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MESSAGE FORM.

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FROM : NMIA
TO : DISTHRE
REF NO : SD 2457

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REQUEST REPLY THIS HQ SD 2414 SOONEST

Precedence Priority

Authenticated C. J. Fox Capt.

SD HIST:

File: SD/12
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*File
Adm 44 20/10
Sofia*

Subject: Reinforcement Camps - Medical Officers

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MCA)
ROME
14/20/1061
13 March 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Militare

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W. C. Haggie
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. ACs (MIA)

/RBG

Copy to: O.C. British Cadre 802 Italian Reinforcement Centre
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MIA L.O. 1 District {2}
MIA L.O. 3 District {2}
MIA L.O. 54 Area {2}

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R/F with other Refers

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FROM : 803 ITALIAN BASE DEPOT AFRAGOLA 100509
TO : MMIA ROME

4/5/JF

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for Gd Unit

REF YOUR SIGNAL SD 2427 OF 9 MAR WE OFFICERS 3 NCOs 6
ORs 45 NORTHERN PERSONNEL FOR AFRAGOLA

Precedence --

SD DIST:

Action copy: SD/42/5

[Signature]
JLH
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tvv.

@ 12/3

*Q.1. This would seem very reasonable. I would
like to get the War thin moving right away --
vide 9.*

B. 12/3.

*Q1. As an temporary measure 1840 Bersaglieri are being
att to. Afragola by Thupps now. R. 14/3.*

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FROM: MMIA

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TO: 802 ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT ORVIETO
803 ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT AFRAGOLA
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INFO: MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 2427

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MOVING (.) SUBMIT YOUR VERY MINIMUM RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WE

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED S.M. INGLEDEW LT COL

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Capt	1	53	Capt	1
Lieut	2	50	Lieut	2
CSM	1	50	CSM	1
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MINISTRY OF WAR

SD R427

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COPY

FROM : ADAMSON ITALIAN REFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA
TO : MAJ HEGGIE MMIA ROME

4/3/JF

REF YOUR SD 2414 7 MAR FOR INFORM ONLY (x) STRONGLY APPROVE
RECOMMENDATION (x) AT PRESENT ONE MO ONLY AFRAGOLA (x)
REFT URGENTLY REQUESTED SOON AS POSSIBLE

Precedence -

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Tr.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CP/1160/G-1(ER)(Ser. 1763)
8 Mar 45.

BRITISH CADRE, 802 ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT
BRITISH CADRE, 803 ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT
BRITISH CADRE, 804 ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT

A/c 501st
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1 spot

1. (a) The above mentioned Cadres will be formed on W.B. CM/731/1 as shown below, with effect from 9 Feb 45:-

Unit (i)	Supervisory Authority (ii)	Location (iii)
Br Cadre, 802 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot.	HQ No. 1 District	ORVETO
Br Cadre, 803 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot.	HQ No. 3 District	AFRAGOLA
Br Cadre, 804 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot.	HQ No. 3 District	TRAMI

- (b) Copies of the W.B. will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory Authorities.
- (c) Cadres will use War Office Serial numbers of the Depot (i.e. 93859, 93860 and 93861 respectively).

2. PERSONNEL

- (i) Postings will be effected as follows:-
- (a) Officers: - by G.1.(2), AFHQ.) in conjunction with
 - (b) Other Ranks: - by DAF GHQ 2nd Echelon.) INT, AFHQ
- (ii) Personnel will be of Low Medical Category or otherwise unsuitable for combatant duties.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Supervisory Authorities:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F.G. 1098-1000 (incl anti-gas stores).
- (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance Supply, required additional to A.F.G. 1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List, issued by Q.(A.E.), AFHQ.
- (d) Transport to complete to W.E.

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Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be

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- (a) Officers: - by G.1.(B), AFHQ.) in conjunction with
(b) Other Ranks: - by DaG CHQ 2nd Echelon.) IMT, AFHQ

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4. STATIONERY

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

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L. 1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see CRD 337/44).
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L. 1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5. PAY

Application for the allotment of Improst numbers will be made to the nearest Area or Pd Cashier.

6. POSTAL

Postal address will be Dr Cadre, Italian Base Rft Depot, CMF.

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Capt Fox.
Had a para to the formation under for the three BOD's saying the formation under is on WE... strength... by Cadre att. each is on WE... this under to Branches here with copy as

M.M.A.	10/13
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Dated 10/13	

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7. COMPLETION

- (a) Supervisory authorities will report to G-1.(B), ARHQ, when formations are complete, with copy to GHQ 2nd Echelon certifying that casualties have been rendered to them showing all personnel 't.o.s.'. (b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 29 Mar 45, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

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Field Marshal
Supreme Allied Commander
Mediterranean Theatre

Field-Marshal,
 Supreme Allied Commander,
 Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

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

CG 15 Army Group	4	G.1.(B) A.9.	(2)
CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br Iner)	6	G.1.(B) A.10.	(2)
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HQ No.1 District	3	G.3.(Org.2) (ORBAT)	(2)
HQ No.2 District	9	G.3.(Org.4)	(2)
HQ No.3 District	3	G.3.(Trg)	(3)
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* Incl copy for units concerned and distribution as necessary.

+++ WSD/134 of 3 Mar 45 refers.

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COPY

FROM : MMIA DISTHREE 081540
TO : MMIA
INFO : 56 AREA : AFRAGOLA ITALIAN CAMP FOR ADAMSON

EL/253

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REF ADAMSONS SIG 5/6/JF (x) MOST STRONGLY SP THIS REQUEST
(x) IMPOSSIBLE CONTROL PRESENT LARGE DRAFTS WITH GDS NOW AT
DISPOSAL (x) DISTHREE ENDEAVOURING STAGGER OVER 3 DAYS
DRAFTS SERIALS 6 & 9 YOUR SD 2331 OF 22 FEB AND SERIAL 34 YOUR
SD 2370 OF 01 (x) ALL DUE DEP IN ONE TRAIN 09 MAR

OLD
FOUO. 71

OLD
FOUO 65

total 1540

Precedence IMPORTANT

800 left !!

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SD/141

SD/61

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75 carabinieri asked for

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[Signature]

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Subject - Armed Guards

Ref. 5/7/JF.

To:
C 2,
MATA Rome.

M.M.I.A.	P 3
FILE REF	50/42/5
Date Recd	11

3 Mar. 45.

See att note

We are informed by the General commanding 327 Div. (Italian) that at present the guards (Italian) at Afragola Camp are forbidden to shoot at escaping personnel. This fact has become well known to the personnel with the result that no attention is paid to the guards. The number of guards is quite inadequate to use physical force and if discipline is to be implemented in this Camp:-

- (1) The guards must be allowed to shoot with effect
- (2) The number of guards must be increased very substantially.

Field.

(M. ADAMSKI)

Major, PI

C.G. (Lt. Cadro) ITALIAN RE-EDUCATION
& TRAINING DEPT, AFRAGOLA.

SUBJECT: AFRACOLA Base Rot DepotDIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 41667

REF/89/24/101

7 Mar 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)

Copy to:
3-5 Org (F), AFHQ

1. It is wished to bring to your attention the points listed below concerning the AFRACOLA Depot. Any form of training is virtually impossible at this Depot at present, according to the CO of the British Increment, due to the inefficiency of the Italian Staff and the inadequate accommodation. It is realized that this Depot cannot be put right in a day and that the new Comd and British Increment must be given time.

(a) Accommodation

The Depot is now holding 4600 rfts. The present accommodation will hold a maximum of 3000. The result is a large proportion spend their nights in MARINS and district and appear only for meals.

It is urged that accommodation for a further 3000 be provided or the capacity of the Depot reduced to the figure for which there is accommodation.

(b) Staff (Italian)

This is the crux of the problem. The new WE will help the new Comd is apparently well aware of the size of his problem. However obviously great need for a strong sifting of the present staff.

It is urged that every attempt should be made to provide the Comd with a proportion of really good officers and NCOs.

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The CO of the British Increment states that great difficulty is experienced due to the varying periods rfts spend in the Depot; some rfts are posted away the day after they arrive while others have languished there for months. In some cases this is inevitable but on the present scale any organised try becomes chaotic.

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It is requested that a minimum and maximum time for the stay of a rft in the Depot should be laid down e.g. 1 week and 4 weeks. It is realized that it will not always be possible to adhere to these timings completely, but it will help the trg very considerably.

(d) British Trg Cadres

The CO of the British Increment states that under present conditions the only hope of getting any basic trg started is by British help. He suggested a temporary attachment of some 9 British NCOs - 4 per 2 coys.

W.M.A.
P.L.E.R.
Date 12/4/55

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This Directorate does not agree with this in principle but under present conditions it is thought probably necessary for AFFAGOLA and TRANI. It is not considered necessary at CRVIETO.

Your views are requested. If you agree this Directorate will endeavour to get such attachments authorised and select the WCOs.

2. It is realized that the last point only of the above is directly a trg matter. The other points are made however because they do very definitely affect training.

DRS/ho

*V30 Watts
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J Brig.,
D.M.T.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M M I A 071715 A
TO : DISTONE, DISTHREE
INFO : OC BR INCR 802 BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT ORVIETO,
OC BR INCR 803 BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT AFRAGOLA ,
OC BR INCR 804 BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT TRANI,
WAR MINISTRY

ORIGINATOR'S No SD 2414

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DADMS HQ MMIA HAS RECOMMENDED THAT NUMBER OF MEDICAL
OFFICERS ON WE CM/730/1 OF ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT
DEPOTS ORVIETO AFRAGOLA AND TRANI BE INCREASED FROM TWO
IN HQ COY TOTAL TWO PER DEPOT TO TWO IN HQ COY AND ONE
PER DEPOT BATTALION TOTAL FIVE (.) REQUEST FORWARD
VIEWS EARLIEST

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FROM : ADAMSON BR CADRE ITALIAN
RET DEPOT AFRAGOLA

OG

TO : A Q M G MMIA ROME 56 AREA
LO MMIA DISTHREE

5/6/JF

PRESENT STRENGTH CARABINIERI AFRAGOLA 20 (x)
CAN THIS BE INCREASED TO 75 (x) URGENT

Precedence --

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Action copy: SD/42/5
SD/141
A Q M G

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I have said No.

R Asked for recommendation
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for escort copy - WE

B. 10/3

Good

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SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

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TO : DISTHREE

INFO : AFHQ FOR GI BR

SD 2408

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REFERENCE YOUR AG 431 OF 03 (.) 36 SEE MMIA SIGNAL SD 2362 39
OF 28 (.) REPLY TO 132/7A OF 25 IS MMIA LETTER SD/42/1 42
OF 5 MAR ADDRESSED AFHQ FOR GI BR

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LROF V MEDY NR 0238 QVR1

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FROM ADAMSON BR CADRE ITALIAN REFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA 06

TO A Q M G MMIA ROME

56 AREA

LO MMIA DISTHREE

QQX BT

5/6/JF . PRESENT STRENGTH CARIBINERI AFRAGOLA TWENTY.
CAN THIS BE INCREASED TO SEVENTY FIVE. URGENT.

BT 1200

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RD NR W238 DML (K)



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ORVIETO RTFS CENTRE

1. BASIC FACT - 4500 CEILING.

The position remains now exactly as before, i.e. the ceiling for this camp is 4500. In the event of the move of the S.A. Hospital an increase will be possible to correspond with the number of drinkers (see para 3) who move out. ONE District will report further on this point.

2. PRESENT POSN.

The present position is most difficult in that we have ordered into the camp more people than it will hold in "SANITARY SAFETY". In order to lessen this risk a tented camp for 2000 is being erected during the next 14 days. This tented camp will be on a "Staging Area" scale and will be available until 1 May 45.

3. WATER.

Water is not plentiful and imposes certain limitations on the ORVIETO Area.

After 1 May 45 the water is likely to be available for 4 hrs per day for the S.A. Hospital and a camp of 4500, it will NOT support more.

4. CAMP CONDITIONS.

The present camp is WELL RUN under the guidance of the O.C. Mr Cadre. Ration and clothing stores are properly organized, bathing and disinfecting are adequate. The latter will be more difficulty in the summer owing to the water posn. Certain details such as tpt etc need improving and are being altered. This camp will turn out GOOD RTFS.

5. DISTRICT and AREA.

The interest taken and assistance given to the Camp by One District and 71 Sub Area is notable. They are getting us out of our present unfortunate position without a murmur in spite of the fact that they have repeatedly warned us NOT to exceed 4500 ceiling.

6. VISITS.

(a) The proposed visit of S.O.C. to the Camp will be a great encouragement to the Cadre. District and Sub Area Comds have both made personal visits.

(b) S.O.C.E. should contact 71 Sub Area with a view to offering such ITI Engineering assistance in materials etc as may be desirable.

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SUBJECT: Base Rft Depots - BR-ITI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)

File No. SD/42/1

5 March 45

TO : AFH for G-1 Br

1. At a meeting held at this Mission on Friday, 2 March 45, at which the officers commanding the British Cadres attached to No's 802, 803 and 804 Italian Base Reinforcement Depots met reps from all Branches and Services MIA, the attached draft instructions for issue by Districts to O's C Br Cadres were considered and recommended, and are forwarded for promulgation, if approved.

2. No copy of W.E. CM/730/1 for the Italian Staff, or of the W.E. of the British Cadre was available, nor has either yet been seen by the O's C Cadres, though copies have been asked for urgently.

3. O's C Cadres also met the Chiefs of Staff of all the Adm Divs - 208, 227, 228, 230, 231 - serving British Formations, and the reinforcement system for BR-ITI Service Units was discussed. It was pointed out that the type, number and condition of BR-ITI rfts sent forward from each Depot was the responsibility of the BR-ITI Adm Div under command of the District in whose area the Depot was situated. Para 1 of this Mission letter SD/42 dated 14 Feb 45 was emphasised.

Major General
M. E. I. A.

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H.C.L.

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SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement Depots BR-ITI

Function and Duties of British Cadre

GENERAL

1. The Italian authorities are responsible for supplying reinforcements for all BR-ITI Service Units through B.R.D.'s in accordance with MMIA letter SD/42 dated 14 February 1945.

FUNCTION

2. The Function of the British Cadre attached to each B.R.D. is three fold.

- (a) Liaison
- (b) Supervision and advice.
- (c) Control

DUTIES OF THE O.C. CADRE

3. Liaison

- (a) Represents the British District Commander.

Transmits British orders to the B.R.D. Italian Commander and ensures compliance.

Refuses to District HQ with his recommendations, requests of the Italian Commander, though generally the Italian Commander will employ normal staff channels i.e. HQ appropriate Adm. Div.

- (b) Is the link with HQ MMIA directly, or through local MMIA LO.

- (c) Keeps close contact with local movements: District HQ and HQ MMIA, for moves into and out of the camp.

- (d) Man of units as directed by Dists.

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(c) Control

NOTES OF THE O.C. CADRE

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(b) Documentation as ordered.

(c) Trg incl liaison with DMT (later C (Trg) MMIA) and seeing that Trg programmes are adhered to.

(d) Allocation of rfts.

(e) Discipline.

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- (f) Welfare
- (g) Standing Orders
- (h) Watch weekly strength return to be rendered by Italian Depot Commander.
- (j) Watch strength demands submitted by His Adm Div and obtain priorities as necessary.

5.

Control

- (a) Drafts moving out.
- (b) Personal equipment and clothing.
- (c) Rations.
- (d) Transport
- (e) C. 1093
- (f) Medical Stores.
- (g) Hygiene.

6.

Movement Bids

Arrange movement of Rft Drafts in accordance with instructions contained in MIA letter SD/42 of 14 Feb 45.

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Reports

Submit a general report to District HQ copy to MIA on 1st Day of each month covering the points in paras 3-6 above for the previous month.

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TO : MMIA

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PLEASE EXPEDITE REPLY TO THIS HQ 132/7A OF 25 FEB

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AG 370.092/001 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Capacity of Italian (PR-ITI) Rft Depots and Training Center

TO: All Concerned

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file reference DMT/37/MT1, dated 9 January 1945 (not to Headquarters 1 District, Rome Area).

2. Clothing and equipment has now become available in sufficient quantity to allow of an increase in the planned intake of Italians into the Army. As a result it will be necessary to increase the capacity of Italian Base Rft Depots and RTC IGF beyond the figures agreed at the DMT meeting. These figures were:

	Permanent Staff	Rfts
Italian Combat Forces Rft Trg Center	2,100	7,800
Base Rft Depots, ORVILTO, AFRAGOLA, TRANI		2,000

3. Revised figures will be:

	Permanent Staff	Rfts
Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Center	2,500	11,250
Base Rft Depots, ORVILTO, AFRAGOLA, TRANI	600	6,000

4. Addressees are requested to base plans for training, maintenance and final accommodation on these increased figures.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Freese

R. H. FREESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Receptions of New Units.

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1080/G/1.

Tel No. 11433.

Italian Reinforcement Depot,
Trent.

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Italian Army Units.

1. With reference to the attached copy of AMIA letter CM/1116/G-1 (Pr) (No. 1560) dated 22 Feb, formation of 5th Italian Base Pl Bpt t on CM/730/1 war 2 Feb 45 at Trent, will be supervised by this HQ.
2. This HQ will arrange with MMIA for the submission of indents for clothing and equipment (less vehicles and controlled stores). Further instructions regarding demand for vehicles and controlled stores will be given by G(AS) 3 District.
3. Field Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.
4. Report called for at para 6 of the above quoted AMIA letter will be forwarded in quadruplicate to this HQ. Weekly Progress Reports will be rendered to this HQ every Wednesday.
5. Copies of WB CM/730/1 will be forwarded when available.

G. L. R.
2 Mar 45.
RM.

M. J. R.
Lt. Col. 339
A. L. & Co. Ltd., St. Leon.

ENCLOSURE.

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FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTOMT
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Date 28 Time 1845 A

ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO
OO BR CADRE ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA
SIGS BARLETTA FOR THEOPHILUS ITALIAN RFT DEPOT TRANI

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ONE (.) SUBJECT BASE RFT DEPOTS (BR-ITI) SERVICE UNITS (.)
FROM
MEETING OF O'S.C. BR CADRES/ORVIETO, AFRAGOLA,
AND TRANI HAS BEEN ARRANGED 1500 HRS FRIDAY 2 MAR AT
HQ MMIA (.) FUNCTIONS BR CADRE AND BR-ITI RFT PROCEDURE
WILL BE DISCUSSED

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Italian Army Units.

Reference attached copies of AREA 03/4116/0-1 (SR) (Ser. 1660)

Dated 22 Feb 45.

1. Formation of the under mentioned units will be supervised as shown:-

Supervising HQ	Unit	IS	Location	Effective Date
54 Area.	804 Italian Base Hq Depot	CM/750/4	BRHL	9 Feb 45
56 Area.	805 Italian Base Hq Depot	CM/750/4	APRACIA	9 Feb 45
94 Sub-area.	350 It. Inver to HQ 557 HQ	CM/702/4	POHRECHENAU	21 Feb 45
" " "	334 It. Inver to 557 Gen Stores Coy	CM/703/4	"	"
" " "	332 It. Inver to 557 Tech Stores Coy	CM/704/4	"	"
" " "	333 It. Inver to 557 Ret. Stores Coy	CM/705/4	"	"
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Referenced, attached copies of AMHQ 00/4446/G-4 (MR) (Ser. 1660)
dated 22 Feb 45.

1. Formation of the under mentioned units will be supervised as shown:-

Supervising HQ	Unit	MR	Location	Effective Date
54 Area.	804 Italian Base Rt's Depot	CM/750/4	THAI	9 Feb 45
56 Area.	805 Italian Base Rt's Depot	CM/750/4	AFRICA	9 Feb 45
94 Sub-Area.	390 It. Troop to HQ 557 HQ	CM/702/4	PANAMA	24 Feb 45
" "	391 It. Troop to 557 Gen Stores Co	CM/703/4	"	"
" "	392 It. Troop to 557 Tech Stores Co	CM/704/4	"	"
" "	393 It. Troop to 557 Res. Stores Co	CM/705/4	"	"
" "	394 It. Troop to 557 AT Stores Co	CM/706/4	"	"

2. Supervising authorities will arrange with HMA for the submission of inventories for clothing and equipment (2000 vehicles and controlled stores). Further instructions regarding demands for vehicles and controlled stores will be given by Q (AM) 5 District.

3. Viola Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.

4. Reports called for at para 6 of AMHQ letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ.

5. C (SR). Please supply copies of the above quoted HQs when available.

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian

"A" 54 Area
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Italian Army Units

(Ser. 1660) dated 22 Feb 45.
Reference attached copies of AFHQ CR/1116/G-1(BR)

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Supervising HQ	Unit	WE	Location	Effective Date
54 Area	804 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	TRANI	9 Feb 45
56 Area	803 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	AFRAGOLA	9 Feb 45
94 Sub-Area	390 Lt. Incr to HQ 557 BOD	CM/702/1	PONTECAGNANO	21 Feb 45
" " "	391 Lt. Incr to 557 Gen Stores Coy	CM/703/1	"	" "
" " "	392 Lt. Incr to 557 Tech Stores Coy	CM/704/1	"	" "
" " "	393 Lt. Incr to 557 Ret Stores Coy	CM/705/1	"	" "

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3. Field Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.

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4. Reports called for at para 6 of AFHQ letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ.

5. G(5D)

Please supply copies of the above quoted WEs when available.

(Sgd) [†]
Col.
DA & GMS.

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Subject Italian Reinforcement Camps.

M.M.I.A.

3 District.
Baseball 18.
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25 Feb 45.

1. No letter defining the responsibility of the CO's of the British Cadres at AFRAGOLA and TRANI of Italian Reinforcement Camps has ever been issued, and as a result these CO's find themselves in considerable difficulties.
2. Unless you are prepared to issue detailed instructions as to the duties of the OC's British Cadres in these Camps it is proposed to issue such instructions from this HQ in order to avoid the confusion which now exists.
3. Will you please inform this HQ of your views in this matter as early as possible as the matter is considered to be urgent.

RPF/PG.

Copy to "A" 54 Area.
"A" 56 Area.

See (42)
Spoke AAG. Dist 27/2
Comds BLD's & be at
Hel TPIA Friday 27 Mar
1430 hrs.

Col.
DA & QMG.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/C-1(BR) (Ser. 1660.)
22 Feb 45.

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS.

1. (a) The Units detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter will be formed as shown.
(b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory Authorities.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided through normal BR-ITI reinforcement channels.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Supervisory Authorities:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment (to be issued in accordance with Basic Equipment List 6508/7).
- (c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply required additional to A.F.G. 1098 scale in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q (AE), AFHQ.
- (d) Transport to complete to W.E. (when available).

4. STATIONERY

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

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L. 1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO 337/44)
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L. 1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 1392) to ADESS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the 'Posta Militare' number of the Italian Adm Hq of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory Authorities will report to G.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

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APPENDIX 'A' to CR/1116/G-1(ER)(Ser.1660.) of 22 Feb 45.

