclosed that the horse and cart had been "lent" to him by a rather nebulous official described as "The Commandant of Battipaglia" on his making a deposit of 2000 lire. The arrangement seems to be that when the farmer returns the horse and cart he will receive back his 2000 lire - perhaps.

2. I am convinced this is a racket. Presumably the local Italian C.O. demobilised his unit by hiring out his transport. There is no way of identifying the Italian unit, but it was perhaps the local Blackshirt Legion. 1893

3. The R.A.T.D. very badly needs say two horses and carts for local duty to release M.T. from camp fatigues for instructional training which is at present held up for want of M.T. Vehicles. It is also wanted for local anti-malarial work and could again be fully and usefully employed on salvage duties. Forage and drivers can be arranged locally.

4. Could you inform me whether the arrangement described in para 1 above is a genuine and authorised scheme or whether I can impound the vehicles and horses? In any case I see no reason why civilians should be alloted captured Italian equipment which could be more usefully employed in a British military unit at least for some time to come.

5. Could you please assist by taking up this matter on my behalf.

/s/ ?????
Lt. Col. R.A.
Commanding 1st Field Depot Regiment, R.A.
R.A.T.D. C.M.F.

CMF
5 May 44

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TO AFHQ INFO AAI CITE Q 71114 (AAI PASS TO 71114)

FROM AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS	Originator's Number WM 1249	Date	In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL ⊙ Reference SARDINIA available to saddle horses 2850 ⊙ F50160 No Time cite allied for shipment see letter FASUP italian army animals are AAI CITE 1046/1/Q1 dated 23 MAY five twelve 612 115

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TO AAI (R) AMIR

FROM AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS CITU AGS YOME 181

Originator's Number 193 | Date | In Reply to Number

Reference AAI cable cite Q1105 dated 1 may 10 officer and 8 enlisted men provided by Pembroke have arrived ⊙ urgently required one veterinary officer and one enlisted officer promised by you ⊙ Capt ABBOTT not suitable unless available field and assisted by Veterinary man or NCO ⊙ Request

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SUBJECT:- Supply and purchase of remounts

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

23 May 44

Q(Maint)., AFHQ

Copy to:- CG., SARDINIA (for Col. SIMMONS)
Army Sub-Commission ACC
Mov
G(SD)
G-4
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V & R
File 1098/Q1

Ref para 5 of your AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint) of 17 May 44.

1. Col SIMMONS visited this HQ on 22 May 44 and gave the following position in regard to animals in SARDINIA. These figures differ from those given in para 4(d) of this HQ letter 1046/1/Q1 of 13 May 44 and para 3 of 1046/1/Q1 of 12 May 44. The figures refer to the position as at 22 May and therefore supercede all figures previously given:-

(a) Retained by Italian Army in SARDINIA

Draught Horses 1081
Riding Horses 120

(b) Available for shipment to Mainland

Mules 612
Riding Horses 285

(c) Awaiting destruction or handing over to farmers

Over age animals 673

2. All the animals at sub-para 2(b) above will be fit for shipment from 1 Jun 44 onwards.

3. It was agreed with Colonel SIMMONS that forage would be issued as follows:-

(a) Animals retained by Italian Army in SARDINIA

800 ..... Full scale
401 ..... 2/3rds scale

(b) Animals awaiting shipment to mainland

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800 ..... Full scale
401 ..... 2/3rds scale

(b) Animals awaiting shipment to mainland

All full scale i.e. 897 animals.

(c) Animals awaiting destruction or handing over to farmers

All on 2/3rds scale i.e. 673 animals.

Immediate steps must be taken to dispose of these animals. Will Colonel SIMMONS please contact Capt. ABBOTT, RAVC attached to 13 Field Butchery which is located near CAGLIARI. Capt. ABBOTT will advise which animals should be destroyed and which should be handed over to farmers.

4. It is understood that it has been decided that AAI should be responsible for the supply of forage to SARDINIA and that detailed instructions will shortly be issued by AFHQ.

[signature]
Capt.
General.
Commander-in-Chief.

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To :- 'G' (Internal). From :- Mov L.O. (M.I.A).

24 May 44.

Copy of MOV REGGIO signal Mov.Y/608 dated 22 May 44 is given below.

FROM MOV REGGIO

TO MOV FILPOT. MOVEIT. MOV BARI. DISTWO. TN DISTWO. MOV TARANTO. 6 RY OP GP RTO METAPONTO.

MOV Y/608 (.) ONE (.) Mov FILPOT MOV 476 of 19 refers(.) Following animals will move in 2 special trains as under May 24th (.) To ITALIAN REMOUNT DEPOT BARI (.)

TWO (.) Train ONE from COSENZA (.) Depart 1050 hrs 24 train 8316 (.) Arr SIBARI 1420 hrs and dep 1505 hrs train 7390 (.) ETA METAPONTO 1750 hrs where mules water (.) MOV TARANTO arrange onward working to BARI (.) Strengths (.) From COSENZA mules 90 offrs 2 ORs 52 as escort fodder 5 tons (.) Stock 11 covans (.) From SIBARI mules 99 horses 60 offrs 3 ORs 56 as escort fodder 10 tons (.) Stock 23 covans (.) Fwd from SIBARI as one train as per above timings (.)

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THREE (.) Train two from CATANZARO (.) Dep CATANZARO SALA 1630 hrs 24 train 7394 ETA METAPONTO 0300 hrs 25th where mules water (.)Onward arrangements by MOV TARANTO (.) By ordinary train 8521 from NICASTRO 24th dep 1256 and arr CATANZARO SALA 1450 hrs to join above train (.) Mules 17 escort 3 ORs fodder 1 ton

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THREE (.) Train two from CATANZARO (.) Dep CATANZARO SALA 1630 hrs 24 train 7594 ETA METAPONTO 0300 hrs 25th where mules water (.)Onward arrangements by MOV TARANTO (.) By ordinary train 8521 from NICASTRO 24th dep 1256 and arr CATANZARO SALA 1450 hrs to join above train (.) Mules 17 escort 3 ORs fodder 1 ton stock 3 covans (.) Strength from CATANZARO (.) Mules 170 escort 3 offrs 60 ORs 10 tons fodder (.) Stock 22 covans.

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Above are the 376 mules
+ 60 horses from CALABRIA
to BARI

Mov. L.O.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Animals, SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
21 May 44

MEMORANDUM

To:- Chief Commissioner A.C.C.

Ref your CC/G/290 dated 13 May 44 -

1. (a) When the original demands for Italian animals in SARDINIA were made, the S.M.R.E. and Ministry of War were unhappy for the reasons you state.

(b) I then had a new census of animals made and, after consultation with the Italian authorities, put forward 1880 A.A.I. new proposals.

(c) These were accepted. The Italians actually retain now some 1,200 animals instead of the 800 put forward as the minimum as per para 2. So I think everyone is satisfied now.

2. As regards M.T. we are doing all we can and have represented the matter to A.A.I. It is largely a matter of tyres. Ministry of War know we realise the situation and are doing our best.

ABC

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

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CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

A P O 394

Ref. CC/G/290.

13th. May. 1944.

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Major-General L. Browning, CB, CBE, MC.
Director, Army Sub-Commission.

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1. In the course of a discussion with Marshal Messe on Thursday last he stressed very strongly the difficult situation which was being created by our demanding so many animals from Sardinia. He contended that if all our demands were complied with it would leave the divisions in Sardinia and also the Mantova and Piceno Divisions almost without transport. M.T. was not available to replace the animals. He quoted as an example the case of No. 116 Pack Artillery Group in Sardinia from which we were taking all their mules.

Messe hoped that we would keep our demands for animals down to an absolute minimum.

2. Messe also raised in general terms the question of the Italian Army's M.T.. He stressed the fact that the situation was rapidly deteriorating and that it was becoming increasingly urgent that the Italian Army should be given M.T. from Allied resources to replace vehicles which were rapidly going off the road.

3. On both the above questions I told him that General Berardi should get together with you and discuss them in detail.

4. Messe also brought up the question of the Italian Air Force Arditi Bn. and pressed very strongly that it should be made available to the Italian Army for combat.

I told him categorically that we could under no circumstances permit this.

copy for file SD/2/1/5

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Noel Mason Macfarlane

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant-General,
Chief Commissioner.

COPY TO: Headquarters, A.A.I.

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Feb 20/24

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Urgent wire from Z Distt:

Position re Deasease in BARI depot

is:-

1) one horse with glandose has been sent away.

2) one horse & 5 mules with a desease (not yet known) hence been vaccinated

3) If there is any further danger to other animals they will be shot or evacuated - This decision to be known till 23rd

4) All precautions have been taken

5) It will be OK to send mules to above depot any time after 23rd

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No. of Groups GR. 34

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TO NMIH INFO DISTWO MDIHLO DISTWO

FROM FILPOT 103

Originator's Number Q 1222

Date —

In Reply to Number —

Your SD 736 of 18 May ⊙ Not repeat NOT possible
at present to advise how long
first 400 miles likely my remain Bn Hq
remount depot ⊙ See destination of second 400 Q 1214 of 18 regtl-
rep 106 1882

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SUBJECT:- Remounts for Italian Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
20 May 44

S M R E

Copy to:- Army Sub Comm LO REAR EIGHTH Army

It is confirmed that the responsibility for the provision of remounts for 250 Italian Pack Tpt Coy and for the pack artillery in the CI.I. will be that of the Allied formation under which the units are serving at the time.

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ABC

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

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TRANSLATION

From. SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI Ref. 7/311/SERV. 105

To: M.M.I.A. File 81 Date 20 MAY 1944

Subject. Shipment of Mules

Ref. 7/259/SERV dated MAY 6
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Aligment of 180 mules of Mantova Division (PUGLIE) will be ready to leave on MAY 23 from Valenzano railway station: 170 from ZOLLINO, 10 from ~~TARANTO~~ LECCE

SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI

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FONOGRAMMA.

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P.M. 151, li 20 Maggio 1944

DA SUPERESERCITO SERVIZI
AT M.M.I.A.

LEQUILE

Superesercito Servizi nº 7/ 311 / Serv alt riferimento foglio 7/259/Serv data 6 corrente alt Aliquota 180 muli Divisione Mantova bbocco Puglie sarà pronta partenza giorno 23 corrente seguenti scali ferroviari due punti 170 Zollino virgola 10 Taranto alt

Superesercito Servizi 1875

CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
(M. Cecconi)

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RECD V LRAR MR 1312 T QVR 1

FROM AAI 161715

TO MRIA

INFO FALCON FOR SIMMONS

SD1926

RESTRICTED C.O REF THIS HQ 01210 OF 17 AH

INSERTING 636 MULES AT SERIAL 150 AND

235 HORSES AT SERIAL 151 ON LIST 7

REPTN ~~1312 T 1 161715 1926 01210~~

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NEGB V LRAR 1083/4/5/6 IMPORTANT

T ~~QVR~~ QVR 1-3-5-6

FROM FILPOT 161220B

TO MMIA

INFO DIST00 MMIA LO MMIA LO 31 CORPS

MOV MMIA SMRE.

Q1214

REF YOUR SD732 UNDATED (.)

AFTER CONCENTRATION OF 400 ANIMALS

BARI IS COMPLETED REQUEST REMAINING 400

BE DESPATCHED TO1 FIELD REMOUNT DEPOT APRICENA (.)

SIGNAL APPROX DATE ARRIVAL

RPTN ~~1083/4/5/6 T QVR 1-3-5-6~~

~~161220 MMIA LO MMIA LO 31 CORPS~~

~~1214 732 400 400 1 APRICENA~~

SENT 1344 DGH BBB

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dated 17 May

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FROM SISTWO 181225B

TO MMIA (LECCE)

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Q855 (.) 102

REF YOUR SD 732 OF 17 (.)

FORAGE ARRANGEMENTS CONC MULEY AND HORSES AT

~~ITALIAN++~~ ITALIAN REMOUNT DEPOT BARI ARE IN HAND

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TO AHI For Action

DISTWO (W) For Information (INFO) MMIA to DISTWO

Originator's No. SD 7360 | Message Instructions | GR

Confidential ⊙ Further our SD 7327 of 17 May ⊙ Can you attend June 2nd final w/o matter Robert Newton Brant Committee

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

To AAI
rptd DISTWO MMIA LO DISTWO MMIA LO 31 CORPS MOV MMIA SMRE

T O O 17 1940B

T H I

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SD 732 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref your 1046/3/Q of 13 May (.) Am concentrating 400 (400) animals in ITALIAN Remount Depot BARI (.) 400 (400) is maximum capacity (.) ITALIANS state NO repeat NO other depots EAST ITALY to accommodate balance of 400 (400) (.) Am continuing inquiries (.) Will inform results (.) For DISTWO (.) Ref para 4 above signal (.) confirm forage arrangements in hand (.) for SMRE (.) Animals will move from CALABRIA under orders MOV MMIA (.) Your signal 7/301/Serv of 15 May refers

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Sgd _____ Sgd K.P. Hamilton Maj-W _____

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MEXT/LGS MARK 2 QOY NR 263/17 42/7

~~DE E MAN 1R434 MEXT QVR2~~

FROM FILPOT 171645Z

TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS

INFO MMTA

~~PRIORITY~~ GR---

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YOUR WM742 CITE AGS Y154 DATED 16 MAY OUR LETTER 97

TO ARMY SUB COMMISSION ~~1045/1/0~~ 1046/1/0 DATED 12 MAY DETAILS ALLIES

FINZL REQUIREMENTS • FIRST1244 MULSE AND ~~SADDLE~~ 665

SADDLE HORSES INCL MULES AND HORSES ALREADY RELEASED SECOND

NO DRAUGHT HORSES • AFTER PRESENT SHIPPING PROGRAMME 696 MULES AND 235

SADDLE HORSES REQUIRED • THIS WILL ULTIMATELY LEAVE ITALIAN ARMY

WITH 120 SADDLE HORSES AND 1136 DRAUGHT HORSES •

PROCUREMENT PERSONNEL ARE ~~BEING~~ BEING FOUND AND TRAVEL ARRANGED BY POS

THI 1750

REPTN ~~454~~ ~~T NEXT~~ ~~QVR2~~ ~~171645~~ 0921C ~~WM742~~ ~~CITE AGS~~ ~~Y154~~ ~~16~~ ~~1046/1/0~~

~~696 235~~ 120 ~~1136~~ ~~1750~~

SENT 1615 AM BBBB

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See AAI 1046/1/8 12 May 44

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MESSAGE FORM

From SMRE

To MMIA
N 113

Time 2030 hrs

May 15, 1944

N 7/301/Serv (.) in ref to letter 7/259/Serv dated May 6 (.) MANTOVA Div "BLOCCO CALABRIA" can cede at once 376 mules ready to leave May 18 from following entraining stations: 170 CATANZARO SALA, 90 COSENZA, 99 Sta SIPARI 17 NICASTRO (.) 144 temporarily kept because infected with foot disease will be taken from PICENO Div (.) Will inform you further regarding this (.) 100 horses ceded by 549th Arty Regt entraining stations 60 Stazione SIBARI, 40 VIBO VALENTIA MARINA (.) ready to move 18 May

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From SMRE

To MMIA
N 113

Time 2030 hrs

May 15, 1944

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Nr 113 M.M.L.A.
SMRE N° /301/ Serv. ®
ref. foglio 7/259/ Serv. data 6 corr. ®
dir. Motovedetta "Blocco Salatora" può salpare
subito 376 miglia pronti partenza 18 corr.
da seguenti scali ferroviari: 170 CATANZARO
SALA, 70 GOSENZA, 99 da dispari, 17 NICASTRO
® rimanenti aliquota ® "144 temporaneamente
indisponibile perchè affetta malattie infettive
sarà tratta da dir. PICENO ® riserva di
successive comunicazioni per merito ®
100 cavalli acquisti da 549th regt. Cavalry
pronti partenza da data predetta da
seguenti scali; 60 stazioni dispari, 40
P.ZZO VALENTIA MARINA ®

Super Es. Serv.
Barrafa

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TO MMIA LEQUILE

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

1046/3/Q

13 May 44

SUBJECT: Supply of Remounts

Army Sub Commission,
ACC

1. Reference your signal MMIA SD 665 dated 18 May.

2. It is requested that you have the 800 animals concentrated in the Italian Remount Depot (Centro Resouro Quadrupedi) at BARI.