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No. Allotted (iii)	Supervisory Authority (iv)	Location for Formation (v)	Effective Date. (vi)
281 Italian Incr. to Pack Tpt Trg Centre	CM/697/1	93858	HQ No.1 District.	FOSSOMBRONE	29 Jan 45.
802 Italian Base Rft Depot.	CM/730/1	93859	HQ No.1 District	ORVIETO	9 Feb 45.
803 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93860	HQ No.3 District	AFRAGOLA	9 Feb 45.
804 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93861	HQ No.3 District.	TRANI	9 Feb 45.
390 Italian Incr. to HQ 557 BOD, RAOC.	CM/702/1	93862	HQ No.3 District	PONTE CAGNANO	21 Feb 45
391 Italian Incr. to 557 Gen Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/703/1	93863	HQ No.3 District	-do-	-do-
392 Italian Incr. to 557 Tech Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/704/1	93864	HQ No.3 District	-do-	-do-
393 Italian Incr. to 557 Returned Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/705/1	93865	HQ No.3 District	-do-	-do-
394 Italian Incr. to 557 MT Stores Coy, RAOC.	CM/706/1	93866	HQ No.3 District	-do-	-do-

Subject:- Suggestions to assist in the opening of a new Depot.

From:- Iti. Rein. Depot

ORVETO

Ref B1/4/105

19 Feb 45.

To:- G11 Land Forces Sub Comm.
(M.M.I.A.)

Ref. telephone conversation re points that may assist in the opening of a new Depot. Herewith a few suggestions that if put into practise I feel would go far to make the opening of same more foolproof. I have not attempted to tell my tale of woe but, based on experiences have the put on paper all the essentials. I think should be completed before the Depot could be considered operative. A lot naturally will depend upon the resourcefulness of the British Cadre Commander but, this time try to put the horse in its proper place and, try to let him get organised before flooding him with half starved bodies. At a fair estimation and, always providing you can carry out 75 O/O of my suggestions, O.C. British Cadre in my opinion should have things all set and ready to receive in fourteen days.

W.T. Ungate. Major.

Comm:- Mr. Cadre. Italian Gt. Depot.

Points that should receive immediate attention.

1. That the British Cadre should be grouped together say in Rome and, then proceed en-bloc to their destination especially in the case of a Q man as 100 o/o of the commencement is Q side. (I suggest that the O.C. selected has a damned good background of Quartermastery.)
2. If the place for the new Depot is similar to this, O.C. can expect to take over a salvage dump. Therefore his first requirements are brooms, scrubbing brushes, soap, old rags, shovels and, instruction re the employment of local labour plus Authority to employ same.
3. Town Major to be instructed to give every assistance, especially on the subject of requisition or obtaining from local resources such things as lamps electric, scales to weigh out rations and, fuel, typewriters, straw, wood and, any other items that are not forthcoming from Q. M.M.I.A. (An Italian Officer Quartermaster should go with the advance party.)
4. Make a friendly contact with the local Civil Affairs Officer who

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W.T. Wright, Major.
Comd: M. Coar. Italian Rpt. Dept.

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4. Make a friendly contact with the local Civil Affairs Officer who can be very helpful as mine has. Contact the Civilian Mayor who can be made to produce various requirements if one points out that it is for his Army. He will contact local celebrities for books, games and, any other items for the welfare of the troops. (Cinema etc.)
5. TRANSPORT. His full W/E should be made available immediately. If it is like mine it is insufficient.
6. Stationery. Should be in possession of some stationery, especially ST/8s and the various Army Forms for indent for P.O.L. supplies etc. Also scale of clothing and rations.
7. SIGNALS SERVICE. Telephones, D.Rs., correct postal address and, a Telephone directory of all he is directly concerned with.

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8. G 1098 EQUIPMENT. It is absolutely essential that as much barrack stores or G 1098 equipment be to hand as soon as possible, especially cooking and bedding equipment.
9. RATIONS and P.O.L. Get in touch immediately with C.C. Supplies R.A.S.C. of the Sub Area or District and, state amounts and dates required. The service my end is and, has been excellent.
10. Fuel. Try to purchase fuelwood locally and, pass payment through Italian channels, if not successful apply as in para. 9.
11. ENGINEER SERVICES. Too much cannot be expected from these services so, as soon as possible form ones own maintenance section of Carpenters, Bricklayers, Plumbers, Tinsmiths, etc. This section has been invaluable and, leaves me entirely independent of R.E. services.
12. TOOLS. I have been fortunate in obtaining tools and plant from local resources but, Tools for trades mentioned in para; 11 are of the utmost importance. ie Carpenters chest tools filled, Tools Tinsmith, etc.
13. Clothing and Personnel. These tie up closely with each other, please do not send bodies unless clothing is there first. Especially Mess tins, Towels, Soap and, Laces for boots.
14. PERSONEL HYGIENE. Baths priority. Sufficient numbers of showers should be made available to cope with an intake of approx 800 + 1000 per day. A.X.L. 63 powder to dust all bodies and, new clothing after bathing. Fumigator necessary in order to cope with lice or Scabies or any other infectious disease.
15. ITALIAN HYGIENE. Section wanted immediately. Also contact with Sub Area or District, who will if you ask for, most likely attach to you a M.C.U. of an Officer and, six O.Rs. to help out. (I have one.)
16. MEDICAL. An Italian M.I. room must be established before troops are due to arrive, also system of evacuation to Hospital, organized, an ambulance may be necessary.
17. Bakery. Bread is not on issue from B.S.Ds., make local arrangement for having flour turned into bread. Pass accounts through to have Macaroni made, flour

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 18. Carabinieri. Contact Officer Commanding Carabinieri and make him put guards on your Stores, Barracks, etc until you are in a position to provide your own guards. Also he is responsible for Town Patrols. Use him and his police as C.M.Ps. Take them on your ration strength, they are very useful.
 19. An Italian paymaster needed early on.
 20. N.C.Os. Thirty to forty Italian N.C.Os. should be included in the first advance party.
 21. DEPOT W/E ITALIAN PERSONNEL. This should be completed as soon as possible and, before bodies commence to arrive.

Notes

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22. ARRIVAL OF PERSONNEL. Notification of possible arrivals has always been good and, invariably one gets good warning. I find however that it is necessary to have a Sgt. and a Cpl. living on the Station premises permanently, who report immediately arrivals of personnel or material.
23. ACTION ON ARRIVAL. The following method is used by me on new personnel arriving. First hot Coffee and, say bread and cheese. Thence to a reception department where they are given bed and blankets for that night. The following morning medical inspection here all verminous or scabies affected personnel are put on one side, the remainder then proceed to the bath-house where hot showers are provided and, there old clothes are collected. After he has bathed he then proceeds to a dusting room where he is dusted completely with A.X.L. 63, thence to the clothing stores and fitted with his kit, thence to his Company with his palliase and one comforter. (No straw is given;) Those affected with lice or scabies are then put through the same operation plus immediate treatment for whatever they are affected with. Old clothes and bedding they arrive with are collected and fumigated. In the case of civilian clothes these are returned to the owner and, in the case of government property returned to the stores.
24. DOCUMENTATION. This is the responsibility of the Italian Auth. but, not being content that their system is foolproof I have had printed locally D.I. cards in Italian similar to the cards used by Br. RACTD, copy attached. These are made out in duplicate one goes with the man on his departure and, one is retained by this Depot for recording.
25. Squadding. All arrivals are organized into squads of twenty five under a Sgt. and a Cpl. Ten squads equals one Company. They remain in this squad the whole time they are in this Depot, living and training together.
26. Arrival and Departure Returns. These are submitted to me daily in detail, ie posted, hospital, leave etc. A consolidated return is sent to H.Q. M.M.I.A. weekly.
27. Departures. Ample notification has been given to me in the past Action by me:- Make out a warning order in Italian to O.C. Italian Reinforcement Depot. Thence ultimately a movement order as above.
28. WITS etc. There are always a great number of men deficient of

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27. Departures. Ample notification has been given to me in the past Action by me:- Make out a warning order in Italian to O.C. Italian Reinforcement Depot. Thence ultimately a movement order as above.
28. KITS etc. There are always a great number of men deficient of kit etc.; I therefore give two days proceeding their departure up to Medical Inspection, Baths, and making good their kit deficiency on repayment.
29. DOCUMENTS The following are sent with the Draft Conducting Officer, D.I. Card, H 1157 (see attached) Medical inspection certificate and a Bath certificate together with a complete nominal roll

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ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT DEPOT, ORVIETO

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Subject:- Suggestions to assist in the opening of a new Depot

Italian Reinforcement Depot ³⁶
ORVIETO.

To:- G11 Land Forces Sub Comm.
(MMIA)

Ref. BI/4/113
19 Feb. 45

Reference my BI/4/105 dated the 19th. Feb. 45.
Herewith please find notes by the British Adjutant.

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[Signature]
Major
Comm. British Cadre Itl. Hq. Depot

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NOTES BY THE BRITISH ADJUTANT, ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT DEPOT

1. It is found that the British Adjt. has to deal with Italian Officers of a higher Rank than his own. This makes things more difficult.
2. From an Adjts. point of view it is very different from being an Adjt. in a British Unit.
3. It would be much better if the British Adjt. could speak and understand the language, his work would be cut down by half.
4. The Italian Orderly Room is not like a British Orderly Room. Their Staff consists of a Major as Adjt. a junior Officer as Asst. Adjt. From experience the Asst. Adjt. takes no responsibility whatsoever. He will not take any action on anything unless ordered to do so by the Adjt. Besides these two Officers there are I am given to understand three more Officers. What they actually do I am not quite sure. The Orderly Room is nearly all day full of both Officers, N.C.Os and men. It has been impossible to control this.
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8. Standing orders are not like ours, theirs are made out in the form of letters and not posted anywhere. The same applies to Daily orders, while they are after the style of British Orders they are not posted on Notice boards for anyone to see, the Coy. Comm. sits on them. Troops never know what is happening day to day.
9. The Italian Officers from Colonel down to 2/Lt. have no idea how to control their men. I have seen men standing up arguing with and waving their arms at the Officers. They will listen to a British Officer. The reason being they don't trust their Officers, the Officer in turn has no interest in his men.

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From a point of view of cleanliness, they just aren't. N.C.Os have no control, in fact they are useless. It is a very difficult job to keep the area clean, Officers pass and take no notice. I think their mentality is that they have lost control and what's the use.

11. When things go a bit wrong instead of taking action they run to see the British Officer. I take no notice, let them get on with the job.
I hate my attitude, but in the end it is generally the British Officer who straightens things out.
12. These people have a queer way of doing things and unless an Adj. is appointed who has lots of patience the whole job becomes a burden.
Once the voice is raised he may as well give up.
13. In a Depot like Orvieto the Italian Comm. will probably have an Armed guard with an Officer i/c and not as we do a Senior N.C.O. Again no orders are given either to the guard or the Sentry, I have asked repeatedly for them but they have not been produced as yet.
14. Great difficulty is experienced in getting the Officers to report for duty at the proper time

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Capt. & Adj.
British Cadre Iti. Rft. Depot

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File in "Afragola" file

67395 Major H.E. Thrupp,
MIA LO 3 District

19 Feb 45.

Dear

Col Douglas,

Walls

Geoffrey Fox told me that you wanted a copy of the 3 District Conference minute which I enclose. I'm sorry I've been a bit slow over it but quite by accident I came upon another piece of "amn" - also enclosed - which with the aid of a few transparent excuses I managed to get minuted to me. It is an extract from a Labour file.

Minute 91 is, I consider, startling! I surreptitiously showed the correspondence to DAAG here who looked a bit shaken, especially in view of the priority given by AFHQ to AFRAGOLA matters recently. He said nothing conclusive - I don't blame him!

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Yours,

Pray

Lt. Col. S.M. INGLEDEN
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

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Minutes of No 165 HQ Conference held at HQ 3 Dist 9345 hrs 13 Feb 45

GOC PRESIDING

Action by -

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32. Office Org
(a) The following have not acknowledged receipt of a Top Secret document sent out on 11 Feb:-

CSO, DDMS, ADAMS and HOWWIT.

(b) GOC directed that any work of an urgent nature outstanding at close of office hours will be completed and not carried forward to following day.

33. Mov Port working was reported good. Railway wagon position is improving although there is still a slight shortage. Infm

34. E Progress Report. Infm
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Lammie Camp - Extension to Staging Scales of 5000.

(b) Wks 693 BAW 48 No bays Flambo Infm
completed. 10 Sub Wksp Sheddng. (Fusaro Works)

557 BOD 58,650 sq.ft. Romney
1 Sub Depot and Flambo sheddng.

(c) Wks in progress. Sheddng 30% Infm
2 Sub Depot Decanville 10%

Lammie Camp. Officers' Mess 90%
Sjts " 80%
Offrs & Sjts 50%
Showers. 15%
Theatro 55%
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Wine Par 20%
EFI

(d) Br. Dismantled. Route 6. H033062. Replaced by 26' Stock span Infm

Q2

35. RRFC. CE raised the question of the future of the
RRFC in view of the amount of work already approved.
Q2 to investigate and report by an 14 Feb 45.

Infm

36. Mod

(a) Vacant Bed State

Br. East 3388. POW 1202
West 3705. POL 774
Ind 151

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		<u>Action by</u>
36. <u>Med</u> (contd)	(b) One case of smallpox has been reported at 92 General Hospital. All precautions have been taken.	Infm
	(c) 50 General Hospital is moving to SICILY and 33 General Hospital is closing down.	
37.	<u>Absentees</u> GOC asked that Pro investigate the possibility of carrying out another drive on absentees in the near future. DPM stated that it could be commenced about the beginning of March.	Pro
38.	<u>AFRAGOLA Camp. Italian</u> Present state to be investigated and reported. May wholly become a 3 Dist commitment.	Q2 Med MMIALO
39.	<u>State of Tpt Coys.</u> Q1 to report number of vehicles in tpt coys which are off the road for reasons other than normal maintenance.	Q1
40.	<u>Reports.</u> When GOC, or DA & QMG, are on tour, staff will keep them informed of events by compiling précis and sending them by fastest means to wherever the GOC may be. In cases where decisions are required of an urgent and important nature, it may be necessary for a staff officer to act as LO and bring the necessary files and papers.	Branches.
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42.	<u>Items in Suspense</u> NIL.	

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- C O P Y -

Subject:- Italian Pioneer Coys - Reinforcements.

A.D.I. "D" Team (Labour)
Ref: ADL/3/1/898B.
Date. 14 Feb 45.

To: D.D.L. 3 District.

Ref your 3Dis/262/L dated 30 Jan and 10 Feb 45.

On a recent visit I found the following to be the position at the Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, Afragola.

The Camp is under the administration of 227 Div (General Rossi). The officer in charge of movements states that to date only 22 reinforcements were despatched for Pioneer Units (not this Area). It is understood that these left camp on Feb 9th 45 without being previously clothed and equipped. A local clothing depot is in course of formation and the understanding is that at the moment men will only be clothed prior to departure on specific instructions from HQ 3 District. The arrangements for medical inspection and disinfection are not good and large numbers cannot be dealt with.

As it is understood that reinforcements are usually despatched at request from MMIA (Major Thrupp) it would appear to be in the best interests if I could be advised of the imminent departure of recruits in order that I can visit the ²³⁷ Camp and carry out the inspection necessary.

Further reports will be rendered as requested.

(sgd) J.S. Pope Smith,
Lt; Colonel,
A.D.I. "D" Team (Labour).

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MMIA IO.

ref folio 87A

For your information. May I be informed of the departures of Pioneer Recruits so that A.D.L. "D" Team may be able to inspect them before departure.

E.F.D.Strettell, Col.
D.D.L.

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ref min 88.

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16 Feb 45.

H.E.P.F.Thrupp, Major,
M.W.I.A.L.O.

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DA & QMG.

ref folio 87A.

From what A.D.L. "D" Team told me personally you might like to consider taking over this camp and the one at Trani.

16 Feb.

E.F.D.Strettell, Col.
D.D.L.

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Lab.

Your min 90. We have always tried to avoid having anything to do with AFRAGOLA. It is not our responsibility.

17 Feb.

I. Laurie, Col.

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Ref folio 87A. For your comments please.

19 Feb. /

G.F. Payton, Capt.
S.C. Lab.

Lab.

Ref minutes 90, 91, and 92.

AFRAGOLA Base Rft and Trg Depot is listed as a BR-ITI unit. It is administered by HQ 227 Div (itself under comd HQ 3 District) and is under op comd HQ 56 Area. It is for this reason that a British Cadre has been allotted to it.

If HQ 3 District try to avoid having anything to do with it and its running is left, as heretofore, to the Italian Army alone, it is my opinion that AFRAGOLA camp will inevitably continue to be the badly organised establishment it has been up to now and that, as such, apart from considerations of hygiene and morale, it will be doing a disservice not only to BR-ITI rfts allotted to 3 District but to all BR-ITIS that have to pass through the camp destined for other formations.

20 Feb 45.

H.E.P.F. Thrupp, Major,
M.M.I.A.L.O.

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- C O P Y -

Subject:- Italian Transit Camp, AFRAGOLA.

3 District
BASEBALL 12
146Q
20 Feb 45.

Q 56 Area.

MMIA IO.

1. In spite of the determined efforts that have been made to improve the Italian Camp at AFRAGOLA, adverse criticisms continue to be made. DDMT for example commented a few days ago on the site from a training angle and suggested that if possible the Camp should be moved elsewhere.
2. Without slackening present efforts to get essential construction done, it is requested that you investigate the possibility of finding a better site, even one suitable for good weather occupation only, and forward your suggestions.
3. The Camp would still have to be close to NAPLES. Suitable sites need not be debarred at this stage on the grounds that further requisitioning would be entailed.

(sgd)

F.C.Christie, Major, ^y
for

Col.
DA & QMG.

22 FEB 1945

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Minutes of No 169 HQ Conference held at HQ 3 Dist 0845 hrs 22 Feb 45

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DA & QMG PRESIDING

- 65 GOC DA & QMG announced that Maj Gen G. Lammie CBE, MC is going to UK shortly and the Cmd of this Dist will be taken over by Maj Gen N. Clowes CBE, DSO, MC. Infm
- 66 Mov Port working was reported good. Clear- Infm
ance exceeded discharge.
- 67 ST DDST stated -
(a) Feeding strength 350,000. Infm
(b) There will be an issue of butter in 54 and 58 Areas for approx one month in order to turn over supplies. Infm
(c) Demands for RN in SICILY are decreasing. DDST to keep ST
DA & QMG informed of the situation.
- 68 Lab The Lab 'Green Book' has been revised and Infm
is now awaiting promulgation.
- 69 Items in Suspense NIL

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Subject: Base Rft Depot, TRANI.

SD 102/3.

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MIA MINISTRE OFFICER
TRANI
18 Feb 45.To: Hq. M.N.I.A.

MIA A.	R 10/2
Phil B.	SD 102/3
Delivered	20 2/

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A. LOCATION

(1) TRANI Depot is scattered over a number of buildings, as follows:-

(a) 9 Regt Depot Barracks. This building - built as a school but never used as such - houses the HQ and 1 & 2 Bns, each Bn having a present approx strength of 800 all ranks.

(b) Milling Billet. This is a disused mill with a maximum capacity - consistent with hygiene, fire-precautions and control of troops - of 600, but it has held 1000 during the worse part of the winter. It is not a satisfactory billet.

(c) Camp site. This is 500 yards from the main barracks. It is not at the moment in use as a considerable amount of R.E. work is being done to make it a satisfactory permanent camp. Work in hand should be finished in 7 days.

(d) Seminary. A disused convent houses the personnel being trained as drivers in the D.M.T. Driving School, TRANI.

(2) The future set up, effective from the ^{END} 21 of February or sooner, will be:-

(a) Regt Barracks will hold Depot HQ and 1 Bn less one or two Coys of driver trainees detached in the Seminary by the Driving-school.

(b) Camp site with 2 & 3 Bn areas functioning and 4 Bn area ready should the necessity for 4's use arise.

(c) The mill will cease to be used except in grave emergency.

B. MAN-POWER

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(1) Sources

The nature of the majority of rfts in the depot at any given time depends on the general situation, e.g., at first they were surplus personnel from 47 Inf Regt Depot, recently they have been Balkan repatriates and in the future they may consist largely of call-ups. In addition to these, there is an average daily inflow of approx 80 from a variety of sources - "shandati", troops ex long

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leave forwarded on by Depots, Distretti and Presidi Militari, personnel ex hospitals, prisons etc.

(2) Breakdown.

The great majority are non-specialist. About 8% are drivers; about 10% are suitable as engr rfts, though should the Depot consist in the future of Southern call-ups, this percentage will drop. The disposal of medically unfit personnel - approx 10% - presents a problem, as Pioneer units do NOT want them, and as a constant transfer between hospital and Depot and vice versa, throws a considerable amount of work on the administrative staff. Most of the remaining troops are suitable mainly as labour rfts, or if suited physically and by civilian background, as muleteers. It is pointed out that it has not been the practice to ask for volunteers for Pack Ppt Coys, as troops consider that for anyone who wants to go volunteering, the combat groups offer more safety and better conditions than Pack Ppt.

C. CLOTHING.

In view of the previous military history of rfts, as indicated in part (1) of the preceding paragraph, the clothing of rfts is far from satisfactory. Repatriated ex-Balkans are generally clad in a weird variety of military uniforms and civilian rags, while call-ups and abbandati bring with them only the bare minimum necessary to get them from their homes to the Depot. In view of the scarcity and cost of boots on the civilian market, their footwear is in shocking condition. As for shirts, the majority have only one - and some not even that - with the result that a constant campaign has to be fought to keep them free from lice - this despite the fact that there are hot showers available. Here, though, the complaint is that the soap ration is received once per month, so that a man may be upwards of 3 weeks without soap. Many, too, have no towels.

D. MORALE.

On the average, morale is not more than fair. Factors unfavourably affecting morale are lack of clothing, length of time spent in transit while awaiting movement, inactivity, bad weather, lack of interest in the war, and - in the case of Northerners - the usual preoccupation about the fate of their families in enemy occupied territory. Given at least a uniform and a pair of boots, troops could be given more routine work and made to take an interest in themselves, with the feeling that the authorities too were interested in them.

Desertion and A.D.O.L. is confined almost entirely to Southerners and in particular to Apulians, who have the idea of being stationed ⁱⁿ side Apulia.

The recent free distribution of the first edition of the Army paper "Italia", was favourably commented on.

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A canteen and rest-room are being set up and stocks of the Italian dailies provided. It is hoped that a library can be organised if the necessary reading material can be made forthcoming.

11 Con. Depot ball team was organised until it played a match with the Base Depot. Each company now has a team and 11 Con Depot has given the use of a football pitch during the mornings.

B. DISCIPLINE.

This is fair, considering that Italian troops have no respect for their N.C.O.'s and little for their officers, except in individual cases.

P. BRITISH CADRE.

The British Cadre - D.C., Maj. THORNTON, R.A. - has one main difficulty, viz., they have no instructions as to their duties, and they are considered an "unborn" unit by 5th Area.

G. CONCLUSION.

It is considered that a Depot satisfactory from all points of view, can be effectively organised given the following conditions:-

- (1) That a supply of minimum necessary clothing be maintained. (1000 sets of B.D., boots, and caps have been received already from MPJA LG BARI).
- (2) That some form of welfare for the troops be organised.
- (3) That the British Cadre be recognised as a unit with an authorised P.O. and G.1098, with authority to draw necessary stores.

E. O. DOWELL
Capt.
Liaison Officer

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - 805 Transit Camp

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/46
16 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: C.G. 5 (U.S.) ARMY Gr Increment (AFHQ letter OR/1116/G-1(BR)(SER 1555) dated 8 Feb 1945 refers)

1. (a) 805 Italian Transit Camp is being formed by HQ FIFTH (U.S.) Army Gr Increment through 231 Adm Div at AREZZO on WB CM/259/2 copy att.
(b) Serial No. 93618 has been allotted to this Camp.
(c) The Camp is intended to cater for 500.
2. The WB will be implemented by Italian Army Personnel. There will be no British or co-operator personnel as stated in the WB CM/259/2. The General Duty man will be trained as a Storeman to make a total of storemen 2.
3. The personnel will be found by HQ 231 Adm Div.
4. When completed, this unit will be carried in Cat. 3 MFI-III Section of MIA Order of Battle.