3. It is requested that the animals be held for conditioning by Italian personnel and be available for calling forward as required.

4. Arrangements are being made through 2 District for a sufficient forage ration to be made available to get the animals fit as quickly as possible.

for
Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to: 2 District
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V&R

SUBJECT: Remount Provision - SARDINIA

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q

12 May 44

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

1. Reference M.M.L.A. signal SD657 dated 7 May and Infantry Representative in SARDINIA's letter dated 5 May a copy of which Col. Simmons handed in to this H.Q. and our 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 Apr 44.

2. Now that the exact position in SARDINIA is known both as regards numbers of animals available and numbers required by Italian Forces there, the following are the final requirements of the allies:-

(a) 1,244 mules (incl those already released) of these the maximum numbers i.e.792 should be pack mules. These animals are for American account.

(b) 685 Saddle horses (incl those already released) 400 of these animals are for British account. Remaining 285 are not yet allocated.

(c) NO draught horses are therefore now required.

3. Forage is being provisioned for on the basis

(a) that the Italian Army will ultimately retain 120 saddle horses and 1136 draught horses which will be fed at 2/3 full grain and tibben scale,

(b) that the present shipping programme which completes approximately 17 May will leave a total of 696 mules and 235 saddle horses to be requisitioned for Allied use,

(c) that these last animals will have been shipped from SARDINIA by end June.

Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: AFHQ (Q(Maint))

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(c) NO draught horses are therefore now required.

3. Forage is being provisioned for on the basis

(a) that the Italian Army will ultimately retain 120 saddle horses and 1136 draught horses which will be fed at 2/3 full grain and tibben scale,

(b) that the present shipping programme which completes approximately 17 May will leave a total of 696 mules and 235 saddle horses to be requisitioned for Allied use,

(c) that these last animals will have been shipped from SARDINIA by end June.

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for Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to: AFHQ (Q(Maint))
G.(SD) for allotment of priority as the animals detailed in para 3 (b) become available.

G.4
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1. Ref para 3(a), previously the Italian Army was only going to be allowed to retain 500 animals
2. No demand for 500 draught horses for ME has been dropped

17 May

(*)

The SOREcapture to Mess 500 dtd 16 May

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Army 50 (Lecce) 7462

SUBJECT:- Supply of Remounts

SD 15/5

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

SD/24 9b

Army Sub-Commission ACC

13 May 44

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1. Reference your SD/24 dated 7 May. Our 1046/1/Q1 dated 12 May which you will now have received states the Allies present requirements.

2. Your para 4

above ?

These personnel are being sent.

for Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

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1464 Army SC (Secc)

SD/24

SUBJECT: Remounts for Italian Units

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

1046/1/Q

12 May 44

Army Sub Commission
ACC

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Reference your SD/24 dated 9 May para 3, it is confirmed that the responsibility for provision of remounts for 250 Pack Coy and Pack Arty in the CIL will be that of the Allied Formation with which the units are serving at the time.

Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to: G4 with copy SD/24 dated 9 May.
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ACTION SLIP

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To: GOC

Since receiving this, we have had to pass on a further request to SHAPE for 700 mules and 100 horses which AAI says are urgently required but for which they can offer no MT in replacement.

GT 1/5

CG

All mules in Sardinia have been repatriated.

The mule question there is settled

Benjamin

(R)

Tell S.H.A.P.E. that we have gone into the whole question in detail on the spot with the Col. Commanding & put up proposals to A.A.I. By which the Chad will retain enough animals for their needs. Sorry no figures!

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2 L 9 May

Horses already handled by SHAPE

12/5 Spoke Dillon 11 mar.

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TRANSLATION

From: SMRE Services Office

Ref: 7/223

Date 29 April 1944

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To : MMIA

File G

Subject: Animals in Sardinia

Reference G/1/5 of 25 April.

I have noted contents and I have issued the consequent orders:

Taking into account the needs of the Allies and the orders that the MMIA has received from higher commands, I take the liberty to suggest that the order for the requisitioning of all military mules, saddle horses and an aliquot of team horses existing in Sardinia will place all the units located in Sardinia in an extremely serious and difficult position.

Since the major part of the ten divisions foreseen in the known program must be drawn from Sardinia the order mentioned above will render most difficult carrying out of said program or at least will reduce forcibly the efficiency, the mobility and the possibility of training said divisions.

In fact it is well known to you, and the Allies have been able to verify it, that it is impossible not only to work but even to move in our land without means of pack transport, nor can horses substitute, with the same efficiency, mules.

I shall be grateful, therefore, to MMIA if it would take into examination what I have mentioned above, even as a collaboration, and examine the possibility and the advantage of proportioning the needs of the Allies with those of this S.M. in relation to the carrying out of the known program andthe efficiency of the units foreseen in it.

I am certain that MMIA will account for the honest understanding that guided me in expounding the above, and will take the question into kind examination.

Head of S.M.
BERARDI

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/gi

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Vet.

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N° 7/223 /Serv. di prot. P.M.151, lì 29 aprile 1944.

O G G E T T O : Animali in Sardegna.-
Animale in Sardegna

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. L E Q U I L E

Mi riferisco al foglio G/I/5 del 25 aprile c.a.-

Ho preso atto di quanto in esso contenuto ed ho emanate le conseguenti disposizioni.

Pur rendendomi conto delle necessità degli Alleati e degli ordini che cotesta Sottocommissione ha ricevuto dai Comandi Superiori, mi permetto prospettare che l'ordine di requisizione di tutti i muli militari, i cavalli da sella ed una aliquota di cavalli da tiro esistenti in Sardegna, verrà a porre in gravissima ed irrimediabile crisi tutte le Unità dislocate in Sardegna.

E poichè dalla Sardegna deve essere tratta la maggiore parte delle dieci divisioni previste nel noto programma, l'ordine di cui sopra verrà a rendere molto difficile l'attuazione del programma stesso, o quanto meno a ridurre fortemente l'efficienza, la mobilità e la possibilità di addestramento delle divisioni stesse.

Vi è infatti ben noto, e gli Alleati hanno potuto constatare, che è impossibile nonchè operare anche solo muovere per ragioni di ordine interno nei nostri terreni senza mezzi a someggio, nè i cavalli possono sostituire, con analogo rendimento, i mul-

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Sarò perciò grato a codesta Sottocommissione se vorrà prendere in esame quanto ho più sopra segnalato, anche a titolo di collaborazione, ed esaminare la possibilità e la convenienza di contemperare le necessità degli Alleati con quelle di questo S.M. in relazione all'attuazione del noto programma e la efficienza delle unità in esso previste.

Sono certo che codesta Commissione vorrà rendersi conto degli onesti criteri che mi hanno guidato nell'esporvi quanto sopra e prendere in benevole esame la questione.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- P. Berardi -

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 3/14

TV Form C.2130.

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No. of Groups: GR. 20

Office Date Stamp 5/1/24

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TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS INFO PBS. AIR/A

FROM FILPOT

Originator's Number Q1149

Date —

In Reply to Number —

Request you inform the HQ when and of what numbers the additional animals for the ALLIES will become available

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Animals

Bulls

520 from Catalina

180 from Apache

1x fourteen Dec.

Horses

100 from Catalina

1x 200 Dec.

Inquiries being made to

have next Mat the 180 from

Apache are not included

in the enclosed figures.

C.B.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

9 May 44

SUBJECT:- Provision of Remounts

Army Sub-Commission ACC

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Reference MAIA signal SD 665 dated 8 May.

The production of 700 mules and 100 horses will be of considerable assistance.

Will you please say when these animals will be ready for calling forward.

Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- G(SD)
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SUBJECT: Remounts for Italian Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
9 May 44

AAI

Ref your 1046/1/Q1 of 28 April.

1. It is confirmed that organic Italian units which have animal transport will have their remounts where possible provided from Italian sources. No guarantee however can be given that these units will be kept up to any establishment as the Italian Army has handed over all its spare mules and more to the Allies. The distribution of those that remain will have to be dictated by the availability of transport for the minimum essential purposes for which these animals are being used now.

2. As regards 250 Pack Tpt Coy and the Pack Arty in the CIL it is considered that remounts should be the responsibility of the Allies, since it is impracticable for the Italian Army to maintain a Remount Depot in the Army area for reasons stated in para 1 above.

3. Will you please confirm that this responsibility can be accepted by the Allies.

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

CGL.

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SUBJECT:- Remounts for Italian Units

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/G1

28 Apr 44

Army Sub-Commission ACC

1. It is requested that you confirm:-

(a) That organic Italian units which have animal transport, have their remounts provided from Italian sources.

(b) That 250 Italian Pack Coy, which is an organic part of the DANDO BRIGADE and which has in the past obtained its remounts from Italian sources, will continue to do so.

2. It is accepted that provision of remounts for the remaining Italian Pack Tpt Coys is an Allied responsibility.

J. L. Moore
Captain

for Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- G(SD)
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For Action

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

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per mm. Bassignana

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COPIA TELESCRITTO

DA SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO
AT COMANDO XXXI COMPARTIMENTO

per mm. Bassignana

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Nº 3262/Ord. Alt Sottocommissione controllo esercito chiede che 9º reparto salmerie parta con maggior numero possibile quadrupedi et qualora possibile con totale 408 muli già previsti per 8º et 9º reparto salmerie alt Accordi con ufficiale allesto collegamento presso codesto Cerm alt Segnalate numero muli effettivamente partiti alt Superesercito Ordinamento 20000 30544

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

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COPIA TELESCRITTO

DA COMANDO XXXI CORPO ARMATA
AT S.M.R.E. UFF. ORDINAMENTO

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N. 2900 (208) del Catal.
(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

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P.M. 151 li, 6 maggio 1944 - Anno

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Ufficio Servizi - Sez.Veterin.

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Prot. N. 7/259/Serv Allegati

Alla SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
L'ESERCITO A.C.C.
LECCE

Risposta al foglio del 2 corrente

Div. Sez. N. SD/24

OGGETTO: Cessione quadrupedi.
Issue of Animals

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Gli 800 quadrupedi richiesti saranno tratti:

- nº 520 muli dalla divisione "Mantova" -blocco Calabria;
- nº 180 muli dalla divisione "Mantova" -blocco Puglie;
- nº 100 cavalli dal 549º Reggimento artiglieria, dislocato in Calabria.

Riserva di comunicazione circa data e località ove i quadrupedi saranno disponibili.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO X UFFICIO SERVIZI

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

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Trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde.
Indirizzo telegrafico: ; c/c postale n.

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FROM (A) — Originator: AGC SARDINIA — Date-Time of Origin.: 051513 B — Office Date Stamp: (152)

For Action.

AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA PBS AFHQ

(Misciphered at Filpot)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No WM217 — Signed SIMMONS — a/c KHPTN

AGSY 127

SECRET ⊙ Ref. AFHQ F39199 dated 29 April and FILPOT a/c Q1698 dated 1 May:

If provisions Para 1A letter HQ AAI 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 April are effective (at ?) 805 saddles horses and 1244 mules remain for shipment DUKO according to (?) ITALIAN MISSION (?) dated 1 May ⊙ Saddles animal to be lifted 2049

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
SD/24
7 May 44

Subject:- Animals in SARDINIA

A A I

Copy to:- Col SIMMONS

Ref your 1046/1/Q1 of 19 April and our SD657 of to-days date.

1. Att is a copy of Col SIMMONS report on which the above signal was based.

2. Ref para 3, it has been decided

(a) that no animals need be retained for the Arty of the 204 and 226 Divs or Grenadiers Group, which are all earmarked for eventual employment as Internal Security Divs.

(b) that the Italian Army should make up its minimum requirement of 800 animals by selecting 219 from the 673 which would otherwise be handed over to farmers or destroyed(see para 2(f)).

3. The Italian Gen Staff have been ordered to issue the necessary instructions to the ~~Dist~~ HQ in SARDINIA and it has been emphasized that the 454 which will remain in para 2(f)will NOT be foraged from Allied sources.

4. Will you please confirm that the personnel requested in para 4 are being despatched.

for Maj Gen
Army Sub Comn, ACC

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For Action.

TO AAI

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

FALCON for SIMONS

Originator's No.

~~SD657 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Ref your 1046/1/Q1 of 19 April (*) FIRST (*) Requisitioning of total of 605 (305) saddle horses and 1244 (1244) mules for mainland and 500 (500) draft horses for MF has been initiated (*) SECOND (*) 800 (800) animals will remain with Italian Army (*) This is considered essential minimum (*) THIRD (*) 454 (454) animals will be disposed of (*) FOURTH (*) Figures in FIRST para include rpt include 345 (345) saddle horses and 999 (999) mules already requisitioned and awaiting shipment on 1 May~~

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

FALCON for SIMMONS

Originator's No.

~~3057~~ (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Ref your 1046/1/Q1 of 19 April (*) FIRST (*) Requisitioning of total of ~~865~~ (865) saddle horses and ~~1244~~ (1244) mules for mainland and ~~500~~ (500) draft horses for MT has been initiated (*) SECOND (*) ~~800~~ (800) animals will remain with Italian Army (*) This is considered essential minimum (*) THIRD (*) ~~454~~ (454) animals will be disposed of (*) FOURTH (*) Figures in FIRST para include not include 345 (345) saddle horses and ~~339~~ (339) mules already requisitioned and awaiting shipment on 1 May

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

FALCON for SIMMONS

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. SM56 (*) SECRET (*) Ref our G/1/5 of 25 April (*) Request you issue following orders to your HQ in SARDINIA (*) Total to be made available to the Allies 805 saddle horses 1244 mules and 500 draught horses (*) To remain with Italian Army a total of 800 animals as follows (*) 581 draught horses plus 219 animals ex 673 to be destroyed or handed over to farmers (*) Remaining 454 to be disposed of will NOT be foraged by Allies

Not

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

5 May 1944

SUBJECT: Animals, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C, Lequile (LECCE)

1. In accordance with the provisions of letter, HQ A.A.I, 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 April 1944 and letter Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., G/1/5 dated 25 April 1944, the requisitioning of all serviceable mules, all serviceable riding horses under fifteen years of age and five hundred (500) draft horses has been initiated with Comando Militare della Sardegna.

2. In a report rendered by the Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna as of 1 May 1944, the data relative to numbers of animals in various categories, as indicated in the table below, was submitted:

	HORSES		MULES		TOTAL
	Saddle	Draft	Pack	Draft	
(a) No. of animals available to the Allies	805	500	792	452	2,549
(b) No. of animals to be fed on full service ration scale	805	500 -581	792	452	2,549 581
(c) No. horses remaining with Italian Army		581			581
(d) No. of animals to be fed on 2/3 service ration scale					
(e) No. of animals to be destroyed or handed over to farmers	126	207	231	109	- 673

The above data include three hundred and forty five (345) of the four hundred (400) saddle horses previously ordered requisitioned from Comando Militare della Sardegna by A.F.H.Q. 9 February 1944 and three hundred and thirty nine (339) mules already allocated to Allies, held here awaiting shipment. 18 8

3. The actual availability of animals reported above is qualified in the report of the Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia due to necessities for local use which he outlines as follows:

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"OUR NEEDS

a. Requirement of animals in order to assure a minimum of operation of service for the units left on the island.
(Detailed sheet is attached) 800
Even conforming with the above minimum a shortage of (800 less 581) 219 animals will occur.

b. In case that the needs of the 100/22 horse-drawn groups of the 204th and 226th Division and of the Grenadiers Groups were taken into account, the needs would be as follows:

HORSES	SADDLE	DRAFT
204th Division	40	112
226th Division	40	112
Grenadiers Group	40	112
TOTALS	120	336

c. The 203rd and 205th Divisions have not been considered, since the two above Divisions will be disbanded after the formation of the battalions for the guard service and laborers.

CONCLUSION:

As has been said in the preceding paragraph, for our needs, we would require 120 saddle horses and 1,136 draft horses (800 + 336). If that were granted, the following animals could be released to the Allies:

1,244 Mules (including the 339 already released and awaiting embarkation)
685 Saddle Horses (including the 345 already released and awaiting embarkation)
Draft Horses None (there is already a shortage of 55 draft horses, on the basis of our requirements (1,136 less 1,081).

In the case that the sending of the 500 draft horses to the Middle-East be found necessary, it will be necessary that they should be replaced by an equal number of mules, which would then be reduced to 744 (1,244 less 500)."

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4. With reference to paragraph 4, letter Army Sub Commission referred to above, the following list includes the minimum personnel necessary to place in effect the requisitioning, classification, feeding, and shipment of animals required.

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1 - Officer in charge (with remount or similar experience
1 - Veterinary Officer
4 - N.C.Os' with animal management experience
4 - Privates with animal management experience
1 - N.C.O. with veterinary technician qualifications

5. It is requested that instructions be issued to Italian Command and this office simultaneously as soon as final decision is reached. Copy of breakdown of eight hundred (800) animals for local administrative use inclosed. Also inclosed is copy of signal from this office concerning allotment of shipping space for animals.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

2 Incls.
1 - breakdown of 800 animals
2 - copy of cable

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TABLE OF THE 800 DRAFT HORSES NEEDED BY THE UNITS ON THE ISLAND;

24 for each Infantry Regiment 2 for each Divisional Engineer Coy 2 for each Divisional Medical Section 2 for each Divisional QM Section 30	Calabria Division	NO.	78
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	Cremona "	"	78
	Friuli "	"	78
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For the needs of the dependent units until their disorganization	203 Division	"	25
	205 "	"	25
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For the Antiaircraft Batteries	AA Artillery	"	90
Field Hospital Territorial Hospital Emergency Hospital Sanatarium	Medical units	"	35
QM warehouse Foodstuff warehouses QM Section	Warehouses of the A. C.	"	35
For the dependent sections Warehouses	Ordnance Directorate	"	35
For the dependent warehouses	Engineer HQ	"	18 10
	3 Military Districts	"	3
	8 Depots	"	8
			216
	Grand Total		800

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 65-1

Msg Center No_____
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Date 5 MAY 1944

Headquarters of Origin ARMY SUB-COMMISSION CMA ACC

Precedence PRIORITY Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL

TO: AAI INFORMATION MMIA CMA PEN BASE CMA AFHQ CITE FHTPN

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS Originator's Reference Number AGS YOKE 127

REFERENCE ABLE FOR HOW QUEEN FOX THREE NINE ONE NINE NINE DATED TWO NINE APRIL AND FILPOT CITE QUEEN ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT DATED ONE MAY CLN IF PROVISIONS PARAGRAPH ONE ABLE LETTER HOW QUEEN ABLE ABLE ITME ONE ZERO FOUR SIX SLANT ONE SLANT QUEEN ONE DATED ONE NINE APRIL ARE EFFECTIVE CMA EIGHT ZERO FIVE SADDLE HORSES AND ONE TWO FOUR FOUR MULES REMAIN FOR SHIPMENT DUKO ACCORDING TO REPORT ITALIAN COMMAND DATED ONE MAY PD TOTAL ANIMALS TO BE LIFTED TWO ZERO FOUR NINE

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Prepared by F. L. SIMMONS (name) COLONEL (rank) INFANTRY (org)

Authenticated by F. L. SIMMONS (name) COLONEL (rank) INFANTRY (org)

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

in H.Q. (AMA)

LM UIL (LECCE)

SD/21.

2 May 44

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SECRET

Copy to:- Col SIMMONS,
Army Sub Comm SARDINIA

Reference para 4 our letter G/1/5 dated 25 April 44.

It has been decided that horses over 15 years of age shall be handed over to farmers for agricultural work. Farmers are to be responsible for their feeding.

ABC

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

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
May 44

H.E. General BERARDI
Chief of the General Staff

SUBJECT:- Provision of Mules

Your Excellency,

1. Due to increases in establishment and various other causes, 700 mules and 100 horses are urgently required for the Allied Armies. These are in addition to those already ordered in my G/1/5 of 25 Apr.

2. It is appreciated that animals still left in the Italian Army are being used for domestic duties. The production of these animals at this juncture however, will very materially assist the Allied war effort.

3. It is regretted that no replacement by motor transport can be offered.

4. Will you please state in view of above when and where the animals can be made available.

ABC

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

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(Pads of 100)

MESSAGE FORM

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TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS INFO MMA

FROM FILPOT 71

Originator's Number G1109 Date 72

Your WH1278 cite Y115 A05 dated 30 Apr and MMA 51623 dated 1 May (D) - One hundred additional animals required to fill life as in FREEDOM 39199 dated 29 Apr should be made which please ship before harvest

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SUBJECT:- Mules

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/24
1 May 44

S M R E

1. It has been reported that there are on the islands of CAPRI and ISCHIA about 50 mules which have been handed over by the Italian Army to civilians.

2. I am directed to request that theses mules be recovered and put at the disposal of the Allies.

3. Will you please issue the necessary orders and inform this HQ when they will be available for collection.

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

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TO MMIA INFO FALCON FOR SIMMONS

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FICPOT	Q1101/62	—	—

Further reference over 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 Apr and your signal dated 30 Apr o Agreed horses over fifteen years to be handed over to farmers

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FROM (A) Originator: MEIA — Date-Time of Origin: 30 0945 B

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For Action

TO: AAI

(AV) For information (INFO): FALCON for SIMMONS

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No. SD 603 (*) RESTRICTED (*) Personal from General BROWNING (*) Ref your 1026/1/01 dated 19 April (*) Tuition War Ministry suggest all horses over 15 years age be handed over to farmers for agricultural work in lieu being killed (*) Farmers to be responsible for their feeding (*) Recommend approval of this (*) Urgent before SIMMONS acts

F.S.R. "A" (600 pads of 100) 11-42.

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TO PBS. INFO. AGC SARDINIA MMIB

Ys. 78

FROM FICPOT	Originator's Number Q1105	Date	In Reply to Number 68

Following paraphrase Sardinia message ~~ref~~ AGS YL 114 dated 28 Apr and refers our 1046/1/QT dated 19 Apr @Quote following: personnel required to effect procurement are offr experienced in remount service one veterinary offr four NCOS and four privates with animal management experience one veterinary NCO @ Close quote @ Veterinary offr and NCO can be provided

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From (A) MIMA — Originator — Date Time of Origin P171552 — OFFICE DATE STAMP.

For Action

TO AAI

(W) For Information (INFO) FALCON [illegible] SIMMONS

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No. SS423 Q Refered Q Please answer

FALCON Signal MM Data of 30 June Over

[illegible] Report Mission Q Year 1945/12

19 Sept 45 Date

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TO MMIA GDP CAMPTON for AAI

FROM AGC Signal Services

Originator's Number W M1278

Date 30

In Reply to Number — /62

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Army SC (Leece)
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SUBJECT:- Provision of Remounts

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

27 Apr 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC

Due to increases in establishment and various other causes 700 Mules A.T. and 100 horses are urgently required for the Allied Armies.

It is appreciated that animals still left in the Italian Army are being used for domestic duties. The production of these animals at this juncture, however, will very materially assist the Allied war effort. No replacement by M.T. can be offered.

Will you therefore please place this request before the Italian Military Authorities and ask them whether the animals can be produced, and if so, on what date.

for Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- FBS
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HEADQUARTERS
28 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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Army S. C. (Allied)
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Subject - Italian Army Animals.

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

1046/1/Q1
26 Apr. 44.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

1. It has been reported that there are on CAPRI and ISCHIA about 50 mules handed over by the Italian Army to civilians.

2. It is requested that you have these animals requisitioned for the Allied Armies.

3. Please signal this headquarters repeated Peninsular Base Section when the animals are available for collection.

for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to - CG, PBS (will you please collect when ready)
V & R.

HEADQUARTERS
28 APR 1944
A. C. C.

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FROM (A) Originator: AGC SARDINIA — Date Time of Origin: 28 MIL

For Action

TO AAI MAIA

(W) For information (INFO)

Office Date Stamp. D/73 68

Message Instructions — GR — 62

Originator's No.

CINC AFS 1150 RESTRICTED ⊙ Ref AA letter 1046/1/R1 dated 19 April ⊙ Following (PRECEDENCE) urgently required to effect procurement, class vicatting, packing and shipping? ammo from SARDINIA to one officer experienced in repair and service of one veterinary officer & Experienced NCO and experienced private each with practical knowledge experience & one NCO with veterinary technician qualification & also present authorized mimeograph machine ⊙ Letter containing details follows

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(If) For Information (INFO) — Message Instructions — Op

Originator's No. SA 589 — RESTRICTED — ORDERS SENT BY AIR TO SARDINIA CN 2C FROM C CUR 1-15 DP SOME DATE CNY TO YOU REPEAS C/S WILL USE AS YOU DIRECTLY INFO TO FRANK

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TO MMIA

FROM FILPOT

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Q1064	—	—

Reference our 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 Apr para 20 Please supply information to enable us to reply to para 4 (c) of AFHQ/3310/Q maint dated 9 Apr.

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P.M. 151, li 6 aprile 1944

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sezione Ippe Veter.

N° 1/216 /Serv. di prot.

OGGETTO: Quadrupedi divisione "Piceno"-

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

LECUILE

Riferimento foglio G/1/5 data 6 corrente.-

In relazione a quanto richiesto con il foglio in riferimento questo S.M. ha in corso i provvedimenti intesi ad eliminare -nei limiti del possibile- gli inconvenienti rappresentati.-

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

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (SMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/1/5
25 Apr 44

SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

S H R E

Copy to:- Col SIMMONS,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C. SARDINIA

1. To meet the urgent requirements of the Allies orders are being issued to Col SIMMONS, Army Sub Commission representative in SARDINIA, to requisition all military mules and riding horses and a proportion of the military draught horses on the island.

2. In order to allow all mules to be requisitioned, draught horses will have to be substituted for mules for garrison duties.

3. A total of 500 draught horses are required for shipment to the Middle East.

4. To avoid unnecessary shipments of forage to SARDINIA you are requested to issue orders that all horses over 15 years of age and any mules or horses which are unserviceable through emaciation or other causes shall be destroyed and used for food.

5. Arrangements are in hand for the provision of forage for those animals that will be left and for those requisitioned, pending shipment.

This will take place as early as can be arranged.

6. Please advise your HQ in SARDINIA as soon as possible in order that these orders may be put into effect.

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

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Subjects- Animals in SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ(MMIA)
Lequile(Lecce)
G/1/5
25 Apr 44.

Col SIMMONS, Army Sub Comm, SARDINIA

Copy to:- Allied Garrison SARDINIA
H.Q., A.A.I.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from H.Q., A.A.I. ref 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 April.

2. You are requested to implement these orders with the least possible delay.

3. Please inform this HQ as soon as possible:-

(a) No of animals, by types, which will be made available to the Allies.

(b) No of animals to be fed on full service ration scale.

(c) No of animals to be fed on 2/3rds Service ration scale.

(d) No of animals to be destroyed.

(e) No of horses remaining with Italian Army.

(f) Dates by which animals can be made ready for shipment and their numbers by types.

4. If you require the services of the vet mentioned in para 3 of the attached letter please signal direct to HQ, AAI with a copy to this HQ.

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Maj Gen.,
Army Sub Comm., ACC

cc

SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

19 Apr 44

MMIA

Reference our 1046/1/Q1 dated 3 Apr 44 to AFHQ copy to you.