Stik
Major General
M. E. I. A.

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Subject:- Transport.

To:- G.T.

Land Forces Sub Comm.

(MMIA)

From:- Iti. Rein. Depot

ORVIETO.

Ref. B1/3/76

10 Feb. 45.

Ref. the W/E transport of this Depot, I find that the present strength of 53 ton lorries is insufficient.

It is necessary to continually borrow from No. 1 District to help me out. A time limit is imposed for the return of lorries from this source, and it so often happens that when stores arrive at Orvieto by Rail that help is not to hand which causes delay in the unloading of Railway Waggon, therefore may 3x3 ton lorries be added to W/E please to cope with transport demands.

2 The following are my daily demands on transport:-

1 lorry to bring in fresh straw and, dispose of the old.

1 lorry to bring in fuelwood.

1 lorry for the removal of refuse and, swill.

1 lorry to bring in fresh fruit and, vegetables from Arezzo every 48 Hrs.

This leaves one lorry only to unload material from the Railway Station i.e; Rations, P.O.L., Clothing and Equipment, Baggages and Kits of arrivals etc.

3 It will be seen that very little time is allowed for maintenance and repairs and, should one be off the road as at present, my difficulties are made even worse. Apart from items enumerated above I often have to send one to Rome to pick up Italian goods from various sources.

*Copy of
W/E B1/3/76
being sought*

W. Tangar. Major

Comm; British Cadre.

Iti. Rein. Depot.

JWT/HB.

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This went on an SD file because
it is a copy submitted to us by

M/Q. As it does not seem to have
any SD significance, I will destroy

it. No junk file it

 Davis
14 Feb

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COPY

Subject: TRANI Camp.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC (M. M. I. A.)
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/2/1/SD
9 Feb 45.

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

The following report is made on TRANI Camp

1. Accn (a) Barracks - ablutions, cookhouses, Latrines built - cookhouses completed accomodation for 1500.
(b) Tented Camp - Ablutions, cookhouses, latrines completed for 3000 with tentage - without difficulty a further 1000 could be accommodated on same site.
(c) Convent - Engr work completed - excellent accn for up to 500 - used for students of Dvr Course.
(d) Old Mill - Held in reserve for possible overflows - Engr work being started.
(e) Total Accn Possible - 7000 (incl old mill)
2. Welfare: - Hot showers, hutted dining rooms and reading room, free shows in Italian cinemas in TRANI, footballs and use of ground. Football boots are required.
3. Clothing - 1000 each mackinaws, B/D, boots, caps, 5000 comforters, 3000 tent pieces, 6000 poles. Despatched to TRANI Camp.

Sgd. J. G. BIRD ³³⁶
Senior MMIA LO
C/o HQ 54 Area.

JGB/jmr

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FOR 01 UNIT (.) SET YOUR CR/15.6/01 (DE) OF 17 JAN (.)
FIRST (.) SEND (DOX MEDICAL) OFFICER ASSIGNED PRIMARILY
FOR SUPERVISION OF CAMP HYGIENE (.) SECOND (.) CONSIDER
APPOINTMENT NECESSARY DURING EARLY STAGES (.) THIRD (.)
CONSIDER COULD BE MORE IMPLEMENTED WHEN PROPER HYGIENE
FACILITIES INSTALLED AND REGIMENT DISCIPLINE INSTILLED

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W.C. Hegge Maj

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FROM : MMIA LO DI STHREE.

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TO : MMIA

INFO : 227 Div (BY ELS)

EL 186

RESTRICTED.

BRITISH CADRE UNDER COMD MAJOR ADAMSON TAKES OVER DUTIES AT AFRAGOLA CAMP WEF
NOON 04 FEB

SD Dist:

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FROM NMIA LO DISTURBE 031530A

TO NMIA

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EL 186 . RESTRICTED . BRITISH CADRE UNDER CODE MAJOR ADAMSON TAKES
OVER DUTIES AT AFRAGOLA CAMP WEF NOON 04 FEB

BT 1810

SENT 0129A GDM AR TKS VM

REGD 0129 A AAA AR K

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OF 5TO TRAINING DEPOT

Col. Comdt	1
Adjutant	1
Chaplain	1
L.O.	1
Total	4
ADM Staff	
Offrs	7
NCOs	13
Cooks & GD men	63
Total	83

Major O.C.	1
Lieutenant	1
R. S.M.	1
Clerks	2
O.R. Sjt	1
Total	6

Capt	1
C.S.M.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
Storeman	1
Total	4

Subaltern 1

L/CpL 1

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Fourth Battalion Formed ex Camp personnel when needed.

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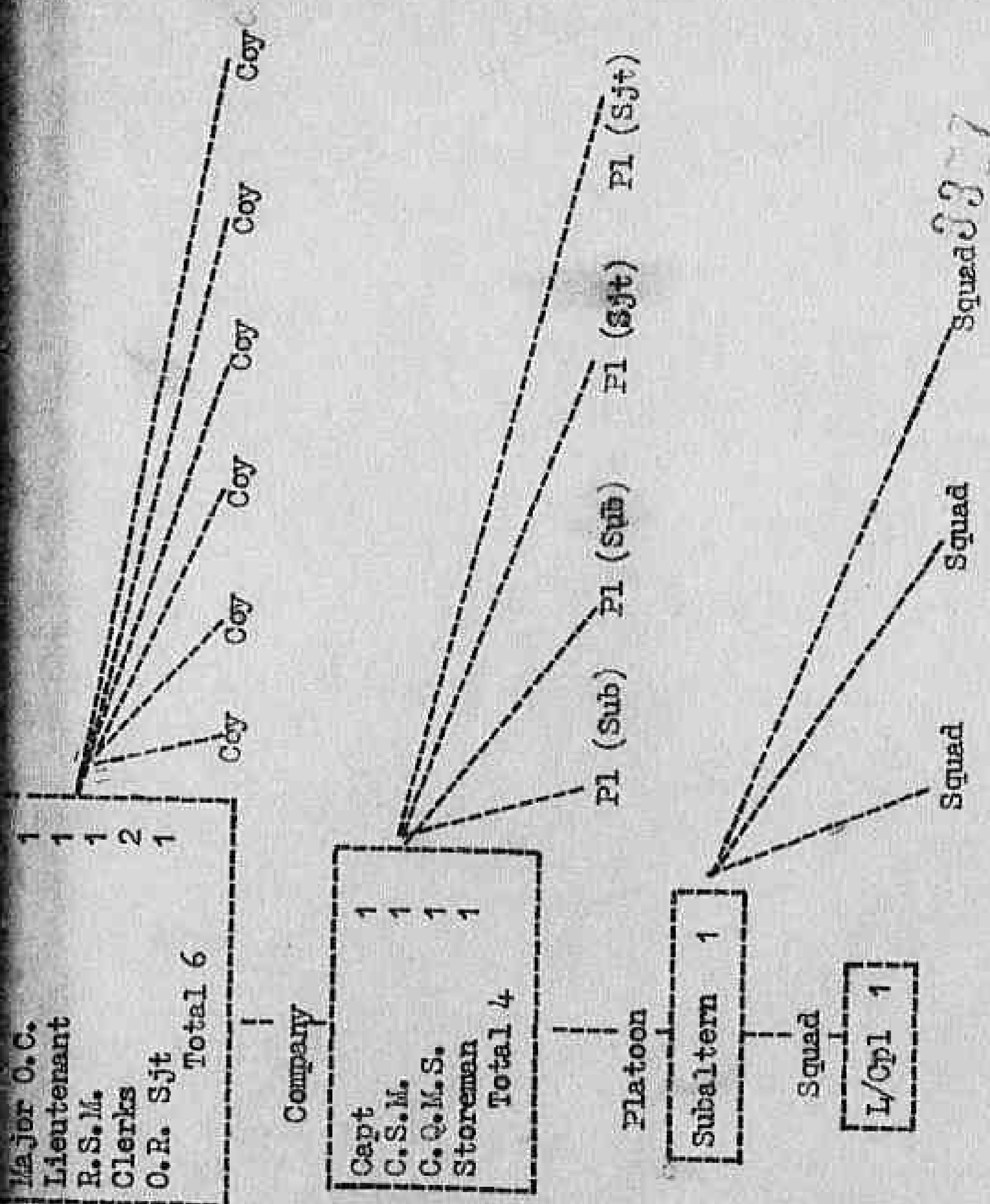
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18 Coys of 250 to
350 each

72 Platoons of
60 to 85 each

216 Squads of
20 to 28 each

Fourth Battalion formed ex Camp personnel when needed.



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ARMY FORM (2136 (Small)

COPY MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 45

Call Sel. No. Priority

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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For Action

DISTHREE EAST

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

FREEDOM ~~Qx42~~ Q 54 AREA DMT AFHQ 353 MU
MMIA

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

QG 2088 (.) RESTRICTED(.) SUBJECT IS BOVINO CAMP (.) PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR
DISPOSAL INCLUDE ALLOCATION PART AS STAGING CAMP AND PART AS STORAGE
FOR 353 MU (.) FURTHER IN VIEW PROBABLE DELAY IN EXPANSION TRANI
BRITI DEPOT TO TAKE 6000 MAY BE DESIRABLE ACCOMMODATE BOVINO NEW
DRIVERS SCHOOL FOR 500 INCLUDED IN TRANI CEILING (.) REQUEST YOU
SUMMON CONFERENCE ALL CONCERNED AND FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS (.)
DISPOSAL BOVINO CAMP (B) EXPANSION TRANI CAMP

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

IF LIKELY TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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SIGNAL

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FROM MMIA

TO A F H Q FOR G-3 ORG (BRIT)

INFO 15 ARMY GP
DISTONE

SD 2127

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

REF MY SD/51 OF 8 JAN (.) REQUEST YOU CANCEL APPX C WHICH WAS APPLICATION FOR
ADDITIONAL LIAISON OFFR ON MMIA WE FOR C R V I E T O BASE DEPCT (.) LIAISON
WITH THIS CAMP IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT

- (A) BY MMIA LO ATT 1 DIST H Q
- (B) VISITS FROM STAFF OF H Q MMIA
- (C) ADEQUATE TELEPHONE (.)

CONSIDER LIAISON OFFR AS ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED IS NOT NOW NECESSARY

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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War Diary (2)

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COPY

FROM: PENSOUTH MMIA LIAISON OFFICER

221251A

TO : DISTONE
56 AREA

INFO: MMIA
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CANCEL MY 8835 OF 21 (.) ARRANGEMENTS IN YOUR Q 11 OF 20 STAND

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHOAB

TO : MMIA

211141A

INFO: DISTONE

(No ref. No.)

YOUR SD 2117 OF 19 (.) ANTICIPATED 60 NCOS AFRAGOLA WILL MOVE TO ORVIETO FOR RFT

DEPOT 21 JAN

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FROM PENSOUTH MMIA LO
TO DISTONE, 56 AREA

INFO MMIA

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Ref your Q11 of 20 not to MMIA (.) 60 FCCs and further detachment 36 NCOs
and 12 men for ORVIETO Camp leaving by other means 22 Jan (.) For 56 AREA (3352)
Please inform 557 BOD

IMPORTANT

EK SD DIST: Action Copy SD/42
SD/51/1, SD/50, Float

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Subject: TRANI Camp.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
AQ/85

2/ Jan 45

To: MMTA LO
54 Area

Ref your LO/2/1SDa dated 14 Jan 45.

1. Para 3(b) Tentage for 2000 men has ^{already} actually been provided.
2. Para 5(a). It is not agreed that the old Mill or the Convent should be closed down. It is probable that the Camp will have to accomodate up to 5000 at various times, thus necessitating the use of this additional accomodation. You should use the 9th Genio Barracks and the tented camp for 4000, reserving the best accomodation offered by the Convent and/or the old Mill, and/or any other accomodation recommended by 54 Area for occasions when the strength rises above this figure.
3. Para 5(b). Agreed.
4. Para 5(c). Agreed.
5. The possibility of moving the Camp from TRANI is not envisaged as possible alternative sites (your Signal AQ/67 dated 18 Jan refers) will probably be required for other purposes.

DSLG/hh

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON Major.
for D.A. & Q.M.G.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 'G'

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SUBJECT: Reorganisation BR-121 Coker Tpt Sigs
Centre (Italian admin staff)

Land Forces Sub Com. A.S.
(M.F.I.S.)
22/24
19 Jan 48

TO : A.S.I.C. (CS Org)

Copy to: 15 Army Group
1 District
War Ministry

1. Further to this A.S. letter 22/24 of 2 Jan 48 and your letter 22 091.711/027 037-0 of 14 Jan.
2. Will you please issue the necessary formation orders for the formation of this unit under supervision of 1 District for inclusion under Category 2 (BR-121) section of this Order of Battle.

J. H. Mansel
Major General Cpt
M.F.I.S.

Internal:
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SUBJECT. Br Cadres for Br-Iti Units.

Land Forces

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

GR/1546/G1(Br)

17 Jan 45

MEMO (For Medical)

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Rm

Reference this HQ letter GR/1546/G1(Br) dated 3 Jan 45, addressed to GHQ 2nd Echelon, copy to you.

Information is requested as to the duties which the Non Medical Officer, RMC, included in the suggested WE of the Br-Iti Rft Depots, will have to perform.



John R. Stummitt
Major General, DAG.,
G-1 (Br).

*G.I. assume supervision
of hygiene*

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FROM NMIA LG 54 AREA

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TO NMIA

INFO SIGS BARLETTA FOR CDONNELL

SD/33

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Ref my LG/2/1SD A of 14 Jan (.) FIRST (.) Convent accn for 500 (.)
SECOND (.) Camp site area could be increased to hold 3,000 (.) Considerable
work required.

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 161730
TO (1) ~~MMIA~~ MMIA
INFO SIGS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
QQX GR-36 BT

SD/33 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF MY LO/2/1/SD A OF 14 JAN (.)

FIRST (.) CONVENT ACCN FOR FIVE HUNDRED (.)

SECOND (.) CAP SITE AREA COULD BE INCREASED TO HOLD
THREE THOUSAND (.) CONSIDERABLE WORK REQUIRED

BT 161730

SENT NR 25 2135A JAP BBB KK

RECD NR 25 2135A J O E B1

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К(7) АДМОН ОН

L. Ref report by Lt.Col Ingledew, under your C/2/1 dated 10 Jan 45.

2. Para 2.

It is agreed that 6000 rfts can be accommodated in ORVETTO if COS S.A. General Hospital is moved. So far as is known, there is no present intention to do this. The danger to nurses of molestation is not considered great.

3. Para 1C.

No shortage of water. The supply is cut off for periods to ensure that the General Hospital gets full requirements. Wastage occurring through lifts leaving taps running.

4- Para 11.

Instructions given to 71 Sub-Area to arrange. Requisition will be an Italian one.

5. Para 13.

Regret this is not possible, owing to the necessity for central control both of allocation of limited quantities available, and of prices. ST will use best endeavours to provide full entitlement.

6. Para 15.

Arranged.

7. Para 16.

Explanation of position forwarded 71 Sub-Area and interested Services.

B. Para 17.

Cannot agree to accept Sicilians in exchange for other personnel, but prepared to accept as rftts posted in normal manner.

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Cannot agree to accept Sicilians in exchange for other personnel, but prepared to accept as rfts posted in normal manner.

9. Para 18.

Accommodation position being investigated. Needs of Div HQ now known. Will inform you of developments. Agree most desirable to have HQ 209 Div more centrally located.

10. Para 21.

(a) Accommodation in ASCOLI - PICENO can be made available now. 61 Area have been instructed to reserve accommodation for 1000.

(b) Accommodation in ORVIETO dependent on numbers of rfts to be accommodated. Vide this HQ message Q 24 dated 2 Jan 45.

(c) Accommodation in PERUGIA, SPOLETO and MACERATA unlikely to be available before April. All required for resting formations. Vide this HQ message Q 24 dated 2 Jan 45.

CMF

Copy to: - 4414-10

for Major General,
Commanding,
No. 1 District.

Subject:- TRANI Camp.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
IO/2/1/SDa
14 Jan 45

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

Ref your SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45.

1. On 12 Jan 45, I visited TRANI Camp, firstly on the urgent question of the breakdown of their lavatory arrangements, secondly, in consultation with Capt. O'DONNELL, to examine what was required to make the camp suitable for use as a BRIT Base Rfts Depot.

2. Immediate action has been taken with 250 Div on the question of the lavatories (IO/2/1/SD dated 14 Jan 45 refers).

Before however detailing recommendations for the improvement of TRANI Camp, it is necessary to give the present lay-out.

3. TRANI Camp is in four parts as follows :-

(a) The barracks of 9 Regt Genio, less the central block of offices, which has been retained by 9 Regt Genio for records etc., and is not required for extension of camp accommodation.

Accommodation, kitchens and hot showers are sufficient for 2000 men. Also two wooden huts for about 50 men each are being erected in the barrack square.

(b) A tented camp, within 100 yards, not at present suitable for winter quarters. Accommodation, kitchens and latrines for 500 men, but capable of extension to hold from 1500 - 2000 men, if tentage is provided.

(c) An old mill, between quarter to half a mile away. This provides covered accommodation for 1000 men, but it is not good accommodation, and with the advent of spring, an open lavatory system within twenty yards of the kitchens will be a source of danger. There is no place to dig latrines, and the present lavatories cannot be made fly-proof.

(d) An old Convent, about half a mile away, which is being

Depot.

2. Immediate action has been taken with 230 Div on the question of the lavatories (IC/2/1/SD dated 14 Jan 45 refers).

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(d) An old Convent, about half a mile away, which is being converted for use, but is not yet ready. Accommodation figures etc are not yet available. — 500 surplus 172

4. From the point of view of discipline, administration and the numbers of personnel available on the camp staff, this dispersion of the camp is not considered satisfactory. Moreover much of the accommodation is unsuitable for permanent use.

Considerable work required

At present

also see folio 172

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5. The following recommendations are therefore made:-
- (a) The old mill and the convent should be closed down as soon as alternative accommodation is available.
- (b) The tented camp site should be properly constructed; drained, with its own latrines, kitchens etc. and tentage be provided to increase accommodation up to 2000. A report of the tentage required will be forwarded later. Further the two wooden huts should be moved here from the barracks, as part of the standing accommodation. The labour could be provided by personnel awaiting movement orders, and the technical advice by the engineer branch of Territorial HQ BARI.
- (c) The present accommodation in the barracks of 9 Regt Genio should be retained.
6. If the above proposals are adopted, the BRITI Base Rfts Depot, TRANI will then be composed of barracks to hold the permanent staff and 2000 rfts, and a tented camp in close proximity to hold a further 2000 rfts and beth adjacent to the Ry Station. Administration and control would be simplified. This would not however cater for 6,000 as ordered in MMIA letter SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45.
7. Please say whether the above recommendations are to be implemented, or whether it is desired that a search be made for an alternative site in another locality.

JGB/jmr

JGB

J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA IO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to:- Capt. O'DONNELL, C/o Sigs BARLETTA

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SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement Depots
BR-ITI, AFRAGOLA, TRANI,
ORVIETO

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/51
11 Jan 45

TO : AFHQ for G3 (Org) 3

1. Herewith as requested by phone 10 Jan, 5 copies each of this HQ letters SD/51 dated 21 Dec 44 and 8 Jan 45.
2. Please note that SD/51 of 8 Jan (seven copies to you) cancels Appendices to SD/51 of 21 Dec.


Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: SD/50

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Subject: Accommodation - ORVITO BR-ITI Depot.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(N. H. I. A.) MCHS
20/92

11 Jan 1946

For: A.S.M. for 1 Unit and 33 Org.

1. It is strongly submitted that HQ 1 District be authorized to increase the size of the ORVITO BR-ITI Depot so that it may efficiently hold a maximum 6000 personnel. This was envisaged in the original plan (SBSI of 31 Dec 1944).
 2. This submission is based on the grounds that there must be one good depot which can turn civilians into soldiers under good conditions.
 3. HQ 3 District is making considerable efforts to make TRANI and MIRACOLA into sound normal BRs Depots. While these depots will be able to take normal BRs and be holding on transit camps for soldiers, these will not be as good buildings etc. as at ORVITO.
- ORVITO has excellent facilities from every point of view for development as a main BRs Centre. The buildings etc. are good and are being made into a first class show.
4. The Italian Government have represented most strongly that the civilian intake, if they are to be made into soldiers of value to the Allied cause, must be given a good start. There is every morale advantage in bringing these civilians into a good depot, a depot with proper buildings, with reasonable facilities for initial training and equipping them properly, and thus giving them a good start as a soldier. This aspect of equipment has been mentioned in my AM/13 of 9 Jan to G/AL.
 5. ORVITO is first class for this purpose and present plans will move to ORVITO the call-up personnel who have not previously been soldiers.
 6. Will you please give your decision as early as possible. 332

YJB/le

P. J. MATHIAS, Colonel.
for Major General,
N. H. I. A.

Copy to: HQ 1 District (2)
HQ 3 District (4)
G/SC MIA

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

MMIA

11 Jan

INFO DISTHREE

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Ref your AQ 2529 and Disthree QG 2720 both dated 8 Jan (.) Policy for provision of accomodation for British Italians laid down in 2554/1/Q(MAINT) of 17th Nov para 3(b) refers particularly in this case (.) If Italian Govt unable to meet its obligations then you must call for assistance para 5(c) refers (.) In this case work must take place amongst other three works (.) For AFRAGOLA Camp Disthree can release necessary stores confirm you can arrange execution of the work.

EK

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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM:- AMHQ SIGNED SACRED

11 JAN

TO: (for action) MCLA

TO: (FOR INFO) DISTHREE

EX 23899 CITE FIELDQ
SECRET (.)

REF YOUR AQ 2529 AND DISTHREE QS 2720 BOTH DATED 8 JAN (.) POLICE FOR
PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR BRITISH ITALIANS LAIN DOWN IN 2554/1/Q (LAIN)
OF 17TH NOV PARA 3(b) REFERS PARTICULARLY IN THIS CASE (.) IF ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO MEET ITS OBLIGATIONS THEN YOU MUST CALL FOR ASSISTANCE
PARA 5(b) REFERS (.) IN THIS CASE WORK MUST TAKE PLACE AMIDST OTHER THREE
WORKS (.) FOR AFRANCIA CAMP DISTHREE CAN RELEASE NECESSARY STORIES CONFIRM
YOU CAN ARRANGE RECOGNITION OF WORK THE WORK

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LAND FORCES HQ-CON. A.C.
(A.M.I.A.)
File No. 0/2/1
10 Jan 45

NOTES ON VISIT OF 1 MIA TO ORVINO BARRACKS
AND 1 DISTRICT 9/10 JAN 45

1. ORVINO Base Depot is catering for 3500/4000 personnel at present under orders AFHQ and MIA will have to write to AFHQ explaining fully why the increase to 6000 is required. AC
2. 1 Dist consider that the increased commitment could be catered for. One possibility would be to move 105 S.A. Gen Hosp where sisters are in grave danger of being selected by the 4000 Italian Call-ups at present in ORVINO Camp. 1 Dist
3. 200 personnel ex ORVINO ETA FORNOSCUONE 12 Jan 1400 " " " 16 Jan
Remainder of personnel to be clear by early Feb. G
4. It is not possible to increase the ration scale although a local arrangement of over-drawing one day and under-drawing the next would probably meet the local conditions of the Camp. Capt. ROYNE
5. A few more cooking utensils are required. Capt. ROYNE with 1 Dist
6. 1 Dist has given priority of work to the repairs of the Camp but these repairs are seriously hampered by the personnel of the Camp who are without discipline. Gen BERARDI included this point in his address to the men. GHI (L)
7. Gen HAZARDAN is most anxious that a small levy shall be made on the present Italian occupants of ORVINO Camp to pay for barracks damages. Will MIA write to 1 Dist on this subject. AC
8. Red arrangements are now satisfactory and Gen BERARDI is enquiring why 6 out of the 7 officers of 91 7d Hosp were all on leave when the Hosp moved up. GHI (L)
9. Clothing is satisfactory except for underclothing which is required. AC
10. Camp reports that more water is required. 1 Dist

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These reports are to be
Italian call-ups at present in OVIVIO Camp.