1. (a) It is requested that you have requisitioned for the use of the Allied Forces all mules and riding horses and a proportion of the draught horses remaining in SARDINIA. In order to allow of all mules being requisitioned it is suggested that draught horses should be used for garrison duties.

(b) The figures which have been quoted are 587 mules and 1068 riding horses. It is thought that these figures may not be accurate so far as requisitioning is concerned. Will you therefore please inform this HQ when and in what numbers the animals will be available in order that a priority may be allotted for calling forward. Mules are required before horses.

(c) A total of 500 draught horses are required for shipment to MIDEAST.

(d) Animals requisitioned can be accepted on the mainland at any time.

2. Arrangements are in hand for provisioning of forage. Will you please make arrangements to have all animals which have been requisitioned for Allied use fed on full Field Scale Ration. Pending their being requisitioned all Italian Army animals should be fed on 2/3rd Field Ration Scale. Reference AFHQ letter para 4(c) will you please supply the necessary information. Reference para 4(d) will you please ensure that the Italian Army animals are not fed at the expense of those requisitioned.

3. It is requested that you make arrangements to have any horses over 15 years of age and any mules or horses which are unserviceable through emaciation or other causes destroyed forthwith and used for food. A veterinary officer to assist in this could be provided from the mainland.

Lieut. Colonel Inman Maj

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Lieut. Col. Sullivan
for
Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- AFHQ Q(maint)
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FROM FILPOT 190850

TO FALCON FOR SUMMERS

INFO TMTA FREEDOM

QQY GR32

Q1026

YOUR LETTER DATED 1 APR ON SUBJECT ~~RELAT~~ REPLACEMENT MULES .

SHIP BEST MULES POSSIBLE .

ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND TO REQUISITION ALL

MULES ON SARDINIA . LETTER

FOLLOWS WHEN ARRANGEMETS+

ARRANGEMENTS FINALISED

THI 1050

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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FREEDOM 1820 FATIMA GG AGS SARDINIA MISSAGE

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YOUR F 30165 DATED 10 APRIL LIGHT DRAUGHT HORSES AVAILABLE SARDINIA. POSITION UNDER REVIEW. DETAILED REPLY FOLLOWS.

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FLAMBO RPTD FATIMA CG AGO SARDINIA MIDEAST

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(B) WHETHER ANY OBJECTION REQUISITION FOR BRITISH MILITARY USE IN MIDEAST.
(C) MEASURES AND DATE THEY CAN BE FIT FOR SHIPMENT INCLUDING ANY BRITISH PERSONNEL FOR SUPERVISION.
(D) PROBABLE DATE THEY CAN BE FIX SHIPMENT.

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AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint)

9 Apr 44

SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

H.Q., A.A.I. (Adm Sec)

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(b) Assuming that movements of animals already requisitioned are carried out as indicated in para 3(b) above, it is estimated that there should be available in SARDINIA approx 30 days forage for 1800 animals at two-thirds scales, with effect from 20 Apr 44.

/.....(c)

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(c) In order that the necessary provisioning arrangements can be made, it is requested that you will notify earliest possible:-

(i) The actual numbers of animals by types that it is proposed to requisition, and the date of requisitioning.

(ii) The number of Italian Army animals that will require to be maintained on the two-thirds Field Scale.

(d) Separate instructions are being issued in regard to the movement of additional supplies of forage into SARDINIA.

It is suggested that the date for the maintenance of animals not at present requisitioned should be so fixed that there is no possibility of the 928 animals already requisitioned (para 3) running short of forage if for any unforeseen reason the proposed movement programme is delayed.

5. Continued Maintenance of Animals to be Requisitioned

It is understood facilities for grazing animals exist in ITALY. Will you please forward your recommendations with regard to the possibility of having the animals that are to be requisitioned moved to and maintained in ITALY.

6. Light Draught Animals for MIDEAST.

M.E. have requested the release of up to a maximum of 500 light draught animals to be moved to M.E. 1817

A separate cable is being despatched regarding the possibility of shipping these animals.

R.M.J. GLYNN, Brigadier,
for Lieutenant General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.F.H.Q.

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but are interested in this. Are you?
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From. War Ministry, Cabinet No. 1548/C 6/1/5
To: M.M.I.A. File..... Date 7.4.44
Subject. Control + Recovery of Animals in Sicily

SMRE, as a result of the return of Sicily to the Italian government, has in mind to proceed to the control and gradual recovery of horses and mules, in addition to saddlery and articles which once belonged to the Army but are now in the hands of civilians.

With this aim in view a preliminary inquiry will be made with the aid of Civil Authorities and Carabinieri Stations of the inland, after which the Equine Inspectorate of this Ministry will publish a notice requiring all animals and material once belonging to disbanded Units of the Army to be handed in regardless of how they were obtained.

This notice ~~notice~~ copy of which will be submitted to M M I A before publication to the population will [illegible] the following points:-

a) Repayment of the price paid to the Allied Authorities, in cases of legal purchase from said authorities plus a suitable

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pensions to cover expenses of feeding, custody and food care of the animal, saddlery and vehicles.

b) Repayment of feeding of animals and maintenance of material illegally acquired but spontaneously handed up, with no legal action to follow.

c) Auction sale in favour of Military Administration of animals no longer suitable for army service and of material no longer serviceable, paying a cash price to holder if animals or material were handed over spontaneously.

d) Confiscation of animals, saddlery and vehicles illegally acquired and not spontaneously handed over plus confiscation of an equal number of animals and/or quantity of material.

The island will be divided in three zones in each of which a Control Commission will function. Collection centres for the animals and material recovered will be established at suitable points, near railway stations, with water supply and where provision with pasture land

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is in case nominal rolls are not forthcoming.

Nominal roll of the Commissions, and its transfer to Sicily to commence work is subject to M.M.I.A's approval and to receipt of data already asked for by the Equine Inspectorate from 12th Army Corps H.Q.

(Sgd) Jemmal ALIBERTI

DJ/BT.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO
Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 1548/c P.M. 107 li 11 aprile 1944

OGGETTO Controllo e recupero quadrupedi in Sicilia.-
Control & recovery of animals in Sicily

ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C. - Main HQ (MMIA) - LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:
ALL' ISPETTORATO IPPICO SEDE
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO P.M.151

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b) il rimborso delle spese di manutenzione per i quadrupedi e materiale indebitamente posseduti, ma spontaneamente presentati, estinguendo con ciò ogni azione penale;
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Il territorio dell'Isola sarà ripartito in tre zone in ciascuna delle quali funzionerà un'apposita Commissione di controllo. Verranno, inoltre, approntati Centri di raccolta dei quadrupedi e dei materiali recuperati in località adatte, presso stazioni ferroviarie, fornite di acqua e, possibilmente, di pascoli per far fronte ad eventuali deficienze di razioni foraggio.

La nomina delle Commissioni ed il loro invio in Sicilia, per l'inizio dei lavori, è subordinata all'autorizzazione di massima di Codesta Sottocommissione e all'invio dei dati necessari già richiesti, dall'Ispettorato Ippico, al Comando Militare dell'Isola (XII Corpo d'Armata).-

GENERALE ALIBERTI

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/1/5
10 Apr 44

AAI (Adm Ech)

SUBJECT:- Provision of Mules

Ref your 1046/1/Q of 6 April.

1. The Italian General Staff state that they have completed the collection of mules loaned to farmers. They state that only very few mules were ever loaned and that they have in fact only collected in 93. These are included in the 170 that you have ordered to be sent from BARI Remount Depot to AFRICENA.

2. A further check of mule figures is now being made to see if any more can be made available.

3. It has already been discovered that the figure of 5,502 quoted in para 3(a) of our G/1/5 of 2 April included 1,725 reputed to be in SARDINIA. The figure for the Mainland excluding operational areas should have read 3,777.

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D. Pol Capt
Lt Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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H. Q., A.A.I.,
(Adv Echelon),
C.M.F.
1046/1/G.1.
6 Apr. 44.

Subject :- Provision of Mules.

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Further reference your G/1/5, dated 2 Apr. para 3(c), how many more mules are likely to become available from this source? The difficulties of giving accurate information on this point are realised, but it would be appreciated if a forecast of numbers and types available each month and over what period, could be given.

Brigadier,
D. Q.M.G.

JSM/cmb.

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V.& R. (with copy G/1/5 dated 2 Apr.)

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA),
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/1/5
2 Apr. 44

H.Q., A.A.I. Adn Ech.

1. Ref your 98/Q2 dated 13 Jan and 5 Mar 44.
The following is information obtained to date concerning situation in Italian Army on Mainland.
Accurate information concerning SARDINIA should be forthcoming shortly.
Situation in SICILY is being investigated.

2. Para 3 of 98/Q2 of 13 Jan is answered by para 3(c) below.

3. Ref para 5 of 98/Q2 of 5 Mar

(a) Number of horses and mules in Italian Army excl ex areas

Horses	6548
Mules	5502

(b) It has not been possible to get the SMRE to give a figure. It is known that the available mules are below requirements.

(c) (i) The following mules have been recovered from farmers in FOGGIA Area and are held in Italian Remount Depot, BARI, vide our signal Q856 of 29 Mar.
They can be made available to British
50 mules Mtn Arty } fit for work
30 mules Army Tpt }
60 mules mixed types which require feeding up for 2/3 months before they will be fit for work.

(ii) Above are incl in fig under (a) which also incl 400 mules in CALABRIA earmarked for two Italian coys forming for AAI programme.

(d) With units throughout CAMPANIA, APULIA, CALABRIA.

4. Parq 6 98/Q2 of 5 Mar. Confirmed that no mules are incl.

Sd: ? ? ? ?
Lt.-col.
for Brigadier.

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Subject :- Report on Animals in Sardinia.

To :- K.M.I.A.

HQ.,A.A.I.,(Admin.Echelon.)
C.M.F.
Tel Ext 245
42/V&H
3 April 44

MILITARY MISS
Date 10 April
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

Enclosed herewith copy of Report by Lt.Colonel J.Rix, RAVC dated 21st.March, as requested.

Capt. for Colonel,
D.D.V. & R.S.

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REPORT ON A SURVEY OF MULES AND HORSES IN SARDINIA.

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Horses (Riders).. 402.

(b) With Italian Organic Units and required for their fighting formations :-

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Horses (Riders)..1060.
" (Draught)..1751.
Total. 3408.

Note :- These figures were stated to be correct up to February 29th. 1944. Many deaths have occurred since that date but no details were available.
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Difficulties of collection and replacement would be considerable and in any case could not be effected until the Draught Horses are in a condition to be moved.

4. As the animals were widely dispersed throughout Sardinia it was only possible in the time available to inspect a representative sample.

Inspections of the following were carried out :-

(a)

Mules.....	451.
Horses (Riders)...	326.

Details of inspections as at appendix " A "

(b) Not requisitioned and with Italian Units :-

Mules.....	331.
Horses (L.D.& Riders)	179

Details of inspections as at appendix " B "

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5. Grazing Facilities.

The country as a whole is a sheep country and the grass is only suitable for the maintenance of sheep.
Where sheep have grazed there is little grass left for horses.
The country " dries up " towards the end of June and no grazing for horses or mules is available after that date.

6. The Horse & Mule situation as a whole in Sardinia may be reviewed as follows :-

(a) A large proportion of the Military Horses and Mules exist in small groups of from 1 to 20 animals.
Such animals have maintained fair condition by making use of grazing and should continue to do so until the end of June.

(b) Italian animals held in large numbers such as those at CAGLIARI, SEDRAI and SASSARI are in a deplorable condition owing to lack of forage.
Many are dying of starvation and will continue to do unless forage is supplied.

7. Availability of forage from local resources..... Nil.

8. Civilian owned Mules & Horses.

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10. On March 19th. 1944 I arrived in Naples and reported as above to D.D.V. & R.S., at HQ., Admin.Echelon, A.A.I. and returned to Algiers on March 20th. 1944.

March 21st. 1944.
CLC.

Sgd: T.Rix, RAVC.
Lt.Colonel,
A.D.V. & R.S., AFHQ;, BNAF.

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A/Q SMRE "stats" as at 20 March 44

SARDINIA

Horses	Mules	
2441	2155	G.
164	985	Said to be employed in Mines
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SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

BY FAST AIR

HQ., AAI (Adm Ech)
CMF
1046/1/Q1
3 Apr 44

AFHQ

Reference your F 23599 dated 27 Mar and our signal Q 26670 dated 30 Mar 44.

1. MMIA are being asked to make available the remaining 587 mules together with the 1068 riding horses and a proportion of the draught horses.

2. It is considered that Allied provision for the upkeep of all horses under 15 years of age and fit for service and of all mules fit for service is fully justified, and in view of Colonel Rix's report is undoubtedly urgently required.

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Lieut. H. Lear Brej
for General.
Commander-in-Chief.

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Commander-in-Chief.

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Total 3406

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I therefore consider that the 215 could be made available for Allied use and replaced by Draught Horses.

Difficulties of collection and replacement would be considerable and in any case could not be effected until the Draught Horses are in a condition to be moved.

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Horses (Riders).....1053
Horses (Draught).....1751

Total 3506

Note:- These figures were stated to be correct up to February 29th 1944. Many deaths have occurred since that date but no details were available. According to the Italian Military Authorities all unserviceable animals had previously been destroyed so that the above figures represent serviceable animals according to Italian standards.

3. Points raised by the Italians in regard to these animals were as follows:-

(a) The majority of the mules formed part of the equipment of the 150 Units on the Island and consequently they were opposed to any further requisition by the Allies if the Italian Garrison of Sardinia was to remain effective.

(b) Opposition to requisition was also offered in respect of Mules and Draught Horses required for Unit and General Garrison Transport duties.

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4. As the animals were widely dispersed throughout Sardinia it was only possible in the time available to inspect a representative sample. Inspections of the following were carried out:-

(a) Requisitioned and awaiting shipment:-

Mules..... 451
Horses (Riders)..... 326
Details of inspections as at appendix "A"

(b) Not requisitioned and with Italian Units:-

Mules..... 351.
Horses(L.D & Riders) 179
Details of inspections as at appendix "B"

5. Grazing Facilities

The country as a whole is a sheep Country and the grass is only suitable for the maintenance of sheep.

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Where sheep have grazed there is little grass left for horses.
The Country "dries up" towards the end of June and no grazing for Horses or Mules is available after that date.

The Horse and Mule situation as a whole in Sardinia may be reviewed as follows:-

(a) A large proportion of the Military Horses and Mules exist in small groups of from 1 to 20 animals.
Such animals have maintained fair condition by making use of grazing and should continue to do so until the end of June.

(b) Italians Animals held in large numbers such as those at Cagliari, Seirai and Sassari are in a deplorable condition owing to lack of forage.
Many are dying of starvation and will continue to do so unless forage is supplied.

7. Availability of forage from local resources.....Nil.

8. Civilian owned Mules and Horses.
Sardinia uses mostly Oxen and Horses for draught purposes and the Mule population is comparatively small.
The few seen were of good type and suitable for Military requirements.
Lt.Colonel Long the British Co Director of the Allied Local Resources Board Sardinia has promised to obtain figures for the civilian owned Mules on the Island and will report in due course.

9. Recommendations
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While so concentrated their maintenance should be supervised by a detachment of qualified Allied Personnel quartered in the camp.
At present 2 U.S. Veterinary Officers are in charge and I do not consider this is adequate without a detachment of U.K. personnel living on the spot.

(b) All requisitioned animals should be branded, numbered and listed.

(c) Whether or not a decision is taken to requisition part or all of the remaining animals, all should be provided with a subsistence ration of forage (2/3 Field Scale) to prevent a very bad state of affairs becoming even more deplorable and valuable livestock dying of starvation.

10. On March 19th 1944 I arrived in Naples and reported as above to D.D.V. & R.S. at H.Q. Admin Echelon, A.A.I. and returned to Algiers on March 20th 1944.

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Lt. Colonel, RAVC
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Appendix "a"

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS OF REQUISITIONED ANIMALS

A.T.

(a) MULES 456 comprising approx. 40%/and 60% M.A.

All intended for U.S. Army.

Location:- These animals are maintained by a detachment of Italian Army personnel in covered stables at SAN BARTOLOMEO, CAGLIARI.

Condition:- 25% Fair, requiring 2 months conditioning.

50% Poor. " 3 " "

25% Debility " 4-5 " "

Age:- 8 to 18 years.

Forrage:- Field Service scale of forage.(less salt).

No bedding was available.

Limited grazing facilities exist in the vicinity of the barracks.

Disease:- 16 cases of Psoroptic Mange were in isolation and undergoing treatment by Italian Veterinary Officers. It seems likely that other cases exist among the remainder.

Malleined 1943.

Shoeing. All mules were shod all round with high calkins on hind shoes.

Clipping. Some clipped all over; some unclipped.

Equipment. 1 Italian nose strap and rope per mule.

(b) HORSES 326 A total of 326 earmarked for requisition on British Account.

Location:- ORISTANO. 262 Riders small type maintained by Groupo Squadroni Cav. Sardegna.

Condition:- 25% Good. requiring 1 months conditioning.

25% Fair " 2 " "

50% Poor " 3 " "

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Condition:- 25% Good. requiring 1 months conditioning.
25% Fair " 2 " "
50% Poor " 3 " "

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Age:- 6 to 16 years.

Forage:- Field Service scale (less salt)

No bedding

Disease:- 5 cases of Psoroptic Mange isolated and undergoing treatment by Italian Veterinary Officers.

Mallained:- January 1945. No reactors.

The Italian Veterinary Officer gave the impression of being keen and capable and stated that no cases of Epizootic Lymphangitis had occurred in the Squadron for 12 months.

Shoeing:- All horses were shod all round.

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Clipping. All were unclipped, except those being treated for Mange

Equipment. Italian head collars and head ropes in goodrepair.

General:- These animals were well maintained and of quite good type, and will improve in condition provided that the same scale of forage can continue to be supplied.

The horses will be grazed as soon as they are fit enough to be ridden the considerable distance to the grass area.

(ii)NUKIS 4 Miles from ORISTANO.

A farm in course of preparation for the reception of 120 Riding horses was inspected.

It is adequate in every respect and surrounded with sheep pasture.

The horses had not yet been collected and were scattered around the country, so no inspection of these was made. When concentrated in the farm, the animals will be maintained by a detachment of Groupo Squadroni Cav. Sardegna.

(iii) SAN BARTHOLOMEO. CAGLIARI.

20 Riding Horses. Maintained by the same Italian personnel as the Mules in the same location.

Condition:- All poor 2 emaciated.

Age:- 8 to 12 years.

Forage: Field scale less salt.

No bedding.

Limited grazing facilities.

Disease:- One unconfirmed case of Epizootic Lymphangitis isolated and under treatment by an Italian Veterinary Officer. Two cases of skin disease suspicious of Mange were pointed out and are now under investigation.

Shoeing:- Shod all round

Clipping:- Some clipped, some unclipped

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Shoeing:- Shod all round

Clipping:- Some clipped, some unclipped

Equipment:- Neck straps, headcollars and ropes in fair repair.

General:- These animals have suffered severely from lack of forage and bad management.

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Appendix "B"

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS OF ANIMALS NOT REQUISITIONED AND REMAINING WITH ITALIAN UNITS

Horses and Mules at the following locations and Units were inspected.

(i) SAN BARTOLOMEO. with 58 Reparto Legnano Div.

MULES			HORSES.
A.T.	M.A.	L.D.	Riders.
40	90	51	31

Condition:- Fair (M.A.)
A.T. all poor
L.D. Horses, some extremely emaciated and dying of starvation.

Age:- 8 to 14 years

Forage:- None supplied from Allied Sources and small quantity of straw ex Italian Army being fed. Limited grazing.

Disease:- Dermatitis suspicious of Mange was noticed in a number of these animals.

Clipping- Mostly clipped.

(ii) IGLESIAS. with 45 Inf. Div.

MULES		HORSES	
A.T.	M.A.	L.D.	RIDERS.
21	-	-	27

Condition:- All were very poor, some emaciated. The horses were in a deplorable condition.

Forage:- Small quantities of straw being fed. No advantage was taken of the limited grazing available.

(iii) IGLESIAS. with 116 Groupe 75/13 Montegrero Div.(Alpine Troops)

Mules. M.A. = 165. Horses, Riding = 34.

Condition:- These were all in fairly good condition, clean and well cared for. The utmost use was made of the available grazing.

Age:- 8 to 14 years.

(iv) MISTRORGE. With Reparto Carrillo. 1800

Mules = M.A. 3. A.T. 12

Condition:- Fair.

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these animals.

Clipping- Mostly clipped.

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(iv) MISTERCHE. With Reparto Cariffio.

Mules = M.A. 3. A.T. 12

Condition:- Fair.

Forage:- Nil, Occasionally a little straw. Grazeing continually.

General:- These animals were not included in the location statement supplied by Italian H.Q. but were discovered by chance.

(v) VILLASOR with 552 Bn 203 Inf. Div.

Horses 8 Riders

Condition:- Fair.

Forage:- Straw and small quantity of oats.

(vi) ORISTANO. Groupo Squadrono Cav. Sardegna.

Horses 28 Riders.

Condition:- Poor.

The majority of these animals are serviceable in regard to type, age and conformation but all are in very low condition.

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SUBJECT: Animals in P^a no Division

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (SMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/1/5
6 Apr 44

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1. During a visit on 3 April to the Piceno Division by officers of this Hq, the following information regarding its animals was developed:
   a. Strength: Horses 554, Mules 1101.
   b. The Div Comdr made a general statement that food for horses and mules was short, and that there was a shortage in shoes and nails for the animals.
   c. The animals are not in good condition.

2. Inspection by our officers develops that there are not sufficient nose bags for all animals, and that consequently the fodder for a group of animals is placed in a long trough. This allows fast eating by some animals, and the slow animals do not get their share of the food. Also, the animals have been clipped all over, and then left in the open.

3. It appears that some arrangements could be made for each animal to get its proper share of food. If there are not sufficient nose bags, some could be improvised, or the use of the available nosebags could be doubled by feeding some animals at one time and other animals at a different time. Even if this is impractionble, individual troughs could be constructed. Something could be done to improve this condition were the officers interested in the welfare of the animals.

4. Clipping animals all over and then exposing them to the weather is not conducisive of good health. This is certainly one of the causes for the poor condition of the animals, and is entirely unnecessary. It can be corrected by better instruction of the responsible officers.

5. Please advise what action you are taking in this connection.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

20 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transport

TO : C.G. Army Sub-commission, A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to your G/11/1/22 dated 7 March 44. Following information on trucks and staff cars furnished by Intendenza Militare Sardegna as of 20 Feb 1944.

a. Trucks:	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Small van trucks	22	12	34
Auto trucks	1586	1073	2659
Special auto trucks	111	56	167
Small trucks	34	19	53
b. Staff cars:	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
	223	133	356

c. Horses: Following information on horses furnished by Intendenza Militare Sardegna as of 29 Feb 44.
Saddle horses: 1470 Draft horses: 1751 Total: 3221.
Four hundred two (402) of total horses requested by Allies.

d. Following information on mules furnished by Intendenza Militare Sardegna as of 15 March 1944:
Mules: 455 mules requested by Allies awaiting shipment.
587 mules remaining with Italian Army.
1042 Total

2. As of 19 March, Lt Tommasi, officer in charge of motor transport of Gen Lazzarini's headquarters, states that the Italian Army in Corsica had under its control the following vehicles:

Staff cars	Fiats	13	(5)
Truck, light	Spa L39	1	(1)
Truck, medium	Fiat	8)	
	Spa 38R	7)	
	Spa Bevunque 35	4)	(15)
Truck, heavy	Lancia 3 RO	8)	
	Fiat 666	1)	
	O.M. Titanus	1)	
Truck, wrecker	(soccorso) Spa 38	1	(1) crane
Mobile repair shop		1	(1) broken
Trailer		1	(1)
Ambulances		10	(10)
Motorcycles		14	(3)

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Definite information as to the number of above vehicles which can be put in good running order was unobtainable as the officer in charge of the vehicles, Lieut Tommasi, claims he has not yet had time to inspect them, his mobile repair unit having moved into the present location only about two weeks ago. The best estimates made appear in parenthesis in the above list. Lieut Tommasi claimed that no repair materials are on hand, the French having taken all repair materials on the island. The above vehicles have been earmarked for shipment to Sardinia. The claimed reason why these vehicles are so poor is that the French authorities after inspecting all of the Italian vehicles, selected the best for themselves.

In addition to the above vehicles, the Italians have under their control at present, and available for their use, but earmarked for transfer to the French, the following vehicles:

Staff cars.....8
Truck, light.....53
Truck, heavy.....30
Truck, medium.....16
Motorcycles.....20
Motrocycles (three wheeler).....46
Autobus.....1
Water truck.....2

All of these vehicles are claimed to be in good running order.

3. As of the 17th of March, Capt Macchi, Acting Chief of Staff for Gen Lazzarini of the Italian Army in Corsica, states that they have no horses or mules.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SARDINIA — HORSES and MULES

Notes from Lt Col PIX's report dated 21 March to Q(Maint) AFHQ copy Allied Garrison SARDINIA

FORAGE 150 tons barley 200 tons hay due SARDINIA Apr 10.

MULES and HORSES

AS AT 29 FEB	MULES	HORSES Rider	HORSES Draught
Required & awaiting shipment	451	402	
With Italian Units	587	1,068	1,751
TOTAL 4,259			

Of the 587 mules, 372 form part of three Mtn units: remaining 215 could be replaced by horses and made available for Allies: but horses must be fed into condition first.

Grazing is mostly eaten by sheep and is dried up and NBG by end of June.

Civilians mostly use oxen and horses.

Recommendations

(a) Collect all wanted by Allies and ship as soon as possible.

(b) Provide rest with 2/3 Scale forage ration.

Reported as above to DDV & RS at FLAMBO by Lt Col RIX on 19th March.

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FREEDOM CITE FHGCT

From- SIMMONS AT FALCON Originator's No. AGY64

455 MULES REQUESTED BY ALLIES NOW AWAITING NEXT LIFT TO DUKE (.) ~~EXCHANGE~~ 587 MULES REMAINING HERE IN ITALIAN ARMY (.) 215 NEEDED FOR ~~ITALIAN~~ INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION (.) BALANCE OF 372 REMAINING (.) NEW SUBJECT (.) AUTHORITY SMRE, CMS HOLDING FOR SHIPMENT 158 FOR NEMBO DIVISION 134 FOR LEGNANO DIVISION AND 80 MONTEGRANERO BN (.) NONE LEFT FOR ANY FURTHER REQUESTS BY ALLIES

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SUBJECT: Provision of Mules

File 44

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/1/5
2 Apr 44

H.Q. AAI Adm Ech

1. Ref your 98/Q2 dated 13 Jan and 5 Mar 44.
The following is information obtained to date concerning situation in Italian Army on MAINLAND.
Accurate information concerning SARDINIA should be forthcoming shortly.
Situation in SICILY is being investigated.

2. Para 3 of 93/Q2 of 13 Jan is answered by para 3 (c) below.

3. Ref para 5 of 98/Q2 of 5 Mar
(a) Number of horses and mules in Italian Army excl op areas
Horses 6548
Mules 5502
(b) It has not been possible to get the SMME to give a figure.
It is known that the available mules are below requirements.

(c) (i) The following mules have been recovered from farmers in FOGGIA Area and are held in Italian Remount Depot, BARI, vide our signal QS56 of 29 Mar.
They can be made available to British.
50 mules Mtn Arty) Fit for work
30 mules Army Tpt)
60 mules mixed types which require feeding up for 2/3 months before they will be fit for work.
(ii) Above are incl in fig under (a) which also incl 400 mules in CALABRIA earmarked for two pk tpt coys forming for AAI programme.

(d) With units throughout CAMPANIA, APULIA, CALABRIA.

4. Para 6 98/Q2 of 5 Mar. Confirmed that no mules are incl.

R.A. Buchanan-Dunlop.
Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

CGL.

Subject:- Transfer of Mules

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No. 43

A.A.I. (Main HQ).

Reference cipher 96/92 dated 13th Jan 43 from GC

1. The position at the moment in regard to Mules returned by Farmers in the Foggia area and held in the Italian Remount Depot is as follows:-

50 Mountain Artillery Type } fit for work.
30 Cavalry Transport Type }

60 Assorted types at present unfit for work but expected to be fit for work in from 2 to 3 months.

The above are exclusive of Injured 9856 Mules 2nd from GC

There are also 30 extra horses in fair Condition. These animals were examined by Captain Kent Brown R.A.V.C. on 15th Jan 43

2. The total number of animals tendered by S.Th. R.E. and employed in the Italian Army, excluding those in Operation Areas is as follows:-

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1. The position at the ... Bdes returned by Farmers for the Foggia area and held in the Italian Remount Depot is as follows:-

50 Mountain Artillery Type } fit for work.
30 Army Transport Type }

60 Mixed types which with extra fodder should be fit for work in from 2 to 3 months.

The above were reported in Signal Q856 dated 29 Mar 44.