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8. Med arrangements are now satisfactory and Gen BERARDI is enquiring why 5 out of the 7 officers of 31 Fd Hosp were all on leave when the Hosp moved up.
9. Clothing is satisfactory except for underclothing which is required.
10. Camp reports that more water is required.
11. Gen BERARDI would like a cinema to be requisitioned.
12. There is plenty of space for outdoor instruction of 5500 personnel as at present or 6000 as envisaged.
13. Gen BERARDI enquired if greater facilities could be given for the local purchase of vegetables.
14. Ministry of War will make representations to 1 Dist for welfare through Italian welfare channels.
15. Camp required an additional detail of 5 lorries for 10 to 14 days.

C

Capt.
BOURNE

Capt.
BOURNE with 1 Dist

GII (L)

AQ

GII (L)

AQ

1 Dist
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1 Dist

G

1 Dist

GII (L)

1 Dist

16. The chain of command was explained. The camp is a BS-171 Camp under Col SPADA. This Camp is under HQ 209 Div which is the Italian Adm Div of 1 Dist. Maj TONCINI commands the 1st Cadre.
17. Approx 200 Sicilians who were causing grave political unrest in the camp by holding meetings and plotting the remainder of the personnel will be broken up into small parties and exchanged for a like number of personnel in other Italian Units under command 1 Dist.
18. It would be most beneficial if HQ 209 Div could be moved to a more central position within 1 Dist - say POLIGNO.
19. 1 Dist will investigate necessity for taking over IMMI from 228 Div when latter moves fwd.
20. A good understanding exists between 1 Dist and 217th Army for the calling fwd of personnel from ARBIZO N.E.
21. Explained why Call-up of 1914-24 Class in UMBRIA - MARCH area had been postponed. 1 Dist will inform IMMI as soon as accommodation can be freed.
22. Gen MAYHEW was away on final exercise of FRUIT Op. Just prior to Op move fwd a det of MPs will be posted by 1 Dist to prevent desertion.
23. No difficulty envisaged over Italian Territorial Layout in 1 Dist.
24. Explained G.O.C.'s views on patriots.
25. All 1 Dist Staff are most co-operative and helpful.

Distribution:

G. 1 Dist (2)
 IMMI 10 1 Dist
 G.
 AG
 Spec Sec
 File

Lt. Col.
 G. S.

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SD/42/2 SSA

SECRET

SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement Depots BR-ITI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/56
9 JAN 45

TO : MMIA IO 3 District
" " 8 Army
" " NAPLES
" " 5 Army Br Incr
" " 54 Area
" " 1 District
Sigs Office BARLETTA for O'DONNELL
Italian Rft Depot ORVIETO

1. Copy of AFHQ letter CR/1546/C.1(Br) of 3 Jan 45 is attached at Appendix 'C'.
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3. The Depot will be under comd of the District (Br) in whose area it is, and will be placed directly under the appropriate Adm Div HQ.(BR-ITI)
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INTERNAL:
 Spec Sec,
 A/Q, A,
 Q(AE), ST,
 Med, Mov (2)
 G2L

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

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APPX 147 TO DATA LETTER
SD/56 AUGUST 1955

WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR BASE REPAIR (CR-101)
(applicable to AFRIAGOLA, TRAM AND (MILITARY))

(a) Personnel

DETAIL	OFFRS	NCOs	NEW
Commandant (Lt Col)	1	-	-
Adjutant (Major)	1	-	-
Chaplain	1	-	-
Interpreter	1	-	-
MAIN STAFF			
HC OFFICE	1	2	
Captain			2
Senior NCO			2
CM or Cpl			2
Clerks and typists			3
Orderly			2
Telephone Operators			2
Motorcyclists			2
Bicyclists			2
ADM OFFICE			
Subaltern	1	-	1
Pay Officer	1	-	1
NCOs	-	-	2
Clerks and Typists	-	-	-
HC HQ	2	-	2
HC	-	-	-
CM	-	-	-
Med Orderlies			
Section Section	1	2	
Subaltern			
Section NCOs			2
CM or Cpl (ie cookhouse)			2
Cooks (offrs mess)			2
Officers Mess Waiters			10
Cook's			2
Storeroom			

Incl one Cpl

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ARM STAFF

HQ OFFICE
Captain
Senior NCO
Cpl or Cpl
Clerks and typists
Orderly
Telephone Operators
Motorcyclists
Bicycleists

1
2
2
2
2
3
2
2

ARM OFFICE
Subaltern
Cpl or Cpl
NCOs
Clerks and typists

1
1
1
1
2
1
1
1
2

ARM ROOM
NCO
Cpl

2
1
1
1
2
1
1
1
2

Med Orderlies

Station Section
Subaltern
Cpl or Cpl
Cpl or Cpl (ic cockhouse)
Cooks (offrs Mess)
Officers Mess Waiters
Cook
Storeroom

1
2
2
1
1
1
1
1
2

incl one Cpl

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M T SECTION
M T Sgt
Mechanics
Drivers

1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1

GENERAL DUTY SECTION
NCO i/c
NCO i/c canteen
rest-room
post office

1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1
1

Barbers
Cobbler
Tailors
Carpenters
Bricklayers
Electrician
Water duties

2
2
2
2
2
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1
1
1

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APPX 1.1 TO NPL LETTER (CONTD)
SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45

(a) Personnel (Contd)

DETAIL OFFRS NCOs MEN

ICP SEC

Subaltern
Senior NCO
Cpls

1
1
2
21 13 62

Total Adm Staff

DEPOT BATTALIONS STAFF

Four Bns
Each: Bn HQ and SIX COMS

Bns HQ
Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior NCO
NCO Clerk
CM or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Siderlies
Barron

Total one Bn HQ
Total Three Bn HQ

1
2
4
4
2
4
- provided from rfts in camp

COY HQ

Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adm Cpl (C)
Adm NCO (C)
Storeman (Cpl)
Gen duty men

1
2
2
1
10

Total Coy HQ
Total 18 Coy HQ

provided from rfts in camp
(to include 5 NCOs)

Total Transit Camp

Camp HQ
Three Bn HQ
18 Coy HQ

11 23 60
6 6 36
54 36 100
75 55 200

*of the 210 are found from rfts.

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COY 2 250 recruits
Three Bns have permanent
staff. Fourth Bn formed out
of personnel in camp when
required

provided from rfts in camp
(to include 5 NCOs)

1	2
4	4
2	2
4	4
2	12
6	36

1	1
2	10
3	11
54	198

11	13	52
6	6	36*
54	36	100*
71	55	257*

*of whom 210 are found from rfts,

71	55	77
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3	for HQ office
2	" " "
1	" " "
2	for Tpt
5	" " "

Bns HQ
Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior NCO
NCO Clerk
CM or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Fidovlies
Barron

COY HQ
Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adm Offr (C)
Adm NCO (CM)
Storeman (Cpl)
Gen duty men

Total Coy HQ
Total 18 Coy HQ

Total Transit Camp
Camp HQ
Three Bn HQ
18 Coy HQ

(b) TRANSPORT
Bicycles
Motorcycles
Cars
Trucks 15-cwt 4 X 2
Lorries 3-ton 4 X 2

(c) 61098 to Scale

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APPENDIX 'B' TO MIA

LETTER SD/56 Dated 9 Jan 45

Br Cadre. Base Rft Derot (BR-VTT)(a) PERSONNEL

	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>OR's</u>
Camp Commandant Major	1	
Adjutant Capt	1	
Non medical offr RANC	1	
* Offrs (subaltern)	1	
CMS		1
Sgt		1
Cpl		1
Clerks (1)		1
Patman dvr (1) (incl supervision offrs crossing arrangements)		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

(b) TPT

Cars 5 cwt 4 X 4 or 8 cwt 4 X 2	2
Motorcycle	1

*Notes:- For ORVIETC 15 Army Gp recommend this should be a Capt.
He should be an Italian speaker.

(c) G1098

To scale.

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Appendix "C" to MMIA
letter SD/56 dated
9 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Br Cadres for BR-ITI Units

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/1546/G.I.(Br)

3 Jan 45

CHQ 2nd Echelon
G.I.(B)A9.
Surgeon DMS.

1. There are three BR-ITI rft depots at ORVLETO, AFRAGOLA, and
TRANI.

2. G-3 are in the process of approving the formation of Br Cadres
for each of these depots and subject to approval of NEO the following bodies
will be required (per depot) -

<u>Oftrs</u>	Camp Comdt	Major	1	
	Adjutant	Capt	1	
	Non-Medical Oftr, RAMC		1	
	Interpreter	Lieut	1	
				4 Oftrs
<u>ORs</u>		CQMS	1	
		Sjt	1	
		Cpl	1	
		Pte	1	
	Clerk	Pte	1	
	Batman-dvr			5 ORs

3. It is understood that personnel have already reported to the
Depot at ORVLETO.

4. Will you please take steps to provide remaining personnel, who
should report to HQ Ne 3 District as soon as possible.

G.I.(S)/AG.
Surgeon DMS.

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	Non-Medical Oftr, RAMC		1
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			4 Oftrs
<u>ORs</u>		COMS	1
		Sjt	1
		Cpl	1
	Clerk	Pte	1
	Batman-dvr	Pte	1
			5 ORs

3. It is understood that personnel have already reported to the Depot at ORVLETO.
4. Will you please take steps to provide remaining personnel, who should report to HQ No 3 District as soon as possible.
- Signals SD 2024 from MMLA and A/29 from DISTONE both dated 30 Dec 33

Copy to: MMLA
HQ No 3 District
G-3 (org).

(Sd) T. F. Bayntun
(T. F. BAYNTUN, M.J. DAAG)
for Major General, DAG.
G.I (Br)

AUTHORITY FOR ATTACHMENT.

SHEET No:

Date 9 Jan 45
From G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.
Ref. No: 02E.MP/ATT/ 3556

To: - Reallocation Centre (All Arms)

PART I. AUTHORITY IS GRANTED, subject to the under mentioned conditions, for the attachment of personnel shown in Part IV. to:—

Br.Incr: Italian Rfts Depot. (Report to ORs' Transit Camp, Perugia)

PART II. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL.

- (a) Movement will be arranged by this H.Q.
- (b) *by // (A) // (B) // (C) // (D) // (E) // (F) // (G) // (H) // (I) // (J) // (K) // (L) // (M) // (N) // (O) // (P) // (Q) // (R) // (S) // (T) // (U) // (V) // (W) // (X) // (Y) // (Z) //*
- (c) *on Echelon transport to await unit collection.*
- (d) *Receiving unit will collect personnel from // (A) // (B) // (C) // (D) // (E) // (F) // (G) // (H) // (I) // (J) // (K) // (L) // (M) // (N) // (O) // (P) // (Q) // (R) // (S) // (T) // (U) // (V) // (W) // (X) // (Y) // (Z) //*

(Delete (a) or (b), whichever is not applicable).

PART III. CONDITIONS OF ATTACHMENT.

This AUTHORITY will be subject to:—

- (a) Termination at 24 hrs notice by this H.Q. at any time.
- (b) Return of personnel under unit arrangements.
- (c) Monthly review.
- (d) Date of Review 15 Feb 45
- (e) Under no circumstances will the u/m personnel be absorbed into W.E. without prior authority from this Headquarters.
- (f) All Casualties in respect of the u/m personnel will be published on appropriate A.F.W.3012. Throughout the period of attachment, personnel will be accounted for in Part 'B' of A.F.W.3009.
- (g) On the termination of this Attachment, personnel will be returned to Reallocation Centre and this H.Q. informed.

PART IV.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Arm.	A. S. C. Recommendation	Med. Cat.	Age.	Despatch.	Date of Arrival.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)

6968261 CQMS Lewis, A. R.B. Duties B1

Note:— Column (h) will be completed by the Holding Unit.
Column (i) will be completed by the Receiving Unit.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

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6968261 **CQMS Lewis, A. R.B.**

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Note:— Column (b) will be completed by the Holding Unit.

Column (i) will be completed by the Receiving Unit.

C. M. F.

PART V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF FORM.

- Will be retained by the Holding Unit.
- Will be returned to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (Manpower Section) showing the date on which personnel are despatched.
- Will be sent with Personnel to Unit to which attached, and returned to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (Manpower Section) showing date on which personnel arrived.
- File. SHEET 5. S/Capt. (Mov) 02E. SHEET 6. MIA - your TEM SD. 2024, 30 Dec 44 refer SHEET 7. C-1(Br) AFHQ. SHEET 8. HQ No. 1 District. SHEET 9. Main HQ. A.A.I.
- All correspondence relating to this attachment will quote: 02E/MP/ATT/ SHEET 12. R/3(Inf)
- 15 Army Gp 'A' Branch 1 Dist. SHEET 11. ORs Rest Camp, Perugia. SHEET 12. R/3(Inf)
- P.S.S./DH/150 x 16-44 SHEET 13. Br. Incr. It. Rfts Depot. SHEET 14. S/Capt. 02E, Reallocation Centre - Inform HQ. AAI. ETA by Signal.
- File 46765.

Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

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SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement Depots BR-ITI,
AFRAGOLA, TRANI, ORVIETO

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.S.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/51
JAN 45

TO : A.F.H.Q. (3)
Copy to: 15 Army Gp SD & A (2)
Ministry of War

1. Appxs "A" & "B" this HQ SD/51 of 21 are cancelled.
2. Appxs "A" & "B" att hereto should be substituted.
3. At Appx "C" is proposed W.E. for additional MMIA LO for ORVIETO Base Rft Depot (BR-ITI). This confirms MMIA signal A/Q 2358 of 12 Dec.
4. These establishments are based on the needs of the programme being planned as indicated in MMIA letter TS/G/4 of 1 Jan.

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

INTERNAL:
A/Q
ST
Med
G2L
War Diary (2)

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APPX 'L' TO MEJA LETTER (CONTD)
SD/51 dated 8 Jan 45

(a) Personnel (Contd)

DETAIL	OFFRS	NCOs	MEN
<u>1st SEC</u>			
Subaltern	1		
Senior NCO		1	
Cpls		2	
Total Adm Staff	11	13	63
<u>DEPOT BATTALIONS STAFF</u>			
Four Bns			
Each: Bn HQ and SIX Coy			
Bns HQ			BN = 1500 recruits
Commandant (Major or Capt)	1		Coy = 250 recruits
Subaltern	1		Three Bns have permanent
Senior NCO		1	staff. Fourth Bn formed out
NCO Clerk		1	of personnel in camp when
CM or Cpl Clerk			required.
Clerks		2	
Orderlies		4	
Batman		2	
Total one Bn HQ	2	2	12
Total Three Bn HQ	6	6	36
<u>COY HQ</u>			
Commandant (Capt or Lieut)	1		
Adm Offr (Cpl)	2		
Adm NCO (Cpl)		2	
Storeman (Cpl)			1
Gen duty men			10
Total Coy HQ	3	2	11
Total 18 Coy HQ	54	36	198
<u>Total Transit Camp</u>			
Camp HQ	11	13	63
Three Bn HQ	6	6	36*
18 Coy HQ	54	36	198*
	71	55	287*

*of whom 210 are found from rfts.

provided from rfts in camp
(to include 5 NCCs)

provided from rfts in camp

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Coy 250 recruits
Three Bns have permanent staff. Fourth Bn formed out of personnel in camp when required

provided from rfts in camp

provided from rfts in camp (to include 5 NCOs)

230

Bns HQ
Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior NCO
NCO Clerk
CM or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Orderlies
Batmen

Total one Bn HQ
Total Three Bn HQ

COY HQ
Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adm Offr (Q)
Adm NCO (Q)
Storeman (Cpl)
Gen duty men

Total Coy HQ
Total 18 Coy HQ

Total Transit Camp

Camp HQ
Three Bn HQ
18 Coy HQ

*of whom 210 are found from rfts.

Permanent Staff

(b) TRANSPORT

Bicycles
Motorcycles
Cars
Trucks 15-cwt 4 X 2
Lorries 3-ton 4 X 2

(c) G 1098 to Scale

for HQ office
" " "
for Tpt
" " "

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APPENDIX 'B' TO IMIA
LETTER SC/51 Dated 18 Jan. 45

Br Cadre, Base Rft Depot (BR-700)

(a) PERSONNEL

	<u>OFFRS</u>	<u>OR's</u>
Camp Commandant Major	1	
Adjutant Capt	1	
Non radical offr RAMC	1	
* Offrs (subaltern)	1	
CQMS		1
Sgt		1
Cpl		1
Clerks (1)		1
Batman dvr (1) (incl supervision offr crossing arrangements)		1
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

(b) TPT

Cars 5 cwt 4 X 4 or 8 cwt 4 X 2	2
Motorcycle	1

*Notes:- For ONVIETC 15 Army Gp recommend this should be a Capt.
He should be an Italian speaker.

(c) G1098

To scale.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO MMIA LETTER
SD/51 DATED 8 JAN 45

Addition to NA/241/2 of 15 June 1944.

(a) Personnel

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>OR's</u>	<u>Tot</u>
GSO II (I)	1		
Batman driver		1	

(b) Tpt

Trucks 15 cwt 4 X 4			1
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(c) AFL 1321 to scale plus
G1008 Typewriters

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File List of Betti 26
Base RPT Depots
SD/51

MMIA

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FREEDOM

DISTHREE MFOUSA
DISTHREE FOR MMIALO

R.S.

AQ 2529

RESTRICTED

TO HOLD SIX THOUSAND MEN
FOR Q MAINT (.) SUBJECT IS BR-ITI RFTS DEPOT AT AFRAGOLA (.) CONSIDERABLE
IMPROVEMENTS REPORTED REQUIRED TO MAKE SUITABLE AS BR-ITI DEPOT (.)
UNDERSTAND DISTHREE HAVE RULED THAT WORK SHALL NOT RPT NOT BE DONE BY
BR-ITI 227 DIV ENGINEERS (.) ALTERNATIVE IS TO USE CAMP INMATES AND
ITI-ITI ENGINEERS SUPERVISED BY TERRITORIAL HQ NAPLES BUT DOUBT IF THIS
IS THE MOST EFFICIENT OR CORRECT METHOD (.) RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPOT IS AFHQ (BRITISH ELEMENT) BY AG 091/711/169/GCT/O
OF 16 NOV (.) REQUEST YOU CONFIRM THAT DELEGATION OF THIS BR-ITI DUTY TO
THE ITI-ITI CATEGORY IS AUTHORISED AS NO SUCH USE OF ITI-ITI PERSONNEL
HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR US-ITI INSTALLATIONS AND IN ANY CASE ITI-ITI
PERSONNEL IS NOT AVAILABLE TO ESTABLISH CAMPS WHICH ARE SPECIFICALLY A
NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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Q/In

"G" MMIA
RE MMIA

Important to all.

8 JAN 1945

9/Jan

Franklin

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FROM : LAEE (AFHQ) SIGNED SAC CITE PHGAB
TO : RE - ALLOCATION CENTRE (ALL ARMS)
INFO : DISTHREE. HQ 54 AREA. HQ 56 AREA. M.M.I.A.

REF : FX 80318

RESTRICTED

1. INSTRUCT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS TO REPORT AS SHOWN IN PARA 2 AND 3 BELOW THEY WILL REMAIN ON X(4) LIST PENDING ABSORPTION INTO AN ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT DEPOT (*)
2. W/CAPT A. BELL (74175) RA TO HQ 54 AREA (*)
3. W/LT (T/CAPT) R.P.T. CAVE - BROWN (130326) NORTHANTS TO HQ 56 AREA (*)
4. POSTING OR DER FOLLOWS

SD DIST

A/Q Action

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FLOAT

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SUBJECT:- Br Cadres for BR-ITI Units

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

OR/1546/G-1(BR)

6 Jan 45

GHQ 2nd Echelon
G.I.(B) A.9.
Surgeon, 1943

This HQ letter reference OR/1546/G-1(BR) dated 3 Jan 45
will be amended as follows:-

Para. 1

Personnel for BR-ITI Rft Depot, AFRAGOLA,
will report to HQ 56 Area.

Personnel for BR-ITI Rft Depot, TRANI, will
report to HQ 54 Area.

Copy to: IMIA
HQ No. 3 District
G-3 (Org)

(T.F. BAYFON, MAJOR, D.A.A.G.)
for Major-General,
D.A.G.,
G.I.(B).



S I G N A LFROM MLIA

0613300

TO DISTONEINFO ITALIAN RET DEPOT O R V I E T O
DISTONE FOR MLIA 10SD 2052

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

CRT (.) YOUR Q28 OF 4. (.) REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR A17 OF
 29 DEC (.) CAMP HAS BEEN OPERATING UNDER YOUR COMD SINCE 21 DEC (.) 15 A G
 1605/1000 (SD 1) OF 22 DEC REFERS (.) 91 PD HOSP (ITALIAN) WAS DESPATCHED
 B R I N D I S I 2 JAN TO BECOME CAMP HOSP ATT (.) ONE AMB CAR WAS ATT TO THE
 DEPOT FROM R O M E ON 3 JAN (.) THE HYGIENE SEC ARRIVED O R V I E T O 20 DEC
 IT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY THEY RETURNED TO R O M E THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED BACK
 TO O R V I E T O (.) IN VIEW YOUR PRESENT STATEMENT THAT ITALIAN MED STAFF
 HAS NOT ARRIVED ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO EXPEDITE THE ARRIVAL
 OF THE 2 MEDICAL CFTS 2 MCC'S AND 4 MED CIDENTILIES TO JOIN THE MI ROOM (.)
 TWO (.) DEPOT REQUIRED FOR 6000 (.) UNDERSTAND COCKHOUSES AND COCKING FACILITIES
 INSUFFICIENT FOR PRESENT STRENGTH 2178 (.) 15 ARMY GP PROGRAMME INITIATED IN
 THEIR SIGNAL 4961 OF 8 DEC NOW ENVISAGES ARRIVAL FURTHER 500 IN TWO DAYS
 FURTHER 1700 IN TEN DAYS FURTHER 300 ON 25 JAN (.) CALL-UP PROGRAMME FOR RETS
 REQUIRED FOR BR-ITI SERVICE TPS WILL INVOLVE EXPANSION TO FULL DEPOT CAPACITY
 BY LAST WEEK IN JAN (.) THREE (.) 4 F H Q 4G 091,711/169 OCT 0 OF 16 NOV
 PLIA 18 C REFERS.