There are also 30 riding horses in fair condition. These animals were examined by Captain Kirkwood R.A.V.C. on 25 Mar 44.

2. The total number of animals declared by S.H.R.E. as employed in the Italian Army, excluding those in Operational areas is as follows:-

a. 6548 horses & 5502 mules.

b. No figures are given but it is stated that the above number below requirements.

c. 842 mules and 400 horses awaiting shipment from Sardinia.

d. See para 1 and para (c) above.

3. Horses loaned to farmers, Puglia and Lucania 467, Calabria 325. No returns have been received from Campania

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Your F23599 dated 31 Mar o Consider that all medics ex SARDINIA become serviceable for allied armies should be irrespective present condition and that these animals should be fed prior to shipment o Full reply follows by fast air

Please see our Q20637 which may ultimately shipped Sardinia animals should be

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Subject: MULES.

To : S.M.E.H.

Army Sub Commission. A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A)
LAQUILE. (LEGGE)
Ref: AQ/32.
30 Mar 44.

In the mule Depot (Puglia) in BARI an Officer from this Mission found two animals one dyed grey and one chestnut, with British Army markings, namely - an arrow on Nr.ear quarter.

May these mules please be handed over to Capt. Kirkwood Veterinary Officer in charge of the mule transit camp, ~~not far~~ Falanga Barracks as two mules strayed from that camp about two months ago and the Commanding Officer was ordered to pay the cost of the animals.

/HC

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FROM MMIA

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From A.F.H.Q. Veterinary Sect. Ref. 7/126 39

To A.M.I.A. File..... Date 28.3.44...

Subject. Numbers of horses.....

In reply to your AA/32 dated 26th inst.

Temporary loan of horses by the Italian Army has not taken place in respect Puglia and Lucania farmers only, but also in respect of farmers of Campania, Calabria and Sardinia.

This had to be done owing to the constant lack of food supplies for the animals.

We would point out strongly :-

- That only horses have been so loaned mules being kept to meet Allied demands for same.

- That this loan is only temporary and that Military Administration has the right to withdraw and recover these horses at any time and for any reason.

Annual mortality in Calabria has always remained within reasonable limits, not higher than those of Puglia and Lucania.

In Sardinia, on the other hand losses, only of horses, have been very high, particularly during last February owing to total lack of forage.

Having put forward these points, hereunder please find information requested :.

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a) Present return for animals on strength of Italian Army. (Including those in operational zones) Horses 5502. The 605 horses of the Breeding Centre have not been born in mind as they are nearly all colts and fillies.

b) Animals requested by Italian Army for essential duties. At present strength is meet their requirements. The Mantova and Piceno Divs. were equipped on the basis of deficient availability.

c) Horses lent to farmers. 1792. Returns for Campania and Sardinia, however, have not yet arrived. Procedure for loan has not been completed.

d) Horses lent to farmers and which are considered essential to agriculture. The number so far lent is well below essential requirements.

e) Location of horses under para c. Puglie and Lucania 467, Calabria 325. -

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sezione Veterinaria

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n°7/126/Serv.di prot. P.M.151, li 29 Marzo 1941

O G G E T T O: Muli e cavalli. Mules and horses loans to Agriculture.

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

IGUILLE

Risposta al foglio n°AO/32 del 16 corrente.

La cessione temporanea di cavalli dall'Esercito Italiano non è stata limitata ai soli agricoltori delle Puglie e Lucania, ma estesa anche a quelli della Campania, Calabria e Sardegna.

Il provvedimento è stato imposto dalla grave e persistente crisi in fatto di approvvigionamento derrate.

Si precisa che:

- sono stati ceduti esclusivamente cavalli e non muli e ciò anche per fronteggiare le richieste allesto di muli;
- la cessione è stata fatta a titolo temporaneo, tale cioè da consentire all'Amministrazione Militare di reintegrare in possesso dei cavalli stessi in qualunque momento e per qualunque evenienza.

- La mortalità nei quadrupedi della Calabria è rimasta sempre contenuta entro limiti modesti e comunque non superiori a quelli rilevati in Puglia e Lucania.

In Sardegna, purtroppo, le perdite - in assoluta prevalenza di cavalli - sono state elevate, soprattutto nel febbraio scorso, per l'assoluta mancanza di foraggi.

Premesse queste considerazioni, si segnalano i dati richiesti:

a) quadrupedi attualmente in notazione all'Esercito Italiano (esclusi quelli impiegati in zona d'operazioni): cavalli n°6548, muli n°5502.-
Non si è tenuto conto di 605 cavalli del Centro rifornimento di Persano, trattandosi per la quasi totalità di puledri e fattrici.

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b) quadrupedi richiesti dall'Esercito Italiano per estensione temporanea: allo stato attuale, essi sono in numero notevolmente inferiore a quello richiesto. Gli organici delle Divisioni "Mantova" e "Piceno" vennero stabiliti sulla base delle deficitarie disponibilità di quadrupedi.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione del Servizio di Ippica e Veterinaria

Prot. N° 1601 P.M. 107, li 18 Mayo 1944

ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MEDIA)
L E Q U I L E

OGGETTO: Ricupero quadrupedi dal centro raccolta di Ascoli Satriano (Foggia)
RECOVERY of animals from Remounting centre of ↑

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IL DIRETTORE DEL SERVIZIO IPPICA E VETERINARIA
Colonnello Edoardo Postiglione

MINISTERO della GUERRA - GABINETTO -

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FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

R/22991 ⊙ Reference your 61651 dated 20 ft. bol on way to SARDINIA to undertake survey ⊙ bol RIX replying this HQ on completion ⊙ Full report will be submitted on this return

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YOUR 337 OF 3 MARCH FIGURE OF 4000/HORSES AND MULES IN NOT UNDERSTOOD IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS FIGURES OF SERVICEABLE ANIMALS NOTIFIED LAST DECEMBER AT TOTAL OF 3500 MULES AND 1500 HORSES OF WHICH 1988 MULES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED. THERE SHOULD THEREFORE REMAIN IN SARDINIA THE FOLLOWING SERVICEABLE ANIMALS. 842 MULES AND 400 HORSES STILL AWAITING SHIPMENT FOR ALLIED REQUIRMENTS IN ITALY. 670 MULES AND 1000 HORSES WITH ITALIAN FORCES IN SARDINIA. IF THERE ARE IN FACT ANY MORE MULES IN THE ISLAND SUGGEST THAT A NEW SURVEY BE UNDERTAKEN AT ONCE (A) TO REPORTFINAL NUMBERS TO BE MAINTAINED IN SARDINIA ON ALLIED ACCOUNT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES (B) PHASED FORAGE REQUIREMENTS (C) ANY OTHER MEASURES NECESSARY FOR LOOKING AFTER THEM. WILL SEND COL DIX, V AND RS TO REPORT ON CONDITION OF ANIMALS AWAITING SHIPMENT IF YOU AGREE.

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12 Nov. 44.

2 i/c. | The att bunch of papers have come down from Quenbeith. Briefs Robt- telegram is at folio 14 in this file. I do not see we can do anything until the answer comes 12/3 for A/Q

Q 758 Lo Falcon
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Col Rix in Sardinia now
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APO 394

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QS 65

7 March 1944

SUBJECT: Animals of Sardinia.

TO : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Ref. QS 50 of 2 Mar to Brig. Duchesne.

The enclosed correspondence on the subject of animals in Sardinia is forwarded to you for information and action. We have copies of all the documents except the two marked "X" in red, and we should be grateful if you would return these for completion of our files.

Yesterday an officer from Lt. Col. Simmons' Staff in Naples phoned this office to remind us that the matter is still urgent.

G. W. Quinsmith Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

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SUPREME COMMAND

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

No. 11585

March 5, 1944

To: Allied Control Commission

SUBJECT: Animals of Sardinia

Following yesterday's meeting, Feb. 4., in which His Excellency the General was present, we are forwarding a second copy of letters:

No. 10090 with the subject: Improvement of the condition of the Animals of Sardinia.
No. 11483 with the subject: Mortality of animals of Sardinia.

The letters have already been sent to the Commission on the following dates respectively:

Jan 4 and Feb 29, 1944.

By order of
General Det. Head
Silvio Rossi

ref. - all att.

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COMANDO SUPREMO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

Prot. N. 115 Riservato

N. 11514 5 Marzo 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
DI CONTROLLO

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO: Quadrupedi della Sardegna.

Seguito riunione di ieri 4 con l'intervento di S.E. il Capo di S.M. Generale, si trasmette una seconda copia dei fogli:

-n°10090/Op. all'oggetto: "Miglioramento delle condizioni dei quadrupedi della Sardegna";

-n°11483/Op. all'oggetto: "Mortalità quadrupedi della Sardegna";

di questo Comando Supremo già inviati a codesta Commissione rispettivamente in data 4 gennaio e 29 febbraio c.a..

d'ordine
IL GENERALE CAPO REPARTO
(Silvio Rossi)

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SUPREME COMMAND

Office of Operations

No. 11483

29 Feb 44

SUBJECT : Mortality of Animals of Sardinia

TO : A C C

29 Feb

With reference to letter 10090 of 4 Jan 44 of this Supreme Command and to memorandum 454.2 of 6 Jan 44 of the A C C,- I should like to state the following:

The conditions of animals in Sardinia has become worse, particularly because of insufficient alimentation.

The acute cold of the last few days, acting on animals weakened by malnutrition, has caused the death by frost-bite of 17 horses: it was necessary to end the life of 15 others, for their death was near, in order to recover some meat for alimentation.

The pasture-grounds have been exploited to the utmost: in order to increase the scarse production of forage of the Island, several detachments have provided for the sowing of forage plants.

The situation is growing worse, hence the need for the requested allocations (cited in letter 10090) isbecoming more urgent especially for fodder (or oats); 300 tons each month to give each animal at least 2 kilos daily or such aliment.

I have repeated this because of the great importance of the matter, and because of the possibility of employing the animals of Sardinia for War. If the requested Allied aid should not come, the matter would become more critical every day.

The Marshal of Italy

Chief of Staff

/t/ Giovanni Messe

s/s/

C. Messe

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TRANSLATION: Pfc Bonanni/msr

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P.M. 151, 4 gennaio 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

AL SIGNOR GENERALE PRESIDENTE DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
e, per conoscenza:
AL GENERALE WEBSTER, COMANDANTE DELLA GUARNIGIONE ALLEATA IN SARDEGNA

Nº 10090/Op.

OGGETTO: Miglioramento delle condizioni dei quadrupedi della Sardegna.

1º)- Con riferimento al colloquio del 30 dicembre u.s., presente anche il Gen. Webster, segnalo i riforrimenti di cui si dovrebbe disporre per attuare i provvedimenti di rimessa in efficienza dei quadrupedi della Sardegna:

a)- carburanti: assegnazione mensile di 100 tonn. di gasolio e di 200 tonn. di benzina, in modo da disimpegnare quasi tutti i servizi con automezzi;

b)- mangime (o avena): assegnazione mensile di 380 tonn. per poter dare giornalmente almeno 2 Kg. quadrupede di tale alimento.

2º)- Rappresento che entrambi le assegnazioni sono molto necessarie. Già attualmente parte dei servizi è disimpegnata a mezzo auto, date le condizioni precarie dei quadrupedi, e quindi la scorta di carburante esistente nell'isola va gradualmente esaurendosi, non essendo rifornita.
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3°)- I quadrupedi resisi disponibili, per effetto della sostituzione nei vari servizi con automezzi, sarebbero riuniti in 2 - 3 apposite località, scelte in modo da favorire la loro rimessa in efficienza. -

4°)- Qualora come richiesto da questo Comando Supremo (anche ultimamente, con foglio 3729 dell'11/XII u.s., a cui codesta Commissione ha risposto con foglio 454.2 del 14/XII u.s.) fossero restituiti i quadrupe-

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di della Corsica, non occorrerebbe aumento della assegnazione a), ma aumento dell'assegnazione b), nella misura minima di Kg. 2 di mangime (o avena) giorno per quadrupede, per la rimessa in efficienza in oggetto.

IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
f/to Giovanni Messe

COMANDO SUPREMO

P. C. C.
Il Ten.Col. di S.M.
Capo Uff.Operazioni
(P. Mellano)

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TRANSLATION

SUPREME COMMAND

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

No. 10090

Jan. 4, 1944 3864

To: Head of ACC
and for information
to General Webster, Commander
of the Allied Garrison in Sardinia

SUBJECT: Improvement of conditions of the animals in Sardinia.

1) With reference to the discussions of Dec. 30, 1943 in which General Webster was also present I should like to indicate supplies needed to put back in efficient order of the animals in Sardinia.

a) Fuel: A monthly allocation of 100 tons of crude oil (gasolio) and of 200 tons of gasoline (benzina) in order to effect almost all services with motor vehicles.

b) Fodder (or oats): a monthly allocation of 380 tons to supply each animal at least 2 kg daily of such aliment.

2) Both these allocations are very necessary. Already a part of the services are being effected by motor transport, due to the precarious conditions of the animals. Therefore the supply of fuel in the Island is being gradually used up, because it is not being re-filled.

On the other hand, it is not possible to put the animals back into use if they are not supplied with the mentioned quota of fodder (or oats).

3) The animals put at our disposal by the substitution of motor transport, would be regrouped in 2 or 3 appropriate localities, chosen to facilitate their return to efficient use.

4) Whenever the animals of Corsica would be returned, as requested by this Command, (even recently with letter No. 3729 of Dec. 11, 1943 to which the ACC replied with letter No. 454.2 of Dec. 14, 1943), no increase in allocation (a) would be required. However, allocation b) should be increased by the minimum rate of 2 kg of fodder (or oats) each day per animal, for returning the animals into efficient use.