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AFHQ FOR G3 CRC G-1 BR MED

SD 2051

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DISTONE'S SIGNAL Q28 OF 4 JAN RE UNSATISFACTORY MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS
O R V I E T O IS NOT UNDERSTOOD (.) O R V I E T O IS BR-ITI DETOT
OPERATING UNDER COMD DISTONE (.) IN REPLY TO MMIA SIGNAL SD 1960 OF 18 DEC
DISTONE SIGNAL A17 DATED 29 DEC STATED QUOTE CONFIRMED ITALIAN STAFF INCL
HYCIRRE SEC ARRIVED O R V I E T O UNQUOTE

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Stanton May

A/C, MED,
SD/50 (2),
SD/12,
FILE: SD/51/1

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C O P Y

SM/511

Original to AQ
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SUBJECT: ERI-ITI rfts depot, ORVIETO

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Com.,
A.C., (MMIA).,
c/o HQ., 1 District.
Ref. LO/G22
5 January 1945

TO : HQ., 209 Division

Reference your CI/5944 of 31 December.

1. I am informed by HQ MMIA that the above rfts depot will be the administrative responsibility of 209 Division. Will you make accordingly all necessary arrangements.
2. The clothing and other personal equipment supplied to these rfts is stored and distributed at the depot itself under the supervision of the Cam Comd't.

(Sgd) BOURNE
Capt.
MMIA., LO. I District.

Copies to: HQ MMIA
Delegazione "T"
C/do Lazio, ROME

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W
B. L. M.

Subject: Medical Arrangements - Orvieto Camp

54/51/1

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MILIA)
ROME

14/1/49
5 Jan 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Mil.

1. Please ensure the following arrangements confirming telephone conversation are carried out immediately.

- (a) The hygiene detachment from Rome which reported to Orvieto on 20th Dec 44., and through some misunderstanding returned to Rome on 2 Jan. 45., will be sent back to Orvieto. An officer will accompany the detachment. All personnel will remain at the camp until relieved by the permanent hygiene section as yet to be formed.
 - (b) Post 2 medical officers, 2 M.C.Os and 4 medical orderlies to form a M.I. Room at the camp, as per the W.E. proposed by S.A.R.E.
 - (c) Send one "Stuffe Gianelli" (disinfector) from Rome at once and replace it from those at present in transit from Sardinia.
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3. Maintenance of medical supplies will be made from Rome using the returning ambulance car as transport.

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W. C. Payne
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AG. (MILIA)

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Copy to: DIS 15 Army Group

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W. C. Haggie
Major,
D.L.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.I.A.)

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Copy to: DLS 15 Army Group
DLS 1 District
MIA IO 1 District

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5 JAN 1945

SUBJECT: BR Cadres for BR-III UnitsLauri L... 230
APPLY C TO MNIA LETTER
SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

GR/1546/2.1 BR

3 Jan 45

GHQ 2nd Echelon.
G.1(B)A9.
Surgeon DMS.1. There are three BR-III rft depots at ORVITO, ASUGOLA, and
IRANI.2. G-3 are in the process of approving the formation of BR Cadres
for each of these depots and subject to approval of HQ the following bodies
will be required (per Depot) -

<u>Offrs</u>	Camp Comdt	Major	1
	Adjutant	Capt	1
	Non-Medical Offr, RMO		1
	Interpreter	Lieut	1
			4 Offrs
<u>CORs</u>		CORs	1
		Sjt	1
		Cpl	1
		Pte	1
	Clerk	Pte	1
	Batman-dvr		1
			5 CORs

3. It is understood that personnel have already reported to the
Depot at ORVITO.4. Will you please take steps to provide remaining personnel, who
should report to HQ No 3 District as soon as possible.Signals SD2024 from HQIA and 1/29 from DISTONE both dated 30 Dec
attached refer.SD/SI/1
7010 39

SD/SI/1 7010 37

JH. Gammeter

(T.P. BAYNTON, Major, DMS.)
for Major General, DMS.
G.1(BR).COPY TO: HQIA
HQ No 3 District
G-3 (ONG).

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FROM :- DISTRICT

IMMEDIATE
Date 04
TOO 2000

To :- ADVIS

info HQIA
copy to :- A MED HQIA LO

Q 23 (.) MED ARRANGEMENTS ORVETO REINFORCEMENT DETECT THOROUGHLY
UNSATISFACTORY (.) NO NOS YET ARRIVED NOR ANY SANITARY DET (.)
REQUEST URGENT ACTION IN HEALTH TTS NOT TO SUMMER (.) ESSENTIAL MED
OPERS AND SANITARY PERSONNEL ARRIVE WITHOUT DELAY

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SUBJECT: Vehicles for Italian Base Rft Depot ORVINTO

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LAND FORCES SUBCOM. A.C.
(M. F. I. A.)
File No. SD/3/1
4 Jan 45

TO : 1 DISTRICT
SMIA LG 1 DISTRICT
O.C. BR CADRE ITALIAN BASE RFT DEPOT ORVINTO

Copy of AFHQ Signal PX 78170 of 2 Jan is forwarded herewith for
info.

Major General
M. F. I. A.

Copy to: SD/50

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

TO 15 Army Gp

INFO NMIA

FX 78170

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NMIA report ORVIETO Depot unable collect further vehicles as arrival
2000 trainees makes use every vehicle in possession essential.

Suggest you investigate and arrange collection as required.

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SD DISTR: SD/51/1, ST, SD/50, Float

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1 dist to
ORVIETO Camp } for info
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FROM: DISTONE

TO : MMIA

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INFO: 15 ARMY GP

SD 2A

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Ref your SD 2026 of 30 Dec (.) Address is as
stated in signal under ref (.) Signals inwards
is teletype ROME AREA - FOLIGNO - then phone
if unclassified or SDR if classified (.) ELS
inwards (.) ROME - TERNI - FOLIGNO thence SDR (.)
Outwards reverse procedure

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SD DIST.: SD/51/1
Addresses File
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FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ for G 3 Org and G 1 (Br) and Mov
MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO MAIN 15 ARMY GROUP
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ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO
PERSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
DISTTHREE FOR MMIA LO
52 AREA FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
ICF RTC CESANO
~~SIGS OFFICE RAVENNA FOR O'DONNELL~~

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SD 2032

ONE 3313

MMIA signal SD 2021 of 29 and MMIA signal SD 2030 of 31 not to all (*) ONE

(*) After despatch of 600 men to COLLE SALIVETTI as detailed in above signals

screening for specialists will commence at REGGIO camp under arrangements

MINISTRY OF WAR (*) TWO (*) The following specialists will be screened

A Farriers B Saddlers C V and R personnel D Ironworkers E MT drivers F MT techs

G Wireless Operators and mechanics H other Sigs personnel J ALPINE K BERSAGLIERI

L GRANATIERI M Engr personnel (*) THREE (*) MINISTRY OF WAR will report

numbers of specialists by trades daily to this HQ for allotment of destinations

(*) FOUR (*) Non specialists are expected to be ready for movement from

REGGIO as follows (*) 5 Jan to CESANO for ICF 100% (*) Period 6 Jan to 14

Jan first 600 to CESANO for ICF second 1500 to ASTRONI for US-IT (*) Period

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PLAIN MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ for G 3 Org and G 1 (Br) and Nov
MINISTRY OF WAR

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ICF RTC CESANO
STG-CHIEF SALVETTI FOR O'DONNELL

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SD 2032

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MMIA signal SD 2021 of 29 and MMIA signal SD 2030 of 31 not to all (*) ONE

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Jan first 600 to CESANO for ICF second 1500 to ASTROM for US-ITI (*) Period

15 Jan to 22 Jan (*) First 1100 to AFRAGOLA for BR-ITI (*) Second 500

to NAPLES for ITI-ITI (*) Third 200 to BARI for ITI-ITI (*) For AFHQ

request you arrange movement

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1 Dist
1 Dist for LO

15 A.G.

SD 2026

Please say what is ELS and signal address for CC Br Cadre Br-ITI Base Rft
Depot ORVETO and through what Sigs Office he should send signal

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SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

TO AFHC G-3 Org & G-1 Br

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

SD 2025

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Ref MMIA letter SD/51 of 21 para 2 (.) Request authority for implementation Br
Cadres at AFRACOLA and TRANI Base Depots (Br-ITI) urgently (.) AFHQ AG 091.7.1/169
GCT-O of 16 Nov para 18 (d)(2) refers (.) Part implementation essential soonest to
ensure proper org and control of drafts after arrival at camp during screening
selection and equipping and for despatch fwd (.) 15 A G A54 of 28 also refers

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FROM DISTONE

TO MMIA

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INFO MAIN 15 Army Gp, AFHQ for G3 Ord and G1 (BR) and M O

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Your SD 2021 of 29 (.) ORVIETO signal address is ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO (.)

Depot sends signals by phone through 9 Mil Prison ORVIETO (.) Any message addressed Italian Rft Depot thru 9 Mil Prison will reach (.) Your para 4 (.)

BR cadre personnel incl ZAMMIT, ROWAN ROBINSON and ORs have arrived.

EK SD DISTR: SD/51/1, AQ, ST, SD/50, Mov, Float

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LRKB V MBZX NR 30/306
FROM DISTONE 301750A
TO MMIA

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INFO :- MAIN 15 ARMY GP : AFHQ FOR G3 ORD AND G1 (BR)
AND M O
COPY TO :- MMIA LO SO
QQY GR 49

A/29 CONFIDENTIAL . YOUR SD 2021 OF 29 . OR VIETO
SIGNAL ADDRESS IS ITALIAN RFT DEPOT OR VIETO
DEPOT SENDS SIGNALS BY W/ PHONE THROUGH 9 MIL PRISON
OR VIETO . ANY MESSAGE ADDRESSED ITALIAN RFT DEPOT
THRU 9 MIL PRISON WILL REACH . YOUR PARA FOUR . BR
CADRE PERSONNEL INCL ZAMMIT , ROWAN
ROBINSON AND ORS HAVE ARRIVED
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FROM MIA

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TO AFHQ G-3 Org & G-1 Br

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

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FROM DISTONE
TO MMIA
INFO 15 ARMY GROUP
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SD 1960 of 18 (.) CONFIRMED ITALIAN STAFF INCL
HYGIENE SEC ARRIVED ORVIETO

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SIGNAL

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TO MAIN 15 ARMY GROUP
AFHQ FOR G3 ORG and G1 Br and MCV

INFO DISTONE
DISTONE FOR MIALO

SD 2021CONFIDENTIAL

ONE (.) ORVIETO BR-ITI Base Rft Depot reports receipt 380 personnel 28 Dec
ex TRANI (.) Awaiting 750 29 Dec (.) TWO (.) Further 500 ex SICILY left
REGGIO 29 Dec due ORVIETO 1 JAN (.) All above for BR-ITI (.) THREE (.)
Next 1000 from SICILY call-up should be routed 400 to ORVIETO 600 to
COLLE SALVETTI as peak tpt rfts (.) FOUR (.) For A (.) None of Br personnel
for Cadre except Comd and Adj have yet arrived (.) Q work becoming heavy (.)
Please expedite remainder personnel (.) FIVE (.) For 1 DIST (.) What is
ORVIETO signal address (.) How does De-ot send signals query

PRECEDENCE

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Copy to: Min of War

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From Please ~~SECRET~~ 21

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 9644/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 28 dic. 1944

OGGETTO: Campo affluenza complementi di Afragola.-

R-enforcement's camp at Afragola

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A

7- SD/SI

Riferimento foglio SD/51 del 25/11/44.-

Il comando della 227^a divisione ha comunicato che il campo in oggetto, per ben funzionare, ha necessità di:

- un nucleo CC.RR. (1 sottufficiale e 19 truppa);
- un nucleo servizi, composto di personale permanente, su:
 - comandante
 - 3 sottufficiali addetti (1 per lo spaccio, 1 per la sala ritrovo, 1 per il servizio postale)
 - 12 militari per servizi vari (2 barbieri, 2 calzalai, 2 sarti, 2 falegnami, 2 muratori, 1 elettricista e 1 idraulico);
 - un ufficiale interprete, un cappellano e un aumento dei conduttori da 8 a 12.-

Data l'importanza del campo di Afragola, si prega l'onorevole M.M.I.A. di voler autorizzare le conseguenti varianti ai relativi vi organici.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

[Signature]

Ref. SD/51 of 25/11/44
you 2
the 227^a div. has
been ordered to function

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Ref SD/51 of 25/11/44

The Commandant of the 227th Division is informed in order to function properly, the above camp needs:-

- a section of CC.RR. (1 NCO + 19 Pts)
 - a Service Section, composed of permanent staff, as follows:-
 . Commandant.
 . 3 NCOs (1 for Canteen, 1 for Rest Room, 1 for Post office)
 . 12 men for various duties (2 barbers, 2 cobbles, 2 Tailors & carpenter, 2 bricklayers, 1 electrician, 1 waterman,
 1 officer interpreter, 1 padre and an increase of drivers from 8 to 12)
- owing to the importance of AFROGOLA camp we beg MMIA to authorize these P.Ts

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO AMEMB
INFO NMIA

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For G 3 Org (.) Ref para first NMIA HQ/51 of 21 Dec
subject BR-ITI Depots (.) FORBIDDEN DEPOT WILL NOT
RPT NOT REQUIRE EXACTLY REGULAR STAFF TO CIVILIAN (.)
PERSONNEL PLANNED AS NUMBER THE ESTABLISHMENT TO
APPROXIMATE 2000 ONLY (.) FOR NMIA (.) REQUEST YOU SUBMIT
REVIEWED ME FOR FORBIDDEN BASED ON ABOVE

HQ/51
HQ/56
HQ/50
HQ/51/1
Flood

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Italian Base Reinforcement Training Depot - ORVIETO

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP *R23/12*

Tel: FILPOT 73

1605/79/G(SD1)

22 Dec 44
28/17

AFHQ (5)

Copy to: 1 District (3)
Land Forces Sub Commission AG (3)
Major TUNGATE - Italian Base Reinforcement
Training Depot - ORVIETO

G (Trg)

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1. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a Report on a visit made by representatives of HQ 15 Army Group on 21 Dec 44 to the Italian Base Reinforcement Training Depot which is being set up at ORVIETO.

2. It is requested that Action be taken where indicated.

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for Commanding General
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Appendix 'A' to
1605/79/G(SDI)
dated 22 Dec 44

Report on a Visit made on 21 Dec 44 to the Italian Base
Reinforcement Training Depot - ORVIETO, by Major SCOTT
and Major MORGAN, G(SD), HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

LOCATION

1. The Depot is located in the former Italian Air Ministry Barracks on the NORTH EAST edge of ORVIETO.

ACCOMMODATION

2. The accommodation consists of large modern barrack buildings and a block of administrative buildings, all in a fair state of repair but very dirty. The buildings are now being cleaned and a party of sappers provided by 281 Works Section RE was at work on essential repairs and structural alterations. There is a shortage of civilian labour for cleaning.

Action: 'Q'

STAFF

3. (a) British

The OC British staff, Major TUNGATE, was at the Depot but none of his staff had arrived at the time of the visit.

Action: 'A'

- (b) Italian

The advance party of the Italian administrative staff had arrived and was moving in. There is a requirement, NOT covered in the WE proposed in MMIA letter SD/51/1 dated 9 Dec 44, for Italian personnel for the clothing stores. It is suggested that 1 sgt and 3 privates would be sufficient for this.

Action: MMIA

STORES

4. With the exception of six SOVER stoves, NO stores had arrived at the Depot. OC stated that accommodation stores, blankets and clothing for 5 000 personnel were on the way but had NOT yet arrived. The air

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STAFF

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Action: MMIA

STORES

4. With the exception of six SOYER stoves, NO stores had arrived at the Depot. OC stated that accommodation stores, blankets and clothing for 5 000 personnel were on the way but had NOT yet arrived. The six SOYER stoves will be just sufficient to cope with the intake of 500 expected on 25 Dec but will not be enough to cook for the additional 1,500 due 31 Dec, and the further 2,000 ex VICENO Div, due approx 7 Jan.

Action: Q(AE) & MMIA

SUPPLIES

5. No difficulties regarding supplies were anticipated by Major TUNGATE who had made the necessary arrangements with 1 District.

TRANSPORT

6. Three 3-tonners had been released. Italian drivers had been sent to collect them.

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STATIONERY

7. OC stated he was in great need of a supply of stationery.
Action: 1 District

TRAINING

8. (a) NO provision has been made, in the proposed VE, for an Italian training staff. This is essential for basic training. It is requested that 3 good Italian NCOs capable of taking charge of a squad of 25 men, be provided pro rata to the number of reinforcements held at the Depot. NCOs from the PICENO Div who are not being used at the Combat Force Depot, would meet the case.
Action: MMIA
- (b) Major TUNGATE asked for the loan of two or three mules and sets of pack saddlery, pointing out that three weeks of basic training consisting mainly of drill and PT will need the introduction of some variety if it is to be made interesting.
Action: ST

G. H. S.
Major, G.S.

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SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement Depots Br-ITI.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/51
21 Dec 44

TO : A.F.H.C. (3)

Copy to: 15th Army Group SD & A.

Ref your G-3 Org A Section file ref 922.2 dated 14 Dec para 13.

1. Attached at Appx "A" is suggested W.E. for the Italian Adm and Trg staff of a Base Reinforcement Depot for BR-ITI troops. This is already implemented at AFRAGOLA and TRANI. It is in the process of implementation at ORVIETO. It is understood that 15 Army Group wish a depot with a similar staff be est at RUSSOMERIE in the immediate future.

2. Attached at Appx "B" is suggested W.E. for the British Cadre at such Depots.

3. The figures have been worked on, on the basis that each Depot should be able if necessary to cater for 5000-6000 reinforcements for BR-ITI service units and be responsible for the reception of such reinforcements from all sources. Reinforcements would be listed or screened and allocated as appropriate within the Depot according to their physical and technical qualifications and according to the reinforcement situation then existing.

Documentation and adm would be carried out in accordance with instructions to be issued by the War Ministry. Reinforcements would be equipped and clothed, trained in basic and technical duties by the War Ministry as necessary and allotted to units in accordance with instructions to be issued.

4. It is proposed to attach a Fd Hosp or infirmerie (Camp Reception Station) to each Camp together with a field hygiene section of 1 officer and 27 OR's.

Copy to: 15th Army Group SD & A.

Ref your G-3 Org A Section file ref 922.2 dated 14 Dec para 13.

Attached at Appx "A" is suggested W.E. for the Italian Adm and Trg staff of a Base Reinforcement Depot for PR-ITI troops. This is already implemented at AFRAGOLA and TRANI. It is in the process of implementation at ORVIETO. It is understood that 15 Army Group wish a depot with a similar staff be est at FOSSOMERONE in the immediate future.

Attached at Appx "B" is suggested W.E. for the British Cadre at such Depots.

The figures have been worked on, on the basis that each Depot should be able if necessary to cater for 5000-6000 reinforcements for PR-ITI service units and be responsible for the reception of such reinforcements from all sources. Reinforcements would be listed or screened and allocated as appropriate within the Depot according to their physical and technical qualifications and according to the reinforcement situation then existing.

Documentation and adm would be carried out in accordance with instructions to be issued by the War Ministry. Reinforcements would be equipped and clothed, trained in basic and technical duties by the War Ministry as necessary and allotted to units in accordance with instructions to be issued.

It is proposed to attach a Fd Hosp or Infirmerie (Camp Reception Station) to each Camp together with a field hygiene section of 1 officer and 27 OR's.

INTERNAL:

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War Diary (2)

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L.M. England
Major General
M.M.I.A.
for

APPX 1A" TO M11A LETTER
SD/AL of 21. Dec 44

Box 2/4 APPX 1A" SD/1 of
FotSantBar/E/TRY c. 1/15

~~EAST-RENT-DIRECT BR-ITL~~
~~ITALIAN STAFF~~

(a) Personnel

PERSONNEL	REMARKS	
	OFFR	NOO MEN
Commandant (Col)	1	-
Adjutant (Major)	1	-
HQ Office	2	-
Officers 1/c (maj or Capt)	2	-
Senior NCO	-	-
C.M. or Cpls	-	-
Clerks and Typists	-	-
Office Runner	-	-
Telephone Operators	-	-
D R (Motorcyclist)	-	-
D R (on bicycle)	-	-
Total	2	13
Adm Office	1	-
Officer 1/c (sub)	1	-
Pay Officer (sub of the corps)	-	-
Adm N.C.Os	2	-
Clerks and Typists	-	-
Total	2	2
M.I. Room	2	-
M.Os (1 Capt or Lieut)	-	-
C.M. or Cpl. Med. Assistant	-	-
Med. Orderlies	2	-
Total	2	6
Ration Section	1	-
O 1/c Rations (Sub)	-	-
Ration NCOs	-	-
C.M. or Cpl 1/c Cookhouse	-	-
Cooks (Offrs Mess)	-	-
Officers' Mess Waiters	-	-
Cooks	-	-
Storemen (of whom 1 Cpl)	-	-
Total	1	17
M.T. Section	-	-
M.T. Sgt	-	-
Mechanics	-	-

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Officers 1/c (maj or Capt)
Senior NCO
C.M. or Cpls
Clerks and Typists
Office Runner
Telephone Operators
D R (Motorcyclist)
D R (on bicycle)

Total

Adm Office
Officer I/c (sub)
Pay Officer (sub of the corps)
Adm N.C.Os
Clerks and Typists

Total

M.I. Room
M.Os (1 Capt or Lieut)
C.M. or Cpl. Med. Assistant
Med. Orderlies

Total

Ration Section
 0 1/c Rations (Sub)
 Ration NCOs
 C.M. or Cpl 1/c Cookhouse
 Cooks (Offrs Mess)
 Officers' Mess Waiters
 Cooks
 Storemen (of whom 1 Cpl)

Total

M.T. Section
M.T Sgt
Mechanics
Drivers

Total

Grand Total

If AFHQ's policy is to equip EX - JTS in Depot a small HQ Sec as follows should be added:-

Officer 1/e (Sub)
Senior NEO
Cpls

Severin
Muelo

25

Four Battalions 1500

En HQ in Charge of 6 Coys
of 250 men each

Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior NCO
Clerk NCO
C.M. or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Office Runner
Batron

Total

Coy HQ

Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adj Officers (Q)
Adj NCOs (Q)
Storemen (Cpl)
G.D. Men (of whom 5 C.M. or Cpl)

Total

(b) Transportation.

Bicycles 2 3 for HQ Office
Motor Cycles 1 2 for HQ Office
Cars 1
Lorries 15/30 cwt 4 X 2 1 2 for Transport
Lorries 3 ton 4 X 2 3 5 for Transport

Note C.M. = Corporal Major (Cpl)
Cpl = Lance Corporal

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Appx "B" to MIA letter
SD/51 dated 21 Dec 44.

Br Cadre, Base Rft Depot (BR-IT)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>OFFERS</u>	<u>OR's</u>
Camp Commandant Major	1	
Adjutant Capt	1	
Non medical offr RMC	1	
* Offrs (subaltern)	1	
CQIS		1
Sgt		1
Cpl		1
Clerks (2)		2
Batman dvr (1) (incl supervision offrs messing arrangements)		2
	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
		3300
Cars 5cwt 4x4 or 8 cwt 4x2		2
Motorcycle		1

TOT

*Notes: For ORVIETO 15 Army Gp recommend this should be a Capt.
He should be an Italian speaker.

c) 41098

To scale

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MMIA

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15 ARMY GROUP

AFHQ

SD 1979

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Ref your SD 1939 of 19 (.) FOSSOMBRONE camp adm staff (Italian) being prepared (.) Give best estimate of date camp due to open (.) WE will be similar to that for ORVIETO (.) Details later

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Important

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ROME AREA

AFHQ

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MMIA ✓

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21 0900

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SECRET X FOR Q(MAINT) X REFERENCE YOUR WA 70567 OF
18 X ROME AREA IS PREPARED TO MAINTAIN BRITISH BASE REINFORCEMENT
DETACH PROVIDED THERE IS NO TRANSPORT COMMITMENT

6/15/58

OK there init.
W/P

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10/26/12

Gen. Brit
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ROUTINE
G-1, BRITISH

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20/12 (2/2)

LRPT V LRAR NR2667
QVR5

FROM HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS) 19.1732A

TO 22E CMF
INFO AFHQ

DISTONE
71 SUB- AREA

MMIA

QGX GR--- BT

A1445 (.) ~~RESTRICTED (.)~~

MY A 1424 OF 8 DEC (.) PLEASE ADD TO ATTACHMENT DEMAND SERIAL 6
COMS 1 FOR BRIT INCR TO ITALIAN ~~RE~~ DEPT TO REPORT OTHER
RANKS TRANSIT CENTRE PERUGIA (.) SIGNAL AVAILABILITY (.)
BT 329.



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15 ARMY GROUP DISTONE
AFHQ G3 Org GI ⁸⁸ ~~1779~~ *
ORVIETO DEPOT then 27 RD PUN CAMP

50/51/1

20 1960

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Ref your A15 of 17 (.) Suggested WE for ORVIETO Base
Rft Depot (BR-ITI) follows (.) Italian staff incl hygiene
sec due to be complete at ORVIETO by 20 Dec DISTONE
please confirm arrival

Routine

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COPY

FROM: MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

TO: NMIA

171730A

INFO: AFHQ G3 Crg G1 BR DISTONE

A 15

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR SD 1919 OF 12 AND CONFIRMING CONVERSATION STANTON
DAWRY (.) YOU WILL INCLUDE IN PROPOSED WE TO BE SUBMITTED THIS
HQ FOR APPROVAL AN INTERPRETER RANK CAPTAIN AND A V CQS (.)
OTHER RANKS FOR BR CADRE DETAILED BY 2ND ECHELON AND EXPECTED
TO REPORT 71 SUB AREA IN NEAR FUTURE (.) CQS ALREADY REQUESTED (.)

WS

SD DIST.: SD/51/1
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DEC 1944

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Subject: Establishment of ORVIETO BR-ITI 3fts Depot - Adm Details.

Land Forces Gno Comm. A-G.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME
AQ/82

16 Dec 44

To: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. In order that ORVIETO Depot may be immediately established, you will make the following arrangements. It is necessary immediately to move the required stores, release notes for which are attached.

2. BARRACK STORES.

The following stores will be moved into ORVIETO and held as barrack stores. Under no circumstances will they be issued to troops.

Item	Quantity	To be taken from Depot at
Paillasses	5000	ROME
Bed Boards (3 boards to 1 bed)	15000	BARI
Bed Trestles (2 trestles to 1 bed)	10000	BARI
Tables barrack	850	BARI
Stools barrack	4000	BARI
Knives (butcher)	25	ROME
Forks (carving)	12	ROME
Tin Openers	6	ROME
Ladles	8	ROME
Cooking Pots 6 gallon	30	ROME

The above are the minimum for immediate needs as regards kitchen equipment. Further items to improve the kitchen equipment will be moved in by you as early as possible.

3. CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT.

The following items will be moved from BR-ITI stocks in BARI and held as shown, or from general stocks. Issues to tps will NOT be made except as directed by the British Officer Commanding the Cadre.

Item.	Quantity	From BR-ITI Depot at
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3. CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT.

The following items will be moved from BR-ITI stocks in BARI and NAPLES as shown, or from general stocks. Issues to tps will NOT be made except as directed by the British Officer Commanding the Cadre.

<u>Item.</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>From BR-ITI Depot at</u>
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101B Battledress, Blouse (Green)	5000	BARI
102B Battledress, Trousers (Green)	5000	BARI
103AB Boots, pairs	5000	BARI
108A Mackinaws	5000	BARI
109A Comforters	5000	ROME
124A Socks, pairs, Light Wool (on scale of 2 pairs per man at present)	10000	NAPLES
127A Drawers Wool		NAPLES
105A Shirts	To be decided later	NAPLES
111A Belts	10000	NAPLES
110A Caps (Green)	5000	NAPLES
Mess Tins		} NAPLES } ROME As decided by Ministry of War do.
Spoons	5000	
Waterboots	5000	
Haversacks	5000	

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Other uncontrolled items such as Stars Regio Esercito, badges of rank, etc., will be added to this list by you as desirable.

4. TPT.

Transport has been provided through British Army channels for the normal working of the Depot after establishment. The movement of initial stores set out in this letter is a War Ministry task.

5. MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

Medical equipment will be provided by you. Separate instructions will be issued to the Direzione Sanita.

6. SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.

Signal equipment and arrangements are being made by HQ 1 District with the O.C. Br Cadre.

7. RATIONS.

Rations will be drawn as directed by HQ 1 District. Details will be issued later.

8. Typewriters and Stationary.

(a) One typewriter will be provided by you from the NAPLES Warehouse. Further typewriters, if required, are being found under arrangements made by HQ 1 District.

(b) An initial stock of stationary will be provided by you. Further specialised items are being found as directed by HQ 1 District.

9. MOVEMENT.

You will make immediate application for the necessary rail facilities. The Depot will operate wef 25 Dec and you are required to produce 50% of all stores by that time and the balance by 31 Dec 44.

10. GUARDS.

Owing to the risk of pilferage you will provide the necessary guards to cover the movement of all stores to ORVETO.

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FJN/hh

Copy to:-
(less Release Notes)

AFHQ for QAE and G-3 Org.
HQ 15 Army Gp.
HQ 1 District for Q
HQ 71 Sub Area
CC Br Cadre ORVIETO (thru OC 26 Fd Punishment Regt)
MMIA LO 64 Area.
MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA LO HQ 1 District

MMIA. SD. X, Q/AE ST Med ORD MOV LO.
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F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Col.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Expansion of Transit Camps

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/51
15 Dec 44

TO : AAI for A BRANCH (attn Lt. Col. GERRETT)

Rt.

Ref conversation at CASERTA 11 Dec, it will be quite possible for 231 Div HQ and 228 Div HQ to expand the transit camps at ARREZZO and IEGI respectively, to accomodate 800 personnel each.


Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: SD/50

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SUBJECT: Transit Camps

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/51
14 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref your letter 9171/ORD of 11 Dec 44.

It is much regretted that transit camps cannot be authorised.

It is suggested that Dist H.Q. CHIETI should house for one night the personnel en route from one location to another. All personnel should be in possession of travel rations.

S.M.B. Lt.-Col
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A/Q

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MESSAGE FORM

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From : MMIA
To : MINISTRY OF WAR
Info : AAI. DISTONE.
Ref : SD 1934

14 1740 A

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Send one officer and twenty other ranks from Italian Hygiene
Section ROME to ORVIETA reinforcement camp (*) Personnel
will report by 19 Dec and remain on temporary duty until relieved
by a Hygiene Section (*) Ministry of War to arrange transport
by road

IMPORTANT TO ALL

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FROM: MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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INFO: DISTONE

AAI

26 FD FUN CAMP pass to CC RFT DEPOT

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SD 1933

Subject Italian Reinforcement Depot ORVIETO

MMIA letter SD/51/1 of 13 Dec refers (.)

Despatch adv party on 15 Dec to ORVIETO to
report to Comando Distretto on arrival (.)

Party should consist of 3 officers and 23

ORs and must be self contained in all respects
including transport

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE TO ALL

INTERNAL DIST.:

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FROM DISTONE

To: NMIA

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IMMEDIATE

INFO MAIN AAI - 26 FD FUN CAMP (PASS OC RPT DEPOT)

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SUBJECT IS IT RET CAMP. FIRST. REQUEST DESPATCH ADV PARTY IT
PERSONNEL TO KVM EARLIEST REPORTING COMMANDO DISCREETLY ON ARRIVAL.
SECOND. ACCOMMODATION STORES. CONFIRMING CONVERSATION NOAKES - COULD
YOU WILL DEMAND ON AFHQ

Internal Dist. *by "AQ"*

Copy - AQ } ACTION
GSD }

ST. } INFO.
Medical }

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*Signal War this immediate
copy picture + NMIALO*

See below

ORVIE TO 3287

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SUBJECT: BR-III Depot, CIVIETO.Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)SD/51/1
13 Dec 44MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy to: AFHQ G-3 Org, 3 DIST
AAI SD AQ, UNIA LO 3 DIST
1 Dist, UNIA LO NAPLES
UNIA LO 1 Dist, UNIA 54 AREA
71 Sub Area for Maj. TUNGATE
Italian Rpt Depot CIVIETO.

Further to this HQ SD/51/1 of 9 Dec subject as above.

1. Major TUNGATE has been appointed C.C. Br Cadra at the above training Depot and will join 1 District from M.M.I.A. on 13 Dec.
2. The Depot is being formed by A.A.I. under the supervision of 1 District.
3. In addition to the staff proposed in S.M.R.B. letter 8582 (Ord) of 20 Nov - see Appendix A to M.M.I.A. above quoted letter - you should arrange for a hygiene section of one officer and 30 OR's to be attached to the Depot. Recommend your nomination soonest.
4. Please report state of readiness of the Depot Staff (Italian) and the advance party. The latter must be self-contained.

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L.M. Ingledew.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL: A/Q
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MMIA

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AAI Attention SD A & Q

DISTONE, DISTONE MMIA LO?
71 Sub Area, AFHQ G3 org. G1 Br

SD 1919

RESTRICTED

Ref AAI 1605/79/G(SM) of 09 (.) First (.) Maj TUNGATE RAC O.C. Br Cadre
AAI BRITH Base Rgt Depot ORVIRTO will arrive Bq Distone afternoon 13 Dec
accompanied by Col (Italian) Depot Comd and Italian L.O. interpreter (.)
Second (.) MMIA LO will discuss administrative arrangements including
tpt with Q Distone morning 15 (.) Third (.) 09 Br Cadre requests addition
GQMS to proposed cadre WE (.) In view remarks Appx A MMIA SD/51/1 of 09
This is recommended (.) Fourth (.) Have other members Br cadre arrived 71
Sub Area

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IMMEDIATE

A/Q
S.T.
SD/51/1
Maj Tungate

Stam E urgent.

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REFER FREEDOM SIGNAL PX 65338 OF 8 DEC (.) PLEASE ADVISE L.P.A.

T/MAJOR TUNGATE (.) URGENTLY REQUIRED HERE

*Arrived per 12
West Dist arr 13*

~~3 DEC 1944~~

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Importance

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Attn: Capt.

SD/51/1

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PRISON

AAI MAIN

AQ 2358

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REF AAI SIGNAL A-961 OF 8 DEC (.) REPORT MMIA LIAISON ESTABLISHMENT
 IS STRAINED TO MAX CAPACITY OWING PROVISION LOG TO GRUPPI AND TO
 TARANTO AND TRANI BASE CAMPS (.) CONSIDER LO SHOULD BE APPOINTED
 TO ORVIETO (.) IF YOU AGREE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INITIATING
 FOLLOWING ADDITION TO HA/241/2 (.) GIL(L) ONE BATMAN DRIVER ONE
 IS CNT VEM ONE

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*61. To this depot should deal
 with 5000 Italians every
 3 weeks and our LO will
 have to keep enough supply
 however Cof. WE stops
 What question in our behalf
 in addition to keeping
 important
 as in the picture I would
 have suggested a clerk to typewriter.*

SD 5A/1
14 DEC 1944
SD 5A/1

Copy - R.
*Comp. still
 must be
 kept and
 the figures*
R 13/11
14 DEC

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MMIA

MIN OF WAR. AFHQ for GB Org & Mov. ARI for GB & A

R/R

FANBOUTH for MMIA LO. 54 AREA for
MMIA LO. DISTONE for MMIA LO. DISTONE

SD 1908

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref MMIA letter 21/31/2 of 9 Dec (.) Subject ~~MIN OF WAR~~
reinforcements Dept. ORVISTO (.) FIRST (.) It is
confirmed that you should screen personnel at AFRAGOLA
and TRANI for Camp staff and that 107 office personnel
at TRANI at your disposal (.) 53 of these move to 2
Camp Sanita BARI on 13 Dec (.) SECOND (.) The intake of
500 due about 25 Dec are scheduled to arrive ex ABRUZZI
Call-up via TRANI (.) THIRD (.) The intake of 1500 due
about 31 Dec are scheduled to arrive via AFRAGOLA ex
SICILY Call-up (.) An amendment to MMIA letter SD/49
para 4 and 5 allotment and move of recruits from SICILY
Call-up follows

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MMIA

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DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

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YOUR LETTER 146Q OF 7 DEC (.) ASSUME YOU REFER TO BRITI RPT BRITI
RPTS DEPOTS AT TRANI AND AFRAGOLA COMMA IF SO DO NOT RPT NOT AGREE
YOUR LETTER (.) SUGGEST DESIRABLE DEFER DISCUSSION UNTIL AFTER AFHQ
CONFERENCE ELEVEN DEC WHICH WILL COVER THE POLICY OF COMD COMMA
TRAINING STAFF AND BRITISH SUPERVISORY STAFF OF BRITI RPTS DEPOTS

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*Refers to Afragola and Trans adm
will be continued after conf 11/12*

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ADMG

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FROM ~~AFHQ~~ SIGNED SAC ITE FHGCT

TO ~~AAI~~ info ~~MAHA~~

FX 64649

Distn :- SD/56
SI/50
AQ
G/L G/2/1 Float
SECRET 13

MORGAN-GRAHAM spoke (.) Subject reinforcement and training Italian Army (.)
Conference will be held AFHQ on Monday 11 Dec at 1030 hrs (.) Agenda sent by
letter includes following subjects (.) Employment of ITI-ITI US-ITI and BR-ITI
adm HQ in feeding, clothing and documentation of recruits (.) Formation and
locations of Rft Trg Depots transit and enlistment camps (.) Policy for
formation and location of training schools (.) Availability of clothing and
equipment including reports on stocks currently held (.) Movements by road
and rail (.) You are requested to send representative or representatives
authorised to agree policy on number and siting of camps in AAI Area and
extent of Allied Adm assistance to be given to Italian Army by AAI
ek DISTR MMIA-G (2), AQ, FLOAT

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SD/51/1

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED & LOED CITE FHGAB

TO: MAIN HQ AAI

INFO: DISTONE - MMIA - HQ RAAC - 71 SUB AREA

RESTRICTED

R 10/12

FX 65875

YOUR A 1404 DATED 6 DEC (.) (1) W/CAPT (T/MAJOR) TUNGATE (162493)
R A C AND W/LT (T/CAPT) C R K ROWAN ROBINSON (200400) GORDONS BEING
DESPATCHED TO YOU URGENTLY FOR BRITISH INCREMENT TO ITALIAN RFT DEPOT (.)

(2) EVERY ENDEAVOUR BEING MADE TO OBTAIN SUITABLE INTERPRETER (.)

(3) O2E HAVE BEEN CONTACTED WITH REGARD ORS REQUIRED

Spoke HRT
copying no action
12/12

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGAB

TO : MOUNTAIN SCHOOL CMF

091849A

INFO: MAIN HQ AAI - DISTONE - MMIA - HQ RAAC - 71 SUB AREA

FX 65874

RESTRICTED

- 1) W/LT (T/CAPT) C R K ROWAN - ROBINSON (200400) GORDONS
RETURNING TO YOU MONDAY 11 DEC 44 (.)
- 2) ON ARRIVAL DESPATCH IMMEDIATELY TO TRANSIT HOTEL PERUGIA
TO REPORT HQ 71 SUB AREA (.)
- 3) HE WILL BE POSTED TO X (4) LIST RETAINING TEMPORARY UNDER
TERMS GRC 706/44 AND ATTACHED MMIA PENDING ABSORPTION IN AN
ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT DEPOT ON FORMATION (.)
- 4) TREAT AS MOST URGENT AND ADVISE ALL CONCERNED HIS E T A
- 5) SUITABLE REPLACEMENT AS ADJUTANT TO YOUR SCHOOL WILL BE
SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

[Handwritten signature]
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SECRET

SUBJECT: BRITISH Depot, ORVETO.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/51/1
9 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: AFHQ G 3 CTR, 3 DIST
AAI ED AQ, 10 3 DIST
1 Dist, MMIA LO MAPLES
MMIA LO 1 Dist, MMIA 54 AREA

1. It has been decided that a Depot for BRITISH in the AAI area shall be established at ORVETO.
2. This Depot is required to be ready to receive the first draft on or shortly after 25 December, and AAI are arranging for the accommodation at ORVETO to be prepared as soon as possible.
3. The first draft will, it is expected, be one of 500, ex the ABRUZZI call-up. This draft is being earmarked for new Pack Trg Coys required by AAI. It will be followed by a draft of 1500 ex SICILY call-up at the end of December earmarked for the same purpose. The intention is that these personnel shall undergo approximately 3 weeks basic and part specialist trg at this depot, and that they shall move about the middle of January to a Specialist Trg Centre for the fnn and Trg of new male units which is to be established at FOSSOMBRONE where they will receive specialist instruction. This instruction at FOSSOMBRONE will be an Allied responsibility with the assistance of an Italian instructor. The Depot at FOSSOMBRONE will be the subject of another letter.
4. Initially therefore the Depot at ORVETO must be established and ready to accept 500 men by 25 December and a further 1500 by 31 December.
5. The Depot will have a small British Cadre totalling about 10 All Banks. A Rep of this party will be ready to move in 2/3 days time.

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1 Dist, NAPLES LO AREA
NAPLES LO 1 Dist, AREA 54

1. It has been decided that a Depot for ELIOT is the AM area shall be established at ORWILLO.

2. This Depot is required to be ready to receive the first draft on or shortly after 25 December, and AAI are arranging for the accommodation at CHIETO to be prepared as soon as possible.

3. The first draft will, it is expected, be one of 500, ex the ABRUZZI call-up. This draft is being earmarked for new Pack Trg Coys required by AMI. It will be followed by a draft of 1500 ex SICILY call-up at the end of December earmarked for the same purpose. The intention is that these personnel shall undergo approximately 3 weeks basic and part specialist trg at this depot, and that they shall move about the middle of January to a Specialist Trg Centre for the fm and Trg of new mobile units which is to be established at POSSOMBRONE where they will receive specialist instruction. This instruction at POSSOMBRONE will be an Allied responsibility with the assistance of an Italian instructor. The Depot at POSSOMBRONE will be the subject of another letter.

4. Initially therefore the Depot at ONVLETO must be established and ready to accept 500 men by 25 December and a further 1500 by 31 December.

5. The Depot will leave a small British Cadre totalling about 10 All Ranks. A Pop of this party will be ready to move in 2/3 days time.

620 Nov is set out at Appx "A". You are requested to suggest any modifications in view of the information above. The adm Staff should be collected now. You should also arrange for a responsible English speaking officer to move with the Rep of the British Cadre and an adv party to follow escort.

8. All instructions will be issued separately.

INTERNAL: A/Q

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War Diary (2) 4 spare copies for GI

Spare (2)

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MINGATE, L. A. C.

Major General
M. M. T. A.

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APPX "A" TO MMLA LETTER
SD/3, 1, OF DNO 44

SECRET

PERSONNEL		REMARKS
Base Ret Depot HQ		
Commandant (Col)	1	-
Adjutant (Major)	1	-
	2	-
HC Office		
Officers i/c (Maj or Capt)	2	-
Senior NCO	-	-
C.M. or Cpls	-	2
Clerks and Typists	-	2
Office Runner	-	2
Telephone Operators	-	3
D R (Motorcyclist)	-	2
D R (on bicycle)	-	2
Total	2	2 13
Adm Office		
Officer i/c (sub)	1	-
Pay Officer (sub of the corps)	1	-
Adm N.C.Os	-	2
Clerks and Typists	-	2
Total	2	2 2
M.I. Room		
M.Os (1 Capt or Lieut)	2	-
C.M. or Cpl. Mod. Assistant	-	2
Mod. Orderlies	-	4
Total	2	6
Ration Section		
O i/c Rations (Sub)	1	-
Ration NCOs	-	2
C.M. or Cpl i/c Cookhouse	-	2
Cooks (Offrs Mess)	-	1
Officers' Mess Waiters	-	2
Cooks	-	10
Storeman (of whom 1 Cpl)	-	2
Total	1	2 17
M.T. Section		
M.T. Sgt	-	1
Drivers	-	5
Mechanics	-	1
Total	-	7

It is anticipated that eventually the Depot will cater for some 5000 - 6000 reinforcements for UK-SW Service Units, and that it will be responsible for their reception from all sources. They will be tested and allocated as appropriate within the Depot according to their physical or technical qualifications. Documentation and admin will be carried out in accordance with instructions to be issued by you. The reinforcements will be equipped and clothed, trained in basic and technical duties by you as necessary and allotted to units in accordance with instructions to be issued from time to time by Allied Authority.

You are requested to consider whether in these circumstances some additional GH staff would not be required.

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the report to be made in accordance with the instructions to be issued by you. The reinforcements will be equipped and clothed, trained in basic and technical duties by you as necessary and allotted to units in accordance with instructions to be issued from time to time by Allied Authority.

You are requested to consider whether in these circumstances some additional QM staff would not be required.

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	2	2	12
D R (on bicycle)	2	2	12
Adm. Officer	1	-	-
Officer i/c (sub)	1	-	-
Pay Officer (sub of the corps)	-	2	-
Adm N.C.O.s	-	-	2
Clerks and Typists	2	2	2
Total	2	2	6
M.I. Room	2	-	-
M.O.s (1 Capt or Lieut)	-	-	2
C.M. or Cpl. Med. Assistant	-	-	4
Med. Orderlies	2	-	6
Total	1	2	17
Ration Section	-	-	-
O i/c Rations (Sub)	-	2	2
Ration NCOs	-	-	1
C.M. or Cpl i/c Cookhouse	-	-	2
Cooks (Offrs Mess)	-	-	10
Officers' Mess Waiters	-	-	2
Cooks	-	-	17
Storeman (of whom 1 Cpl)	1	2	17
Total	-	1	5
M.T. Section	-	-	1
M.T. Sgt	-	-	1
Drivers	-	-	1
Mechanics	-	-	1
Drivers	-	-	1
Total	9	8	41
Grand Total			

Four Battalions

Bn HQ in Charge of 6 Coys
of 250 men each

Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior NCO
Clerk NCO
C.M. or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Office Runner
Batman

Coy HQ

Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adm Officers
Adm NCOs
Storemen (Cpl)
C.D. Men (of whom 5 C.M. or Cpl)

Total

Total

(b) Stores

Bicycles

Motor Cycles

Cars

Light Lorries

Heavy Lorries

Typewriters

Camp Telephone

Telephone Cable (Inf.)

Med. Boxes

Med. Packs

Stretchers

3 for HQ Office

2 for HQ Office

1 for Transport

2 for Transport

5 for Transport

3 (2 for HQ 1 for Adm Office)

10 for HQ Office

2000 metres for HQ Office

1 for M I Room

1 for M I Room

2 for M I Room

Note C.M. = Corporal Major (Cpl)
Cpl = Lance Corporal

PERSONNEL

REMARKS

OFFERS NCOs MEN

1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
-	1	-	-
-	1	-	-
-	-	2	-
-	-	4	-
-	-	2	-
-	-	4	-
-	-	2	-
-	-	4	-
2	2	2	12

Provided as reinforcements
in Camp.