Marshal of Italy
Chief of Staff
Giovani Messe

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6 JAN 1944

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6 January 1944

In reply refer to:
454.2

SUBJECT: Improvement of Condition of Animals in Sardinia

To : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512

Attached hereto is a note from Marshal Messe suggesting the steps to be taken to improve the condition of horses and mules in Sardinia. The need for special action arises from the fact that the scarcity of fodder has materially lowered the condition of the animals. Also the movement of animals out of Sardinia for use by the Allies in Italy has created a shortage of animal transport for internal administrative transport.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:
Ltr, Comando Supremo
No. 16090/CP, 4 Jan 44

On loan from
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8 JAN 1944

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In reply refer to:
454.2

6 January 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

With reference to your note of 4 January (N. 10090) on the matter of the condition of animals in Sardinia, I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that your observations have been forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters for consideration.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

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1 MAR 1944

P.M.151, 29 febbraio 1944

COMANDO SUPREMO

Ufficio Operazioni

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

N. 4485 /OP. di prot.-

O G G E T T O : Mortalità quadrupedi della Sardegna.-

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Riferimento foglio 10090/op. del 4 gennaio c.a. di questo Comando Supremo e promemoria 454.2 del 6 gennaio c.a. di codesta Commissione.

Le condizioni generali dei quadrupedi della Sardegna sono ancora peggiorate, specie per la insufficiente alimentazione.

Il freddo intenso degli ultimi giorni, agendo su organismi debilitati per il grave stato di denutrizione, ha determinato la morte per assideramento di 17 cavalli: se ne sono dovuti abbattere altri 15, perchè ne era prossima la fine, per recuperare almeno le carni, per la alimentazione.

I pascoli sono stati sfruttati al massimo: per aumentare la scarsa produzione di foraggi dell'Isola parecchi reparti hanno provveduto alla semina di piante foraggere.

La situazione si va facendo sempre più grave e sono quindi sempre più necessarie e urgenti le assegnazioni richieste col citato 10090/op., specialmente quella del mangime (o avena): 380 tonn./mese per poter dare giornalmente almeno 2 Kg./quadrupede di tale alimento. 177

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IL MARESCIALLO D'ITALIA
CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
(Giovanni Messe)

G. Messe

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Subject:- Provision of Mules.

HQ., ACSF (Adm Echelon), CMF.

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5 Mar 44.

Army Sub Commission, ACC.

1. Ref your AQ/18 dated 25 Feb 44.

2. Mules are required urgently as remounts and any number within the figures mentioned by you can be accepted immediately.

3. Horse L.D. A hundred may be required for shipment to Malta. Infn on this point should be available in a few days and you will be informed at once. Meanwhile it is recommended that balance of horses rendered surplus be disposed of in the following order of priority:-

(a) Use as local transport for Italian army.

(b) To replace mules which could be released from static Italian units.

(c) Handed over to ACC for organisation of road transport.

(d) Sold to civilians.

4. The mule situation in the Italian army is not clear to this HQ.

(i) On 24 Dec 43 the Italian army asked permission to purchase 2,400 mules - this was refused.

(ii) On 28 Dec 43 the Italian army asked permission to collect mules loaned out to farmers. This was agreed. This HQ letter 98/Q3 of 13 Jan 44 refers.

(iii) Your letter under reference says that 50% of the animals in the Italian army in Calabria are not employed and are a liability.

5. To clarify, please inform this HQ

(a) Number of animals in the Italian army.

(b) Number of animals required by organised Italian formations.

(c) Number of animals by type available for British.

(d) Locations.

Please also reply to our 98/Q3 dated 13 Jan 44.

6. Your SI 13 dated 29 Feb states that in APULIA and LUCANIA 815 animals have been loaned out to farmers to avoid feeding difficulties. Please

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(b) To replace mules which could be released from static Italian units.

(c) Handed over to ACC for organisation of road transport.

(d) Sold to civilians.

4. The mule situation in the Italian army is not clear to this HQ.

(i) On 24 Dec 43 the Italian army asked permission to purchase 2,400 mules - this was refused.

(ii) On 28 Dec 43 the Italian army asked permission to collect mules loaned out to farmers. This was agreed. This HQ letter 98/Q3 of 13 Jan 44 refers.

(iii) Your letter under reference says that 50% of the animals in the Italian army in Calabria are not employed and are a liability.

5. To clarify, please inform this HQ

(a) Number of animals in the Italian army.

(b) Number of animals required by organised Italian formations.

(c) Number of animals by type available for British.

(d) Locations.

Please also reply to our 98/Q3 dated 13 Jan 44.

6. Your ST 13 dated 29 Feb states that in APULIA and LUCANIA 815 animals have been loaned out to farmers to avoid feeding difficulties. Please inform this HQ whether there are any mules included. If there are these should be made available for the British. It is strongly emphasised that the British army should not have to buy mules at the same time that the Italian army are giving them away.

Logan Pay Colonel.
for Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- ST.
V & RS.

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MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

To FALCON for SIMMONS
rptd FLAMBO

T O O 1545A

T H I 1032

AG801 (°) Subject horses and mules italian forces (°) reference MMIA signal ST79 of 29 Feb and FREEDOM signal 58812 FHGDQ of 1 March copies to you (°) do you agree with facts and figures given in 58812 FHGDQ of 1 March query (°) please report earliest how the matter now stands giving figures (°) acknowledge

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TO FREEDOM FLAMBO ALMF MANILA

FROM SIMMONS at FALCON CINCAGS | Originator's Number Y96 WM742 | Date 14 | In Reply to Number

Ref cable dated 7th Feb subject mules in SARDINIA and CORSICA ○ SARDINIA 841 mules forming part (?) Allied requirements ready awaiting shipment expected 20th Feb 6360 mules earmarked by Italian Army for ONE PACK ARTY GP. and ONE PACK TPT gp for LEGNANO DIV ○ About 300 mules scattered throughout Italian units for tpt essential to internal admin ○ CORSICA NO info at present on situation except statement by Italian authorities here that 2740 mules were left there at time of evacuation ○ Death rate reported high for lack of FORAGE

Originator's Instructions: Degree of Priority: Important

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I found this in a file. How does it tie up with the Mule Sigs. C.I.

0463

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SUBJECT; Animals in SARDINIA.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/32.
19 Mar 44.

A.F.H.Q.

Ref your signal, 65005 dated 15 Mar.

A copy of MMIA signal Q 731 dated 9 Mar is attached herewith; it is much regretted that you were omitted from the distribution. Care will be taken in future to keep you informed as to the situation as known to this Sub Commission.

Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs.MCH.

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ARMY FORM C.2128

MESSAGE FORM

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TO	MMIA				
FROM	Freedom	CITE FMHGDQ 748	Originator's Number 65005.	Date 15	In Reply to Number

Your in Freedom dealing	cable SARDINIA O with	Q731 NOT Request animals	of Lyt Freedom in	9th March NOT any SARDINIA.	re animals to cattle

9AQ
Send them a copy by
Ltr to Manager. Say we will be in future

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Dear Mr. Baumann: I have received, with much thanks, the original of the attached letter.

Sincerely,

A C T I O N S L I P

THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

To:

Capt Fleming

1 C/3

Check with CNO/E Board

ch. 11/6

Withdrawn

AO/32

1787

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SUBJECT: Mules and horses.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/32.
15 Mar 44.

Stato Maggiore R Esercito.

Copy to: Ministero della Guerra.

1. H.Q. ACMF (ADMEDCH) have noted that to avoid feeding difficulties a large number of mules and horses from the Italian Army have been loaned to farmers in APULIA and LUCANIA, whereas in CALABRIA and SARDINIA animals are dying from lack of forage. At the same time both horses and mules are required in the Combat Zones.

2. In order to clarify the position, and to ensure as far as possible that all mules and horses are used for the most essential purposes it is requested that the Stato Maggiore furnishes the following information:

(a) Number of mules and horses at present held by the Italian Army. (excluding those employed in the Combat Zones;)
(b) Number of mules and horses required by the Italian Army for essential purposes.
(c) Number of mules and horses loaned to farmers.
(d) Number of mules and horses loaned to farmers, and considered essential to agricultural requirements.
(e) Locations, i.e. APULIA LUCANIA CALABRIA CAMPANIA, SARDINIA.

3. May the above information please be forwarded with the utmost urgency, so that provision may be made to prevent further losses.

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Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

tvs. CB.

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FT 23

Subject:- Horses and Mules in SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (SARDINIA)
Tequile (Lecce)
AG/32
17 Mar 44

Lt Col Quinsmith
Adv HQ (SARDINIA)
Army Sub Commission, ACC

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Reference this HQ signal AG747 dated 11 Mar 44.

The attached copies of signals dealing with the above subject are forwarded for your information.

for Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

cc/mrs

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TO FATIMA Rear for QUINSMITH

FROM M M I A

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refer your 2459 of 11 Mar (*)
sending copies of relavent correspondence by
air

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Dr 1/2/3

TO MMIA.

FROM FATIMA Rear from QUINSMITH

Originator's Number: 2459

Date: 11

In Reply to Number

SECRET
Third protest about conditions of animals has forwarded
O O
Realising control can you in SARDINIA
present point your (Information) for them O SUMGARISE
MACFARLANE. are acting SUPREMO Signed

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TO FALCON for SIMMONS info FLAMBO FATIMA for INDUSTRY + COMMERCE A

FROM MIMA from DULCINEA

Originator's Number Q 721 Date

In Reply to Number

Ref deducting 9 in forage without figures	FREEDOM 242 estimate SARDINIA till imported giving	5812 deaths that 1250 7 APR forage breakdown	Cite from Rome (1250) and ⊙ in	FHGDQ figures are animals. 2720 Confirm horses	⊙ stated now with (2720) these and

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

miles animals and Quarry	O Lee what	How Kept Policy	long alive do	can by you	2nd 20 grazing propose

1423 QP/43

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO Action M.M.I.A Info FLAMBO, FALCON for SIMMONDS, FARGO for MACFARLANE A.C.M.F.

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FREEDOM CITO FHGDQ.	58812	undated	

SECRET O Subject is horses and
nules in SARDINIA your ST.79
29th Feb refers O
Para 1 figure 5,000 quoted by
Colonel SIMMONDS NOT understood O Original
figure serviceable mules understood to 6e
3500 from which deduct .1630. requisitioned

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

by.	CG	SOS	NATOUSA	of which	842
awaiting	shipment	4	ITALIAN	pack	troops
formed	each	300	leaving	balance	670
mules.		O	FABLE	message	WM 742
of	14th.	7 Feb	agrees	No.	awaiting
shipment	and	state	360	earmarked	by
Italian	Army	for	1	pack	Arty

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

group	and	1.	pack	tgt	groups
and	affot total	300	scattered	throughout	Italian
units		660	which	agrees	with
balance	above	0	Para	2	bases
original	No.	reported	1500	of	which
CG	505	NATOUSA	(to?)	requisition	400
0	Para	3	animals	now	awaiting

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

shipment 842 mules 400 horses of
which effort 450 due to 6e
shipped by MOUNT EVEREST now en
route remaining 792 can NOT 6e
shipped before April and vide AFHQ
57716 of 28th. get ordered to
6e dispersed to facilitate grazing but

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TO.

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

FROM

this unless for account grain Mar BALTIC should absolutely animals shipped in 200 ETA NOT necessary any held as ROBERT tons 12th. be O altered follows OWEN Hay Mar carried Para 4 accordingly 180 ETA on which out Forage by Allied tons 7th. coaster estimated

TIME OF ORIGIN 1756

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T.O.R.

Signed

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

should provide 30 days feeding 850
mules and 400 horses @ Parma
5 for FLAMBO we assume mules
supply by purchase ex SICILY and
availabilities other sources adequate for known
requirements and NO intention of
obtaining use mules. cf SARDINIA particularly

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

having regard ⊙ serviceability ⊙ Request for
confirm we assume In respect requisitioning
likely request NO further bearing in
mind difficulties your confirm ⊙ Para
6 for forage position to refer
by FLAMBO we Subject NO 1764.
have

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Signed

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

requirements for horses or mules ~~or~~
SARDINIA and recommend animals unable
be maintained ITALIANS should be destroyed
otherwise disposed of

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TO ACMF

FROM MMIA

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Q 730	09	

For CGS Confirmed disposed

CGS 265 that of

for of animals otherwise

DUCHESNE 3 will than

MAR NOT by

you be destin

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Signature

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO CINCAB

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In reply to Number
ACHF 15	CGS 279		

Ref your Q699 dated 30 Request urgent confirmation asked for in para one of CGS 265 dated 3

Sent Rec 9/3 pm

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T.O.R.

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(8/401) Wt. 36316 /Fl. 228M pads 3-40. E.&S.Ltd. 61/5950.

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TO ACMF

FROM MMIA

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Originator's Number: Q 699

Date: 05

In Reply to Number:

refer	CGS265	dated	3 Mar	(.)	repeat
FREEDOM	signal	58812	(58812)	of	one
Mar	as	NOT	rpt	NOT	received
MMIA					

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TO MOV 5 FLAMBO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MMTA	MOV 15	7	

SECRET

FREEDOM	INFORMS	MMTA	450	RULES	AND
HORSES	IN	ROUTE	SARDINIA	ITALY	IN
MOUNT	EVEREST	(.)	SIGNAL	ME	ETA
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2 March 1944

TO: Brig. C. C. Ducheane, Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C. Main HQ
(MMIA) LEQUILE (LECCE).

I am giving this to Major Doe in case you come into Naples early today. Reference attached cable ST 79 marked "Action Copy" (twice). It ~~has been~~ forwarded to me from ~~the Secretary General~~ at Naples with a note "to prepare an answer for General MacFarlane". As it is a repetition only, it is difficult to say what action was required or who stamped it. We have extracted a little correspondance from A.C. files here.

The deplorable state of animals in SARDINIA was represented to A.C.C. by Marshal Messe on 4th January and Brigadier Taylor on 6 January wrote A.F.H.Q. as follows:

> "Attached hereto is a note from Marshal Messe suggesting the steps to be taken to improve the condition of horses and mules in Sardinia. The need for special action arises from the fact that the scarcity of fodder has materially lowered the condition of the animals. Also the movement of animals out of Sardinia for use by the Allies in Italy has created a shortage of animal transport for internal administrative transport."

It appears that nothing was done. On 29 February Marshal Messe again wrote to A.C.C. citing even worse economic conditions. The only reply I can suggest if the Chief Commissioner wishes one, is:-"Reference ST 79. Deplorable conditions of animals in SARDINIA was represented to you in my 454.2 of 6 January." Lack of action since then has resulted in present state of affairs.

or

"Reference deplorable conditions of animals in SARDINIA was represented to you in my 454.2 of 6 January". Assume that you decided no action was to be taken.

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I have no information from the economic point of view e.g. whether forage is being imported.

Lt. Col.