1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
-	2	-	-
-	-	1	-
-	-	10	-
3	2	2	11

Provided as reinforcements
in Camp

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MMIA

MAIN AAI

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3.
Ref your A-961 of 8 Dec (*) Regret MMIA Liaison establishment
is strained to maximum capacity owing to provision LO's to GRUPPI
and to TARANTO and TRANI Base Camps (*) Consider LO should be
appointed to CRVIETO (*) If you agree would appreciate initiating
following addition to NA/241/2 (*) G11(L) one batman driver one
15cwt vehicle one

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED S.P.A. C.H.

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From: MAIN AAI

TO DIS ONE ROMA

Info AFHQ

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Ref.No.A.961

REF MY Q.2244 OF 1st. 1. ITALIAN RPT DEPOT AT ORVETO WILL BE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE INTAKE 500 APPROX 25th DEC AND FURTHER 6500 (2500) APPROX 31st DEC (.) 2. AM ARRANGING FOR ONE OFFICER OF BRITISH SUPERVISORY STAFF TO REPORT ROMA EARLIEST FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS THEREAFTER REPORTING HQ 71 SUB AREA. 3. REQUEST ROMA ARRANGE FOR RESPONSIBLE ENGLISH SPEAKING OFFICER OF ITALIAN DEPOT STAFF TO ACCOMPANY. 4. AM ARRANGING FOR REMAINDER OF BRITISH SUPERVISORY STAFF TO REPORT TRANSIT CENTER PERUGIA EARLIEST. STRENGTH FOUR OFFICERS SIX ORS. 5. AS AGREED ON VISIT G2 ROMA TO FILIPOT ROMA AM ARRANGING TO HAVE ADVANCE AND MAIN PARTIES ITALIAN STAFF AVAILABLE EARLIEST. STRENGTH ADV PARTY APPROX 25 ALL RANKS TO INC DRIVERS COOKS AND ADMIN STAFF. MAIN PARTY STRENGTH APPROX 40. 6. AS SOON AS PERSONNEL CAN BE ACCEPTED AT ORVETO DISTONE WILL (A) ARRANGE MOVE BRITISH PERSONNEL AT FOURTH ABOVE (B) CALL FWD ITALIAN PERSONNEL AT FIFTH ABOVE FROM ROMA RPTD AAI. 7. CONSIDERED FOLLOWING TPT MINIMUM NECESSARY. FOR BRITISH STAFF TWO CARS TWO BEATER OR JEEPS. FOR ADMIN OF DEPOT ONE 15 ONE FIVE 3 TOWERS Q(AK) THIS HQ ARRANGING RELEASE TO DISTONE AS AVAILABLE. 8. ALSO REQUEST ARRANGE PROVIDE NECESSARY ACCOMMODATION STORES ETC REQUIREMENTS DEPOT STAFF AND FOR INTAKES. 9. MUST STRESS URGENCY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS DEPOT AS GOING CONCERN AS FORMATION ADDITIONAL PACK TPT COYS WILL BE SERIOUSLY PREJUDICED IF INTAKE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS PLANNED

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of old W/M.
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warmed*

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FIRST (.) Required to form British incrc to ITALINA rft dep ORVIETO
most urgently (.) W.E. being submitted to AFHQ earliest (.) SECOND FOR
AFHQ (.) Ref conversation ELLIS-PIGOTT (.) Please attach following
offrs to BR Incr to ITALINA Rft Dep ORVIETO pending W.E.(.) Major 1 to
report to Major STANTON MMIA ROME (.) Capt 1 Lieut or Capt interpreter
1 to proceed to TRANSIT HOTEL PERUGIA and report HQ 71 sub Area (.)
All urgent especially major (.) Signal ETA (.) THIRD (.) For O2 E (.)
Attachment demand serial 6 begins (.) Please attach following ORs to Br
Incr to ITALINA Rft Depot ORVIETO pending WE (.) Sgd Gd 1 Cpl Gd 1
1 Lerks 2 Dvr Batmen 2 total 6 (.) To report to other ranks transit
centre PERUGIA (.) All urgent (.) Signal availabilities and ETA.

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By 10/12
A/Q further up we
for 10/12 (A/Q).

and ETA.

Tungate Cpl
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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGAB

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TO RACTD

INFO MMIA, HQ RAAC

FX 65338

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R 9/12

1. Despatch immediately W/Capt (T/Major) TUNGATE (172493) R.A.C. to report Major STANTON MMIA ROME Area Allied Command ROME.
2. He will be attached to MMIA pending absorption as commandant retaining temporary rank on the formation of an Italian Rft Depot.
3. Treat as most urgent.

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Base Rft Depot

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FROM NMIA LO 54 AREA

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TO NMIA

ST/423

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Ref your Phone call STANTON/FREELAND (.) The following 3 ton G S Class 5 vehicles are earmarked for TRANI Camp at 409 R V P awaiting your decision (.)

4 x 4 Ford

4626513 1267864 4513582 4720266

4713919 r x 2 Ford 5225524 45323679

4 x 4 Chev 4726729 4721355 4974726 4519109

4 x 2 Dodge 5226076 5226901

6 x 4 Austin 98704 4 x 2 Austin

4675928 4 x 4 Commer

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NMIA Dist: G (2)

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACM CITE FHGDQ

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TO DISTHREE

INFO MAIN AAI, MMIA

FX 61030

R E S T R I C T E D

Accommodation for ABRUZZI call-up and Briti rft Depots is
subject (.). As agreed with MMIA ABRUZZI call-up will be
accommodated at TERAMO AQUILA CHIETI SULMONA (.). BRITI
Rft Depots are at present AFRAGOLA and TRANI (.). Understand
additional depot FOSSOMBRONE will be established later AAI
Q1821 of 26 Nov refers.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

Original AQ

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DATE STAMP

FROM
(A)

AFHQ

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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For Action

MAIN AAI

DISTHREE

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

FX 60006 (.)

Accommodation for Abruzzi Call up is subject (.) Signed Sacred

cite FHGDQ (.) AAI cable Q 1821 of 26 Nov and MMIA cable AQ 2269

of same date have crossed FX 58878 of 27 Nov not to AAI (.) to

clarify position is that ABRUZZI Call up will be accommodated

in barracks at TRANI

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

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

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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Time

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Time cleared

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

28/11/51 A

From: MMIA

To: FREEDOM

Rpt: DISTONE DISTHREE DISTHREE EAST MAIN AAI

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AQ 2269

FOR Q MAINT (.) ACCOMMODATION FOR ITALIAN ARMY CALL UP AND RPTS DEPOTS ARE
AS FOLLOWS (.) FOR ABRUZZI CALL UP DURING 1/25 DEC (.) SUB CALL UP DEPOTS
WILL BE ITALIAN ARMY BARRACKS IN AQUILA TERAMO CHIETI AND SULMONA (.) CHIETI
IS SUBJECT SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH DISTHREE (.) REQUIRED NOW IS BR-ITI BASE
DEPOT TO HOLD APPROX FIVE THOUSAND MEN WHO WILL BE COLLECTED FROM SUB CALL UP
DEPOTS (.) FOR MAIN AAI (.) BY AQ/12/2 OF 7 NOV REFERS ALSO YOUR 3030/34/02
OF 24 NOV AND DISTONE Q8 OF 25 NOV

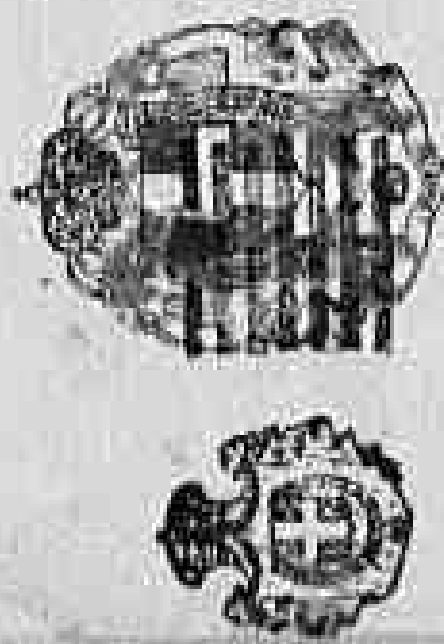
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. No. 305457/1/C. App.
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Reparto al f. d. l.

Roma, 30 novembre 1944

Dir. Sec. 12

Oggetto: Campo affluenza di Afragola -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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Qu. 1/2

Riferimento SD/1810, data 17 corr., di codesta L.F.S.C.

A.C. -

E' stato disposto che il campo affluenza di Afragola passi, dal 1° dicembre p.v., alle dipendenze della 227° divisione che concorderà con 3° District organico e funzionamento del campo stesso.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO ALLA GUERRA

132 - G. d. l. n.

Ref. Letter SD/1810 dated 17 inst. from 30 Nov 44
that the receiving Camp.

Riferimento SD/1810, data 17 corr., di codesta L.F.S.C.

A.C. -

E' stato disposto che il campo affluenza di Afragola
passi, dal 1° dicembre p.v., alle dipendenze della 227° divi-
sione che concorderà con 3° District organico e funzionamento
del campo stesso.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO ALLA GUERRA

132 - G. Galli

Ref. Letter SD/1810 dated 17 inst. from 3° District

It has been arranged that the receiving Camps
of AFRAGOLA will be passed over to the 227 Div
as from the 1st of December, which will arrange with
the 3 District for Organisation an ~~function~~ of
said Camps.

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FROM LAE SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGDQ
TO DISTHREE
INFO MIA
F 58878

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REFERENCE CONVERSATION CHRISTIE WHISTON (.) CONFIRM ABRUZZI
CALL UP BEING ACCOMMODATED BARRACKS TRANI

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FROM LAEE 271443A
TO DISTHREE
INFO: MMIA
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WHISTON (.) CONFIRM ABRUZZI CALL UP BEING ACCOMMODATED BARRACKS TEAM
BT 271448A

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RECD NR 24 171311A J O E BB

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FROM MAIN AAI
ACTION TO AFHQ
INFO TO DISTONE DISTHREE MMIA
Q 1821

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FOR Q MAINT (.) REQUIRE ACCN FOR ITALIAN ARMY RFT CENTRE FOR
ABRUZZI CALL UP (.) HOPE EVENTUALLY TO ESTABLISH THIS IN
FOSSOBONE BUT AT PRESENT FULLY OCCUPIED (.) CAN YOU HELP
AT CHIETI OR TERNAMO (.) IF SO REQUEST YOU ARRANGE DETAILS
DIRECT MMIA

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Reinforcement Base Depots (BI-ITI & US-ITI)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/51
21 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Ref your 6583/Ord of 20 Nov.
2. Authority is given for the formation temporarily of the Camps specified in my letter SD/51 of 6 Nov on the WH/IO's set out in the tables attached to your above quoted letter.
3. Please issue the necessary orders implementing this in the case of the first two camps, AVRAGOLA and TRANI, and notify completion to me.

L. J. MacGillivray
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FIS for MMIA LO
THREE DISTRICT

INT. DIST: A/Q
S.T.

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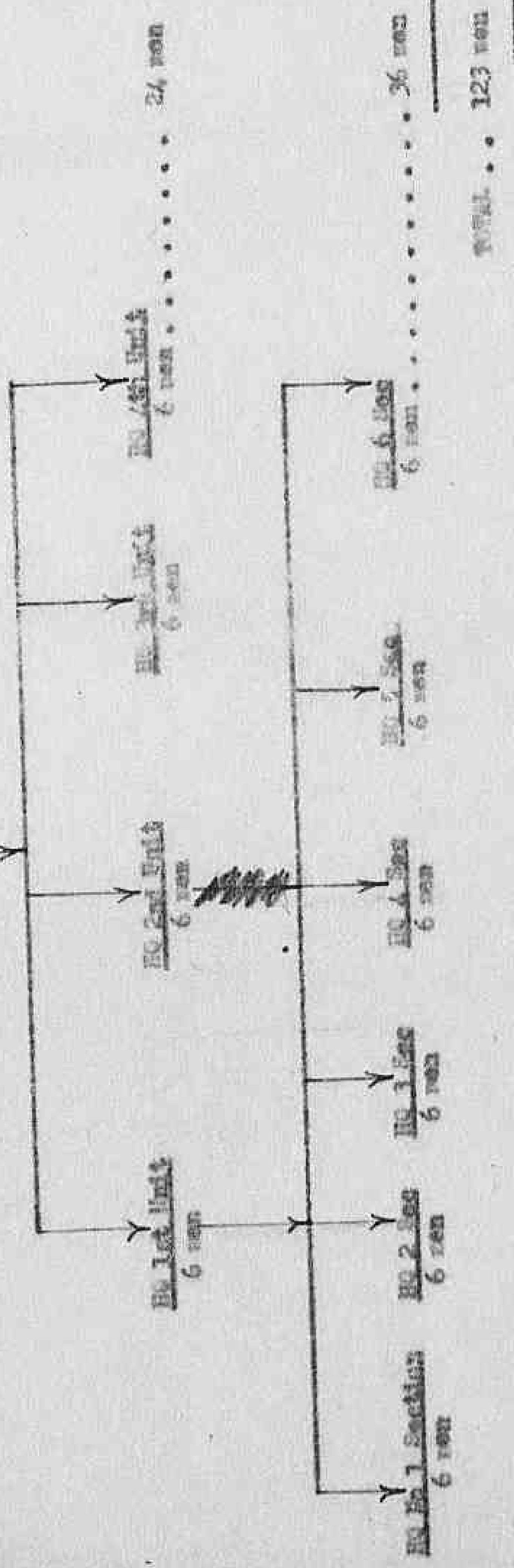
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STAFF OF THE AIR, INAL

Group for 6,000 men reserve.

1st Air Reg (for 6,000 men)

63 men 63 men



Note 1:- The staff for the group to accommodate 6,000 men has the only difference from the above in that HQ 4th Unit does not exist. Therefore, the total is 117 men.

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a) Personnel.

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of Dec 44.

Base Rpt Detail :-

Base Rpt Detail Hq

Commandant (Col or Lt Col)
Adjutant (Major or Capt)

HQ Office :-

Officers i/c (Capt or sub) Maj or Capt
Senior WCO
C.R. or Cpls
Clerks and Typists
Office Runner
Telephone Operators
D R (Motorcyclist)
D R (on bicycle)

Total

Adm. Office :-

Officer i/c (sub)
Pay Officer (sub of the corps)
Adm M.C.O.
Clerks and Typists

Total

Med. Bn :-

B.O. (1 Capt or Sub)
C.R. or Cpl. Med. Assistant
Med. Orderlies

Total

Ration Section :-

O i/c Rations (Sub)
Ration WCO
C.R. or Cpl i/c Cookhouse
Cooks (other than)
Officers' Mess Waiters
Cooks
Storeman (of whom 1 Cpl)

Total

L.T. Section :-

L.T. Sgt
Drivers
Mechanics
Drivers

Total

Grand Total

PERSONNEL			REMARKS	
Offr	WCO	Man		
1	-	-		
2	-	-		
2	-	-		
2	-	-		
-	2	-		
-	-	2		
-	-	2		
-	-	2		
-	-	3		
-	-	2		
-	-	2		
2	2	10		
1	-	-		
1	-	-		
-	2	-		
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-	-	2		
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-	-	1		
-	-	2		
-	-	10		
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1	2	17		
-	1	-		
-	-	5		
-	-	1		
-	-	2		
-	1	8		
9	3	46		

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Four Battalions

Coys
Bn HQ in Charge of 6 Sections
of 250 men each.
Commandant (Major or Capt)
Subaltern
Senior N C O
Clerk N C O
C.S. or Cpl Clerk
Clerks
Office Runner
Batsmen

Coys
Section HQ
Commandant (Capt or Lieut)
Adj Officers
Adj N C Os
Storemen (Cpl)
G.D. men (of whom 5 C.S. or Cpls)

Total

Total

PERSONNEL			REMARKS
OFFICERS	NON COM	MEN	
1	-	-	Each Coy is responsible for 1500 recruits
1	-	-	
-	1	-	Camp of 6000 recruits
-	1	-	
-	-	2	To be taken from the reserve.
-	-	4	
-	-	2	
-	-	4	A Bus.
2	2	12	
1	-	-	To be taken from the reserve.
2	-	-	
-	2	-	To be taken from the reserve.
-	-	1	
-	-	10	To be taken from the reserve.
-	-	-	
3	2	11	

b) Stores.

Bicycles 3 for HQ office
Motor Cycles 2 for HQ office
Cars 1 for Transport
Light lorries 2 for Transport
Heavy lorries 2 for Transport
Typewriters 3 (2 for HQ 1 for Adj Office)
Camp Telephone 10 for HQ office
Telephone cable (Inf.) 2000 metres for HQ office
Med. Boxes 1 for M I Room.
Med. Packs 1 for M I Room.
Stretchers 2 for M I Room.

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SEGRETO



P.M. I5I, ⁹⁰ novembre 1944

US. ITT) .-

PROVA

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Si trasmetta il richiesto organico per l'inquadramento del personale dei campi di affluenza complementi per BR - ITI ed US - ITI.-

- 123 u. per campo Afragola (capacità circa 6.000 u.);
- 117 u. per campo Trani (capacità circa 4.500 u.);
- 117 u. per campo Spoleto (od altra ubicazione da decidere) (capacità circa 4.500 u.). -

Si sono, pertanto, come da accordi, adottati i seguenti criteri:

- con il personale ancora disponibile dell'aliquota fissata, formare un nucleo permanente per l'inquadramento di un gruppo te dei complementi;

- per la rimanente parte trarre gli elementi di inquadramento dai complementi stessi. -



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Riferimento foglio SD/51 dell'8 novembre u.s.-

Si trasmette il richiesto organico per l'inquadramento del personale dei campi di affluenza complementi per IR - ITI ed US - ITI.-

L'organico (allegato) comprende in totale:

- 123 u. per campo Afragole (capacità circa 6.000 u.);
- 117 u. per campo Trani (capacità circa 4.500 u.);
- 117 u. per campo Spoleto (od altra ubicazione da decidere) (capacità circa 4.500 u.).-

Come già rappresentato per telefono, la cifra fissata per il personale di inquadramento dei campi risulta assolutamente insufficiente.-

Si sono, pertanto, come da accordi, adottati i seguenti criteri:

- dotare il campo di un comando completo;
- con il personale ancora disponibile dell'aliquota fissata formare un nucleo permanente per l'inquadramento di una parte dei complementi;
- per la rimanente parte trarre gli elementi di inquadramento dai complementi stessi.-



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SCHEMA DELL'ORGANICO DI INQUADRAMENTO

(campo per 6.000 complementi)

Comando Campo (per 6.000 u.)
(63 u.)



Com.do 1° reparto
(6 u.)

C.do 2° reparto
(6 u.)

C.do 3° reparto
(6 u.)

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NOTA: L'organico del campo per 4.500 u. differisce dal precedente solo per la mancanza del comando 4° reparto: cioè in totale comprende 117 u/



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SCHEMA DELL'ORGANICO DI INQUADRAMENTO
(campo per 6.000 complementi)

Comando Campo (per 6.000 u.)
(63 u.)

TOTALI
63 u.

C.do 2° reparto
(6 u.)

C.do 3° reparto
(6 u.)

C.do 4° reparto
(6 u.)

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Com.do
4° sez.
(6 u.)

Com.do
5° sez.
(6 u.)

Com.do
6° sez.
(6 u.)

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TOTALE

123 "

campo per 4.500 u. differisce dal precedente solo per la
omando 4° reparto: cioè in totale comprende 117 u.



a) PERSONALE

COMANDO DI CAMPO

Comandante (col.o ten.col.)
Aiutante magg. (magg.o cap.)

Ufficio comando

- Uff. addetti (cap.o sub.)
- Sottufficiali di maggioranza
- Caporal magg.o caporali
- Scritturali e dattilografi
- Ordinanze d'ufficio
- Telefonisti
- Staffette su motociclo
- Staffette su bicicletta
- Totale uff.com.

Ufficio amministrazione

- Ufficiale di amm.ne (sub.)
- Uff. pagatore (sub.d'arma)
- Sottuff.di amministrazione
- Scritturali e dattilografi

Tot. uff. amm.ne

Posto di medicazione

- Uff. medici (1 cap.o tenente)
- Cap.magg.o cap.aiutanti sanità
- Infermieri

Tot.posto medicaz.

Ufficio Vettovagliamento

- Uff.di vettovagliamento (sub.)
- Sottuff.di vettovagliamento
- Cap.magg.o cap. di cucina
- Cuochi
- Interventi per mensa ufficiali
- Cucinieri
- Magazzinieri (di cui 1 caporale)
- Tot.vettovagliamento

Trasporti

- Sottuff.addetto ai trasporti
- Autieri conduttori
- Meccanici
- Conducenti

PERSONALE		N O T E			
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- Telefonisti 3
- Staffette su motociclo 2
- Staffette su bicicletta 2
- Totale uff.com. 13

Ufficio amministrazione

- Ufficiale di amm.ne (sub.) -
- Uff. pagatore (sub.d'arma) -
- Sottuff.di amministrazione 2
- Scritturali e dattilografi 2

Tot. uff. amm.ne 2

Posto di medicazione

- Uff.medici (1 cap.o tenente) -
- Cap.magg.o cap.aiutanti sanità 2
- Infermieri 4

Tot.posto medicaz. 6

Ufficio Vettovagliamento

- Uff.di vettovagliamento (sub.) -
- Sottuff.di vettovagliamento 2
- Cap.magg.o cap. di cucina 1
- Cuochi 1
- Intervienti per mensa ufficiali 2
- Cucinieri 10
- Magazzinieri (di cui 1 caporale) 2

Tot.vettovagliamento 17

Trasporti

- Sottuff.addetto ai trasporti 1
- Autieri conduttori 5
- Meccanici 1
- Conducenti 2

Totale trasporti 8

TOTALE COMANDO 46

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COMANDO DI REPARTO SU 6 SEZ.
DI 250 UOMINI OCNUKA

- Comandante (magg.o cap.)
- Uff.addetti (sub.)
- Sottuff.di maggioranza
- Sottuff.di contabilità
- Cap.magg.o cap.di contab.
- Scrittureali
- Ordinanze d'ufficio
- Attendenti

Totale c.do reparto

COMANDO SEZIONE

- Comandante (cap. o tenente)
- Ufficiali per inquadramento
- Sottuff.per inquadramento
- Magazziniere (caporale)
- Mil.per serv.vari (di cui 5 cap.magg.o cap.)

Totale c.do sezione

b) - Materiali

- Biciclette
- Motocicli
- Autovetture
- Autoc.legg.
- Autoc.pes.

- Macchine da scrivere
- Telefoni da campo
- Cordonecino telefo
- nico da itr.

- 3 (per ufficio comando)
- 2 (per ufficio comando)
- 1 (per "trasporti")
- 2 (")
- 2 (")

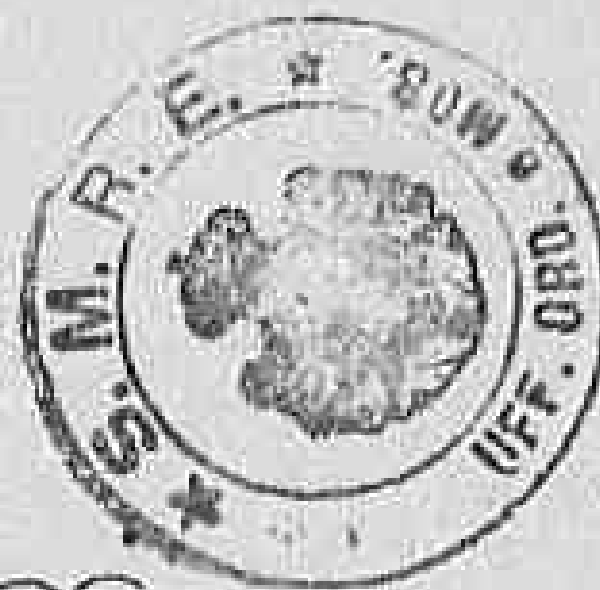
- 3 (2 per uff. comando; 1 per uff. amm.ne)
- 10 (per ufficio comando)
- 2000 (per ufficio comando)
- m. 2000 (per posto medicazione)

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- Cap.magg.o cap.di contap.	-	-	-	4	da trarre dai comple-
- Scritturali	-	-	-	2	menti
- Ordinanze d'ufficio	-	-	-	4	
- Attendenti	-	-	-	-	
Totale c.do reparto	2	2	2	2	
COMANDO SEZIONE					
- Comandante (cap. o tenente)	1	-	-	-	
- Ufficiali per inquadramento	2	-	-	-	
- Sottuff. per inquadramento	-	2	-	1	
- Magazziniere (caporale)	-	-	-	-	
- Mil. per serv. vari (di cui 5 cap.magg.o cap.)	-	-	-	10	- da trarre dai compl.
Totale c.do sezione	3	2	1	1	

b) - Materiali

- Biciclette	3	(per ufficio comando)	3250
- Motocicli	2	(per ufficio comando)	
- Autovetture	1	(per "trasporti")	
- Autoc. legg.	2	(")	
- Autoc. pes.	2	(")	
- Macchine da scrivere	3	(2 per uff. comando; 1 per uff. amm.ne)	
- Telefoni da campo	10	(per ufficio comando)	
- Cordoncino telefonico da intr.	m. 2000	(per ufficio comando)	
- Borse di sanità	1	(per posto medicazione)	
- Zaini di sanità	1	(per posto medicazione)	
- Barelle	2	(per posto medicazione)	



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Subject: Accommodation

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M K
A4/12

18 Nov 44.

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. This is to confirm that following on a visit of Lt Col Goodwin, AQHQ, 3 District, both Italian barracks in CHIETI will be occupied by a Br Div between 20 Nov and 30 Nov inclusive, and from 1 Jan 45 for an indefinite period the Vittoria Emanuele Barracks will also be occupied by British tps.
2. Therefore, both barracks will be free from 1 Dec to 25 Dec inclusive for the CHIETI sub call-up.
3. A BR-ITI depot to hold 6,000 from the Abruzzi call-up including the Chieti sub call-up has not yet been fixed but you will be notified shortly.

FJW/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ
3 Dist
G MMIA

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FROM DIA LO 24 AREA 13 00A

TO DIA

QOY CR -- BT

PC/323 RESTRICTED(.) FROM ODOMNELL (.)

FOLLOWING STORES IMMEDIATELY NECESSARY FOR REINFORCEMENT

CENTRE T R A N I (.) PALLIASES 2350

BLANKETS 1000 SPOONS 2500

BOWLS EARTHENWARE LARGE 1900 BOWLS EARTHENWARE

SMALL 1100 (.) ABOVE FIGURES BASED ON TOTAL OF 2500

MEN AFTER DEDUCTION OF STORES ALREADY IN HAND .

FURTHER REQUIREMENTS ON BASIS OF 5000 MEN FOLLOW BY LETTER

TRI 131825

BT 161800A

SENT NR103 2022A HT 33

ED NR. 103 132022A F A BBB

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AR 15/11

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*Proposed letter
+ accompanying documents
Col. Parker
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21/11/11*

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FROM MIHALO 34 AREA 170920A

TO MMIA

GR/ GR --- DT

IMMEDIATE

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Ad. S. 446

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FC328. CONFIDENTIAL. FIRST.

MINERVINO HAS BEEN CLOSED AND TRANI

OPENED AS BRITI RFT CENTRE.

ACCN AVAILABLE TRANI 2500 AS FOLLOWS CMA

CASERNA DUCA DELLE PUGLIE 1400 PLUS

400 IN COURTYARD IF YOU SUPPLY TENTAGE

CMA 700 IN CASERNA MILINGO.

IN FORMER COOKING FACILITIES FOR 1400 ONLY

SO FAR THIS BEING INCREASED CMA IN LATTER NO

FACILITIES BUT POSSIBLE HALF MILE AWAY IN

ANOTHER BARRACKS.

SECOND. CAMP SITE FOUND OUTSIDE TRANI.

FOR 2500. IF YOU SUPPLY TENTAGE THIS 144

LATRINES DUG. IMPOSSIBLE LAY WATER ON TO CAMP WOULD HAVE

TO USE WATER CARTS. COOKING PRESENTS

NO DIFFICULTIES IN THE OPEN UNLESS WET WEATHER.

THIRD.

CAPANNONI GIORDANO IN BARI PREVIOUSLY HOUSING 401 INF REGT BARI

NOW AVAILABLE FOR ACCN 1500 MAXIMUM IF TRANI CAMP

1400 + 400
700

2500

cooking latrine

Count 2500

water by hand latrine 144
TENTAGE THIS USABLE WHEN DRY

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IF YOU SUPPLY TENTAGE THIS 74 TENTAGE THIS USABLE WHEN LA

LATRINES DUG • IMPOSSIBLE LAY WATER ON TO CAMP WOULD HAVE

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NO DIFFICULTIES IN THE OPEN ~~AREA~~ UNLESS WET WEATHER.

THIRD •

CAPANNONI GIORDANO IN BARI PREVIOUSLY HOUSING 401 INF REGT BARI

NOW AVAILABLE FOR ACCN 1500 MAXIMUM IF TRANI CAMP

NOT POSSIBLE • THIS REQUIRED BY 15 AFSC

FOR STORAGE WHO ATTEMPTING EXCHANGE TENTAGE

FOR 1500 MEN FOR USE OF CAPANNONI GIORDANO •

IF NOT USED AS ACCM BY ME THIS CAN BE USED FOR

STORAGE SALVAGE CLOTHING WHICH IS DUE TO ARRIVE LARGE

QUANTITIES SHORTLY •

SUFFICIENT SPACE AVAILABLE FOR STORAGE AND SORTING •

FOURTH •

IF NECESSARY ACCN AVAILABLE ORIA FOR 1100 GUTHRIE INSPECTED

SATISFACTORY LATRINES LIGHTING WATER COOKING •

SKELETON CAMP STAFF ALREADY THERE

SUPERVISING ADAPTION •

FIVE •

WILL REQUIRE ACCM STORES FOR 5000 •

SIGNAL FROM ODOMNEL PC 323 OF 16 GAVE

BALANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR 2500 TRANI

URGENTLY NEEDED

BT 170920A

SENT NR 73 171325A JY B K

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NR 73

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BARI
1500

Take over

ORIA
1100

accm stores 5000

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LROF V LAEE NR 80 P (P) IMPORTANT

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FROM MMIALG 54 AREA 170920A

TO MMIA DISTHREE DISTHREE EAST

AFHQ 54 AREA 52 AREA 210 SUB AREA

203 SUB AREA PBS FOR MMIALG MOVEIT

GR -- BT

FC327 . CONFIDENTIAL . MINERVINO HAS BEEN

CLOSED AND TRAMI OPENED

AS BRITI RFT CENTRE .

ACCN AVAILABLE TRAMI 2500 AS FOLLOWS

CMA CASERMA DUCA DELLE PUGLIE 1400

PLUS 400 IN COURTYARD IF YOU

SUPPLY TENTAGE CMA 700 IN CASERMA MULINO

BT 170920A

SENT NR 72 17/1412A JY B K

RD NR 79 171412A F A BDB

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MEMO

MINISTRY OF WAR

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Subject is AFRAGOLA Camp (.) Agreed this camp should be placed
under command 227 Div which is under 3 District (.) Please confirm
you are implementing this transfer

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IMPORTANT

Chambers/Capt

Subject:- Accn (? Italian Army personnel.

3DLO/accn

9 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC, (MMIA),
R O M E .

Copies: Q 3 District.
MMIALO Naples.

Following GOC 3 District's conference held here on 3 Nov 44 it has been decided by AFHQ that the accommodation of Italian Army personnel is the responsibility of the Italian Army (for ETITIs and ITITIs).

In regard to transit accommodation of personnel, both BRITI and ITITI, 3 District have agreed to assist in the establishing and equipping of a camp to be run roughly on the same lines as ASTRONI camp (PBS).

The camp would be run, staffed and administered by 227 Div without any British liaison or permanent staff but with a certain amount of supervision by 3 District.

They suggest, as the quickest and most economical means of attaining this end, that the SMRE transit camp at AFRAGOLA be taken over by 227 Div as it stands.

On the assumption of responsibility by 227 Div 3 District is prepared to supply the necessary material (including a certain quantity of tentage) as well as the labour and supervision, for bringing the camp up to the required standard.

3 District have further agreed that all types of personnel (BRITI units and screenees, ITITI units and screenees and USITI screenees) at present accommodated in AFRAGOLA camp could continue to be ^{accommodated} after 227 Div had taken over its running.

Taking over of the camp and its 'reconditioning' could start immediately authority is given for it to pass from under command COMILIT CAMPANIA to 227 Div.

May I have your views on this subject, please.


Major,
MMIALO, 3 District.

SUBJECT : Reception Camp for Br-Itis in 3 District.

LIAISON OFFICER
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES

9 November 1944.

TO : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) Rome.

Ref: Telephone conversation, Major (?) G II -
Capt. Thrupp this morning.

1. At a meeting at Hq. 3 District on 8 November 1944, the following proposals were made by "Q" :

(a) AFHQ had confirmed that the organization and running of a camp holding BR-ITI drafts remains an Italian responsibility. 3 District have, however, undertaken to give what assistance they can, in the way of materials.

(b) No separate camp for AFRAGOLA required:
Provision of such a camp with British Cadre on WE NA/598/1 as approved at AFHQ WE Committee Meeting No. 142, 20 October 1944 was not considered necessary. Colonel BERTOLA (Comd. 516 Arty Regt.) who was present produced plans showing the proposed development of the new camp, which was to have been sited near AFRAGOLA, and stated that he has been in contact with a Major ADAMSON, who, apparently, has been designated OC British Cadre.

(c) That AFRAGOLA camp should be used as hither-to improved and extended by constructing cook-houses, adequate washing facilities, latrines and showers, and extra tents, etc., with material and RE supervision provided by 3 District. It was suggested that a survey be made of the existing camp accommodation and submitted to "Q" together with a layout of the proposed work, and a list of materials necessary. It was stated that the tentage situation was improving and that an early release of 1,000 bivouac tents could be made. I said that larger tents would be required.

(d) Since the camp was NOT a British responsibility, it was undesirable to have a British Cadre. A British Cadre would have to live and work in accommodation inevitably inferior.

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(e) That AFRAGOLA camp be transferred to under command 227 Division. It was given as the GOC's wish that if 3 District were providing material for the camp, it should be under his control through 227 Division. Could this be arranged? I said it might be, but that it would have to be taken up on a higher level.

I then pointed out that 227 Division would, if the above was arranged, be administering ITI-ITIS and some \$ unscreened US-ITIS, as well as BR-ITIS. They were prepared to accept this.

2. The above proposals are understood to be 3 District's ~~attribute~~ ^{contribution} to the problem, with the exception of (d) which has been questioned by G (SD).

3. Will you please inform 3 District and this office, of MMIA reactions to these suggestions.

V.C.J. Thrupp
V.C.J. Thrupp) Capt.
MMIA LO

for Senior LO.

Copy to MMIA LO 3 District.

Col.
AFHCP

rather felt that arrangements should be continued for add'l Camp to take all BRITIS.

But the above proposal seems ^{32:0} reasonable - tho' the Br. Cadre would seem to be necessary

B. J. H.

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SUBJECT: Setting up of Rgt Base Depots (BR-ITI & US-ITIS).

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.)

SD/51
8 Nov 44

Ministry of War.

1. AFHQ has been asked to approve a system of BR-ITI and US-ITI reinforcement Base Depots. Pending a reply, authority will be given to you to form temporarily on a small WE/TO the following camps :-

Camp	Approx Staff	Approx holding capacity
(1) AFRACOLA	120	6,000
(2) MINERVINO	100	6,000
(3) SPOLETO or locn to be decided	100	5,000

2. Will you please forward the proposed WE/TO for approval.

3. Personnel formed for camps listed in para 1 will be carried under category 6(b), BR-ITI Ser Units.

Major General
M.I.A.

G II (4) pre see.

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FROM WIA
TO MAIN AAI
SD 1729

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To McQUEEN from INGLEDEN (.) Buildings required by
Italians for BRI-ITI depot in SPOLETO are 51 Inf Depot
and Offr Cadet School (.) Italian M of W is informed
these are about to be requisitioned by Allies (.)
Can you assist

PRECEDENCE

Routine

AUTHENTICATED

Rex E. Pinkley
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PERSONAL

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Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.

SD/22/1
25 Oct. 44

R-710

My Dear *Laurie*

I feel I must write to you personally about a subject which has worried us all in MMIA considerably over the last few months.

It is the matter of 3 District taking over Italian soldiers assigned to you in the "programme." This has boiled up to a head again by the presence of literally thousands of Italian soldiers in AFRAGOLA Camp (near NAPLES) who are living under the worst conditions of accommodation, control, feeding - in fact misery generally.

As you are new to this peculiar game perhaps you will forgive me if I recapitulate when any H.Q. (District, Army etc) wants Italians for working purposes, it asked AAI (in future A.F.H.Q.) for authorisation. Owing to heavy demands for such personnel and a very limited ceiling for the Italian Army, AAI scrutinised each demand and allotted a priority for it. We have not yet completed this "programme."

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(b) by their allotment to you someone else has to wait.

The effect on the Italians is deplorable. They desert in large numbers. They get a rotten idea of Allied organisation. They arrive disgruntled at their destination. Allied rations are wasted. Everyone (from A.F.H.Q. and elsewhere) sees these masses of men hanging about doing nothing, with everyone clamouring for men - and MMIA gets the blame when it is not out fault in any way.

I represented this strongly to AAI way back in August but things are just as bad as ever.

I don't want to have a show-down on the business now with AFHQ. But I do feel something has got to be done about it.

Last night hundreds of men had to stand up all night without blankets or tents even. I am lending what blankets I can collect for these unfortunates tonight. But, as I say, that is not our job. See, as one of many examples, attached telegrams. Your people must collect these soldiers from dock-side on arrival and arrange transport to destination, without delay, waste of rations, loss of morale etc.

I know that you are a newcomer out here and probably do not yet realise this state of affairs. But I feel that if you will take up the matter firmly and personally with your staff, all this miserable situation could be avoided. So I would ask that you do so.

Incidentally I understand that this was all explained to your Staff when they came and saw us the other day - BUT nothing has happened !

I'm sending this letter to you via my A/Q, Lt. Col. NOAKES, who can explain any further details you desire; and I shall hope to see you myself on Friday 3 Nov.

Au revoir. This job is "some" party, I can assure you !

Yours

L.B.

Major General G. LAMMIE, C.B., M.C.
G.O.C. 3 District.

* File 583 + 584 of SD 22/1

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SUBJECT: Screening at AFRAGOLA Camp of Italian Military

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. SD/42 ← *Per 8*
5 Oct 44

INFO FOR MMIA (2)

1. It is requested that you instruct Maj REPF THRUPP that his functions at AFRAGOLA Camp as MMIA representative are as follows: -

(a) To screen for specialists and suitability for employment:-

(i) Italian Military arriving from BARLINIA after Shipping List 7 is exhausted.

(ii) All other Italian Military sent to AFRAGOLA for screening and assignment to Allied Units.

(b) To inform this HQ by quickest means of numbers of personnel screened, numbers and types of specialists found, and suggestions as to allotments against Serials of MMIA priority List No. 2.

(c) To allot personnel against Serials of MMIA Priority List No. 2 when instructed by this HQ.

(d) To supervise dispatch of personnel when disposal instructions for them are given by AAI in conjunction with this HQ.

(e) To initiate the Camp Commandant, on appointment, into the detailed work as instructed by MMIA Naples Office. The supervision of AFRAGOLA Camp will later revert to Naples Office.

2. This HQ signals SD 1533 of 3 September and SD 1540 of 4 September illustrate the type of task that Maj THRUPP will be required to perform vide para 1 (a) to (d) above.

[Signature]
Maj Gen
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Agree to GOC's letter
to Comd 3 Dist. 25 Oct 44.

UNIT	STRENGTH	SERIAL	TIME OF ARRIVAL AT AFRIGOLA	TO WHOM ASSIGNED
HQ 4 Gd Regt	53	235	25 Sept	DISTWO (now DISTHREE)
HQ 5 Gd Regt	47	235	25 Sept	DISTHREE
516 Gd Bn	802	235	7 Oct	Eighth Army
517 Gd Bn	800	235	7 Oct	Eighth Army
519 Gd Bn	800	235	6 Oct	DISTHREE
520 Gd Bn	797	370	12 Oct	DISTONE
521 Gd Bn	800	370	22 Oct	DISTONE
Rft Bn SAN LURI	135	202	8 Sept	DISTHREE
547 ARTY Regt	115	7?	14 Sept	DISTWO (now DISTHREE)
RAOC Trg Pers NUCLEO CAGLIARI	434	307	2 Oct	for RAOC-Salerno
Nucleo NUORO	434	360	11 Oct	for RAOC-Salerno
Nucleo OZIERI	401	400	19 Oct	for RAOC-Salerno
69 Telegrafisti Co	297	7	9 Oct	for Gruppi
2 Bn 119 Inf Rft MANTOVA	650		20 Oct	for Gruppi

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

HQ ACC

ROME

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24 Aug 44

HQ AAI

1. I wish to bring to your notice the most unsatisfactory state of affairs in connection with Italian troops from SARDINIA posted to No. 3 District.

2. These men are authorised by you as "programme" troops for 3 District. They arrive at NAPLES, presumably urgently required by 3 District. Yet the latter on more than one occasion has taken no action to receive and absorb these men. My staff at NAPLES has to beg and borrow trucks and transport the Italian personnel to AFRAGOLA CAMP, where they hang about for days and even weeks or desert, despite the fact that No. 3 District are always informed by us as soon as we know the numbers and date of arrival.

3. As an example I am informed to-day that there are 1943 men in AFRAGOLA CAMP destined for 3 District. There were 178 men who arrived in the camp on 4 Jul and were removed by 3 District only yesterday.

4. Owing to the necessity for every possible economy owing to the reduced ceiling, I have had to drastically cut down transit camps and the like. AFRAGOLA CAMP is being disbanded on 1 Sep.

5. In view of all the above and particularly the waste of manpower and effort, I request that you will urgently order 3 District to:-

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L. Browning
Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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UNIT	THROUGH	DATE ARRIVAL	FOR	DATE DEPART	REMARKS
regt(1 & 11 Bns)	2046	22-25 & 27 July.	2 Dist		11 Bn & 1 & 2 Coys 1 Bn moving to MIN- ERVING 4 & 5 Aug.
580 Inf Regt HQ.	101	29 July	?		
1 Bn 580 Inf Regt (plus 8 Coy 11 Bn)	1170	29-30 July 1 August	3 Dist		
11 Bn 580 Inf Regt (- 8 Coy)	724	31 July	2 Dist		
Det. 13 Artillery Coy.	5	13 May	-		1 Truck and Wasp trailer; delayed for repairs. Now discov- ered that towing veh will not tow trailer.
504 Gd. Bn.	502	4-5 July	3 Dist.		300 collected 26 July
11 Bn 412 Lab Regt.	1271	4 July	3 Dist		
491 FM Hosp	64	11 July	SMITH ?		
581 Inf Regt (Rear party)	46	20 July	2 Dist		Came with other rear parties of 226 Div which went to ASTORIA.
MEMPHIS Bn	104	29 July	C.I.L.		82, 3

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SUBJECT: Italian Troops assigned to Allied Command.

Army Sub Commission, H.M.I.A.
H.C., A.C.C.

ROME.
SD/22/1
7 AUG 44.

To: Hq. A.A.I.

1. Most of the Italian troops shipped from SARDINIA are assigned to under command were Allied unit, which is notified of the ETA at NAPLES. In the case of troops assigned to 3 District, it has been found that 3 District makes no arrangements for meeting the troops, transporting to camps etc. The MIA staff in NAPLES is forced to meet the troops, borrow transportation, arrange for space in camps, rations etc. Also 3 District allows troops which have been assigned to them to remain for a long period in the Italian camps without instructions, one case in point being the 504 Guard Battalion, which arrived in NAPLES on 4 July, a part of the Battalion was taken on 26 July and the remainder on 3 August.

2. Attached hereto is a list showing the troops in the AFRACOLA Camp on 1 August and the dates of arrival in the Camp. It is obvious that there has been a considerable waste of manpower in several instances as well as a loss of morale caused by idleness. The loss of rations fed to these idle men is very large. It appears that the Allied unit to which these troops were assigned had no immediate need for the troops.

3. A similar situation occurred in the case of two mine clearing companies shipped from SARDINIA. These companies were placed high on the Priority List on the representations of A.C.C. for their immediate needs. Two additional companies were organized in NAPLES. The two companies arrived from SARDINIA on 11 July. A.C.C. took no action to put these companies to work and they were finally moved to new areas, where no arrangements were made by A.C.C. As a consequence these four companies have as yet performed no work and the situation had to be cleared by my Engineer. A.C.C. had been kept fully advised by your and my signals as to the date of arrival of the units from SARDINIA and the readiness of the companies organized at NAPLES, but all of the details of handling the units were not completed by the Allied unit to which the Italians had been assigned. A large number of days labour has been lost and the morale of the Italian units has been seriously affected.

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a. The Allied unit will be responsible for the Italian unit when it arrives in NAPLES (or at whatever point it is delivered).

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 4. It is recommended that you issue instructions to Allied units to which Italian troops have been assigned:
 - a. The Allied unit will be responsible for the Italian unit when it arrives in NAPLES (or at whatever point it is delivered to the Allied unit) and for transportation, accommodation, water etc, from ship side or railway station.
 - b. That only in such cases as it is necessary to complete the journey of the Italian unit by rail to its destination will the unit be placed in the AFRACOLA Camp.
 - c. That once an Italian unit has been delivered to and placed under command of an Allied unit, the Allied unit will be charged with handling the Italian troops the same way in which Allied troops are handled.

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(S) L.B.
Major General,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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STATE OF TRANSIT CAMP AFRAGOLA

1 August 1944.

UNIT	STRENGTH	DATE ARRIVAL	FOR	REMARKS.	
				DATE DEPART	
87 Inf. Regt. (FRIULI)	529	13 July	3 Dist (Temp)		Strengths include Regtl E, Q's
88 Inf. Regt (FRIULI)	445	13 July	3 Dist (Temp)		
35 Arty Regt. Hq.	131		SMRE		
35 Arty Regt.	979	15-18 & 19 July	3 Dist (Temp)		Includes 68 20 mm Bty (See Main AAI SD 1465 of 18 July 1944)
107 M.C. Bn.	205	14 July	3 Dist (Temp)		
12 Flamethrower Coy	115	19 July	3 Dist (Temp)		
26 Med. Sec.	148	14 July	SMRE		
14 Submachine Sec.	24	14 July	SMRE		
20 Teleradio Coy	125	14 July	SMRE		3230
549 Inf Regt Hq.	52	21-22 & 27 July	SMRE.		

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15-18 & 19 July
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(Temp)

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(Temp)

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14 July SMR

34

14 Subsistence Sec.

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14 July SMR

125

20 Teleradio Coy

21-22 & 27 July
SMR.

52

549 Inf Regt HQ.

WVA. COFFMAN, C.

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