(G. W. QUINSMITH)
Army Sub-Commission

1 Incl. ST 79.

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SECRET US CIPHER MESSAGE FOLIO 03868
IN 1 MAR 44

FROM : FREEDOM
TO : ACTION MAIA
INFO FLANGO, FALCON FOR SIMMONDS, FARGO
FOR MACFARLANE, ACMF
ORIG NO : 59312 CITE FHGDQ TOO.2047
TOR.0755A/2
SUBJECT IS HORSES AND MULES IN SARDINIA YOUR ST 79 OF 29 FEB 1944 REFERS.
1.
FIGURE 5000 QUOTED BY COL SIMMONES NOT UNDERSTOOD. ORIGINAL FIGURE SERVICEABLE MULES UNDERSTOOD TO BE 3500 FROM WHICH DEDUCT 1630 REQUISITIONED BY CG SOS NATOUSA OF WHICH 342 AWAITING SHIPMENT FOUR ITALIAN PACK TROOPS FORMED EACH 300 LEADING BALANCE 670 MULES. FABLE MESSAGE WN 742 OF 14TH FEBRUARY AGREES NUMBER AWAITING SHIPMENT AND STATES 360 EARMARKED BY ITALIAN ARMY FOR ONE PACK ARTILLERY GROUP AND PACK TPT GROUP AND APPROX 300 SCATTERED THROUGHOUT ITALIAN UNITS TOTAL 660 WHICH AGREES BALANCE ABOVE.

2.
HORSES ORIGINAL NUMBER REPORTED 1500 OF WHICH CG SOS NATOUSA TO REQUISITION 400.

3.
ANIMALS NOW AWAITING SHIPMENT 342 MULES 400 HORSES OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 450 DUE TO BE SHIPPED BY MOUNT EVERPST NOW ENROUTE REMAINING 792 CANNOT BE SHIPPED BEFORE APRIL AND VIDE AFHQ 57716 OF FEBRUARY 26 ORDERED TO BE DISPERSED TO FACILITATE GRAZING BUT THIS SHOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

4. FORAGE FOR ANIMALS HELD AGAINST ALLIED ACCOUNT SHIPPED AS FOLLOWS 100 TONS GRAIN ON ROBERT OWEN ETA 7TH MARCH 200 TONS HAY ON COASTER BALTIC ETA 12 MARCH WHICH ESTIMATED SHOULD PROVIDE 30 DAYS FEEDING 350 MULES AND 400 HORSES.

5. FOR FLANGO. WE ASSUME MULE SUPPLY BY PURCHASE EX SICILY AND AVAILABILITIES OTHER SOURCES ADEQUATE FOR KNOWN REQUIREMENTS AND NO INTENTION OBTAINING FURTHER MULES EX SARDINIA PARTICULARLY HAVING REGARD SERVICE ABILITY. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM. IN RESPECT OF HORSES WE ASSUME NO FURTHER REQUISITIONING LIKELY REQUEST YOU CONFIRM BEARING IN MIND DIFFICULTY FORAGE POSITION. 17 o

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TO MMIA INFO FLAMBO FALCON FOR SIMMONDS
FARGO FOR MACFARLANE ACME

FROM FREEDOM

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dated 1 mar subject Lorses and mules in Sardinia O
Following clarification for information words after
quote shifted before april and unquote should be
vide AFHQ 5716 of 28 february O Brite FHBGQ

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TO AFHQ INFO MMIA FALCON FOR SIMMONS FARGO FOR MACFARLANE ACMF

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FLAMBO Not rcd	Q20637		

Reference supply requirements Do not consider future mule conversion as mules and equipment are shipped mainland irrespective present condition Exempt mules ex SARDINIA are shipped before horse ex FREEDOM ex SICILY © Confirm no further requisitioning of mules and consider all mules ex SARDINIA which may ultimately be serviceable © 58812 dated 1 march © and availability other sources adequate present horse required © disregard any supplies

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TO MIMA RPTD AFHQ AND FLIMBO

FROM ACMF | Originator's Number CGS 265 | Date | In Reply to Number 1.

Personal for DUCHESNE from CGS ⊙ Ref your 58812 para 6 ⊙ (1) Require your urgent confirmation that horses will not-rpt-not be disposed of otherwise than by destruction ⊙ ST-79 and FREEDOM Suggest India may require mules and mules

MILITARY MISSION.

Date 4 Jan 43

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

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1 MAR 1944
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FROM MMIA

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TO FREEDOM RPTD FLAMBO FALCON FOR SIMMONS FARGO PERSONAL FOR

MACFARLANE ACMF PLEASE PASS 3 AND 4

QQX GR 93

ST 79 29

COL SIMMONS IN SARDINA REPORTS AS FOLLOWS. "BETWEEN 4000 AND 5000 HORSES AND MULES OF ITALIAN FORCES IN SARDINIA ARE VIRTUALLY STARVING TO DEATH FOR LACK OF PROPER FEEDING. ATTACHED STATEMENT SHOWS DAY BY DAY DEATHS TOTALLING 242 ANIMALS DIED BETWEEN 2/AM 1 AND 17 FEB. REQUEST YOU REPORT FARGO PERSONAL FOR MACFARLANE WITH COPY TO ME YOUR POLICY AS TO HOW MANY ANIMALS BE MAINTAINED WITH IMPORTED FORAGE AND HOW MANY SHOULD BE DESTROYED FOR HUMAN FOOD. WHAT QUANTITY OF WHAT KINDS OF FORAGE ARE YOU ARRANGING TO SEND MONTHLY TO (2) SARDINIA

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SENT NR 7 292040A PGW VA

RCD NR 7 292040A ANH

M E S S A G E F O R M

From : M.M.I.A.

To : FREEDOM rptd FLAMBO FALCON for SIMMONS FARGO MACFAR

A.C.M.F.

ST 79 29 0900 A

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SUBJECT: Horses and Mules in Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
AG/18
25 Feb 44.

AFHQ Adv Adn Echelon.

Copy to: A.C.M.F.

1. With the projected move of 212 Division from CALABRIA to CAMPANIA for employment on Pioneer Labour, the question arises of the disposal of unwanted animals. The Arty Regt in this Div has over 500 horses which will have to be left behind, and taken over by some other unit.

2. At present in CALABRIA there are some 600 horses and 1000 mules, of which it is understood, that less than 50% are usefully employed. The remainder are more of a liability than an asset. Forage has to be sent to them from other areas, since AMG Region 2 has forbidden local purchase ; shortage of rolling stock makes it difficult to transport it there ; when it does arrive there is the further difficulty of distributing it. Furthermore many soldiers who might be more usefully employed, are solely occupied in looking after these animals.

3. While further enquiries are being made regarding the numbers, types and present employment of these animals, may this Sub Commission please be informed whether draught horses are required by the Allied Armies. It is known that mules are always wanted, and that there has recently been a demand for small type riding horses. Pack saddlery, harness, carts and waggons are all in short supply and badly needed by the Italian Army so any animals made available would come without these items.

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SUBJECT: Recovery of Arms.

Military Mission to Italian Army.
AG/10
17 Feb 45.

AUTHORITY OF HQ

Copy to: A.H.Q. , AAF Adv Echelon (ref AG/02 dated 15 Jan.
15 Army Group) - ref MMIA Letter,
No. 2 District.) AG/10 dated 28 Dec.

With reference to your letter, 170/C dated 21 Dec 44.

1. I am directed to say that the Allied Command has no objection to your recommendation that Italian Army stands from the local levies in the case of ARMY GROUPS providing that the stands are made available for Allied use.

2. Will you please notify MMIA periodically of the number and location of Italian bands and stands that you have been able to recover.

BG/.

B.G. Lauenstein
for Brig.
Gen.

Nav 1739

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Subject: RECOVERY OF ITALIAN ANIMALS. AFHQ / Adm Echelon, CMF.

98/02

To: M.M.I.A. 13 Jan 44.

Date 16 Jan 44 Ref 10

to ITALIAN ARMY.

Reference your AQ/10 dated 28 Dec 43.

1. The recovery of these animals was not prevented by any instructions from this HQ. There is no reason why the Italian authorities should not be allowed to recover them.

2. It is noted that after recovery they will be placed at the disposal of the Allies. *This is essential.*

3. May this HQ be kept informed of the numbers recovered by the Italian Army and their location so that they may be allocated in accordance with Freedom signal 20714 dated 29 Dec.

Brigadier,
DQ/

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Copy to: V & RS (your V&R 26 dated 9 Jan refers

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CLASSIFICATION: Recovery of Italian Army Animals.

Military Mission to
ITALIAN ARMY.
AG/40.
28 Dec. 43.

To:- A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echs.

Copy to:- 15 Army Group.
No. 2 District. } For info.

Reference your AG/2 dated 12 Dec. 43.

Sec 2

1. I am informed by the Italian Ministry of War that, when the Armistice was signed, a large number of horses and mules were released from a Remount Depot at ARICCIA SATRIANO - Map ref. 0 3190. They were handed over to local farmers to prevent their removal by the Germans. It was agreed that they would be liable to recall when circumstances permitted.

2. The Allied H.Q. at BRINDISI (151 Sub-Area ?) is stated to have prevented their recovery by the Italian Army on the grounds that they were to be requisitioned shortly by the Allies.

3. The Ministry points out that such requisition would in fact be a connivance of their illegal ownership and confirms that the animals when recovered by the Italian authorities would immediately be put at the disposal of the Allies.

4. I consider that this may be of interest to the U.S. Authorities and worth investigation in view of the present demands for mules.

Lt.Col.
Comd.

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21 Dec 43 No 176/c

Telegramma for Gen. Ducheseme. — from Gen. Alexander

AD/10.

allow me to bring to your notice one or two questions of interest for the Italian Army.

PARA. (1). SUBJECT. I Recovery of Animals of the Animal Centre BARI

The horse centre at BARI had a detachment at ASCOLI SATRIANO. When the Armistice was declared these animals were given over into the temporary custody of the farmers in the area, on the understanding that they had to give them back at the request of the Military Authorities. This was done so that they should not fall en masse into the hands of the Germans

According to information received, H.Q. allied troops at FOGGIA, has shown himself against the recovery of these animals saying, that they should be requisitioned immediately by allied troops.

By doing this

- Allied H.Q would be requisitioning and paying for animals which belong to the Italian Military Admin. and as such, to be considered at the disposal of the Germans.
- The temporary owners would be receiving the value of the animals which do not belong to them, and would thus be receiving a kind of Requisitation of their property.

As I will let you know later of verified cases of such irregularity, but as things the time is ripe to send urgent instruction this matter to MURIA, so that the order against the recovery of these animals may be rescinded, and that we may be able to examine the possibility of getting back the money paid out to those who had no right to it.

ALBERT.

23/12 GB

N. 176/C. di prot.

P.M.107, lì 21 dicembre 1943.-

PROMEMORIA PER IL GENERALE DUCHESNE - CAPO DELLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO.

Mi permetto rappresentarVi alcune questioni che rivestono interesse per l'Esercito Italiano:

1) - RICUPERO QUADRUPEDI DEL CENTRO RACCOLTA DI BARI.

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All'atto dell'armistizio i quadrupedi del distaccamento furono dati in temporanea consegna agli agricoltori della zona, con impegno di restituzione a richiesta dell'Autorità Militare, per non farli cadere in blocco in mano dei tedeschi.

Secondo informazioni avute, il Comando delle Truppe Alleate di Foggia si sarebbe opposto al ricupero dei quadrupedi, affermando che essi devono essere requisiti direttamente dalle Truppe Alleate. 1730

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2) - PREMIO IN DANARO PER CHI CONSEGNI ARMI E MATERIALE DEL SERVIZIO DI ARTIGLIERIA.-

Per informazione comunico che, con circolare I43/272 della Direzione Generale Artiglieria, vengono stabiliti premi in danaro a

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chi riconsegni alla Delegazione temporanea Intendenza S.A.R.E. per la Sicilia armi e materiali di artiglieria; ciò allo scopo di invogliare i detentori alla riconsegna che - specialmente per le armi e gli esplosivi - rappresenta contemporaneamente una garanzia per la tutela dell'O.P.

I premi variano da un minimo di lire 6 per armi bianche corte ad un massimo di lire 400 per gli strumenti di precisione (goniometri, telemetri, binoccoli prismatici ecc.).

3) - SOSTITUZIONE CON GRANO DURO DI FARINA-[redacted].

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Al riguardo faccio presente che, con la richiesta inoltrata con il foglio 43/C del 5 c.m., questo Ministero non intendeva ottenere un maggior quantitativo di farina rispetto alle assegnazioni stabilite dal sopracitato Quartier Generale, ma soltanto di essere autorizzato a cambiare con grano duro, proveniente dalle provincie di Foggia e di Matera, parte della farina ricevuta dalle Forze Alleate.

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Tale scambio, mentre non porterebbe alcun danno all'alimentazione civile che riceverebbe, in cambio del grano duro ceduto, il corrispondente quantitativo di farina, darebbe alla Direzione Generale del Servizio di Commissariato la possibilità di produrre la pasta che tanta importanza ha per l'alimentazione del nostro soldato.

Naturalmente, lo scambio dei 10.000 quintali di grano duro, di cui al foglio 43/C, col corrispondente quantitativo di farina, avrebbe luogo a scaglioni, in relazione ai quantitativi di farina ricevuti dalle Forze Alleate e destinati alla fabbricazione della pasta.

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Con l'assegnazione comunicata (6.000 quintali fieno e paglia e 3.000 quintali avena al mese), ai quadrupedi potrà essere distribuita una razione massima di 2,500 Kg. di fieno e paglia e di 1,250 Kg. di avena. Totale 3,750 Kg. di foraggi al giorno.

Una razione così ridotta non assicura il minimo dei principi nutritivi necessari ai processi vitali dell'organismo e non presenta il volume sufficiente per il regolare andamento dei fenomeni digestivi.

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Essa è perciò tale da non consentire nessuna possibilità di lavoro e quindi di impiego dei quadrupedi e da non assicurare neppure il loro mantenimento in vita.

Sarà pertanto da prendere in esame la convenienza di ridurre il numero dei quadrupedi restituendoli alla popolazione civile, allo scopo di non depauperare irrimediabilmente il già tanto compromesso patrimonio equino nazionale.

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Poichè, come è noto, i dati relativi alla consistenza in questione sono forniti da questo Ministero a codesta Missione, sarebbe gradito che tutte le richieste di informazioni del genere non fossero fatte direttamente agli enti periferici, ma tramite codesta M.M. e questo Ministero.

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Vi sarò grato se vorrete in tal senso provocare disposizioni dai comandi alleati interessati.

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Con vivi, anticipati ringraziamenti per quanto vorrete fare per la favorevole soluzione delle questioni sopra esposte, Vi prego gradire i miei affezionati saluti.-

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