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30/31 ORG. of RFT DEPOTS - BRI - ITI
Opened Mar. 14, 1945 - Closed Ap. 6, 1945
MAR. - Ap. 1945

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SUBJECT: Org of BR-ITI Base Rft Depots .802, 803 & 804Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)File No: SD/31
10 Apr 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

copy to: MMIA LO Distone.
 " " Disthree
 " " 54 Area.
 OC Br Cadre 802 BRD.
 " " " 803 "
 " " " 804 "

Ref your letter 12081/ORD/I/ di prot dated 31 Mar.

1. Further to this H.Q. letter SD/42/1 of 24 Mar 45.
 The fourth bn staff will not be included in the W.E. It will
 be carried under Cat 6 and will only be implemented on authority
 of this H.Q. when the strength of any depot is planned to be in
 the region of 6000 at any time.

2. It is confirmed that you will implement the additions
 to W.E. CM/730/1 proposed in MMIA letter SD/42/1 of 21 Mar forth-
 -with (pending final approval). by:-

- (a) posting a further 3 medical offrs to each depot.
- (b) forming a sub-unit escort detachment of 3 offrs
 and 51 O.R's total 54 all ranks at each depot vido
 this H.Q. SD/42/1 dated 28 Mar.

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Buck
 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:

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Subject :- B.R.D. ORVIETO

Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref LO/323

3 April 45.

To:- "G" I District.

Ref your request for suggestions for W.B. for
Italian Rfts Depot at ORVIETO.

I. As this Depot is designed to cater for up to
6,000 recruits, it is submitted that the Italian
Camp Commandant should be of the rank of full
colonel, thus ensuring the appointment of an officer
with the necessary experience for commanding such
a large number under very often difficult circumstances.

MB Bourne
Capt. 3456
MMIA LO., I District.

Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C. (MMIA)

MMIA

FILE: *SD/31*

DATE: *5/4*

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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FROM : MMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
REF NO : SD 2562

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FOR INFORMATION SURE (*) 803 BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT WILL MOVE BY
ROAD FROM AFRAGOLA TO RAVISCANINA ADVANCE PARTY 4 APRIL MAIN BODY
COMMENCING 11 APRIL (*) MAIN BODY WILL MOVE AT RATE OF 750 PER DAY
(*) ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY 3 DISTRICT THROUGH 56 AREA AND 227
ADM DIV

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authenticated

SD INTERNAL:

File No : SD/31

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IN - COMING MESSAGE

FROM : AFHQ signed SAC cite FHGCT 02 1457Z A

TO : MMIA

REF : F 53755 RESTRICTED

YOUR SD/42/1 OF 21 MARCH 45 SUBJECT WE/ CM/730/1 (*) AUTHORITY IS
 GIVEN FOR AMENDMENTS TO BE AFFECTED FORTHWITH (*) PROPOSALS WILL
 BE SUBMITTED TO WEC WITH ANY FURTHER AMENDMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE
 REVIEW AT 9 APRIL

SD DIST

Action copy to: SD/31

03 pm Ap.
jw

CTI(SD)
 Please inform further
 orders.

[Signature]
 1 Apr

R. 2404

[Handwritten notes]
 Incl my second
 letter in this file as per
 b-1. here. B.

[Handwritten notes]
 see fo 29
 and SD/42/1 dated
 6 Apr 45 at fo 37

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: DISTHREE

011050

TO : 56 AREA
227 ITALIAN ADM DIV

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INFO: AFHQ G-3 ORG FOR
MOVWIT
MMIA
MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA LO 227 DIV

REF : GO 155

WARNING ORDERS (.) 803 ITALIAN BASE RFT DEP WILL MOVE BY
ROAD FROM AFRAGOLA TO RAVISCANINA ADV PARTY 4 APR MAIN
BODY COMMENCING 11 APR (.) MAIN BODY WILL MOVE AT RATE OF
750 PER DAY (.) DETAILED MOVEMENT ORDERS FOLLOW

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SEGRETO

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

N° 12081 /Ord/I/di prot.

P.M. 3800, li 31 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Campi affluenza complementi BR-ITI.-

All. : 1

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

R O M A

Seguito foglio N° 11971/Ord/I/ del 27/3/1945.-

1. - Come stabilito da codesta L.F.S. - A.C. (M.M.I.A.), è stata disposta la costituzione, presso ciascun campo affluenza complementi BR-ITI (ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT), di:

- un reparto scorta (foglio SD/42/1, in data 21/3/45, di codesta L.F.S.C. A.C. (MMIA) e benestare comunicato - via breve - da magg. Holt);

- un quarto battaglione complementi (foglio SD/42/1, in data 24/3/45, di codesta L.F.S.C. A.C. (MMIA)).-

In conseguenza, la forza complessiva del personale d'inquadramento di ciascun campo affluenza viene ad essere quella indicata nello specchio allegato.-

2. - I 3 ufficiali medici assegnati a ciascun campo (1 per battaglione, giusto quanto stabilito col citato foglio SD/42/1) sono considerati in soprannumero all'organico; si provvederà ad includerli nell'organico stesso non appena perverrà conferma da codesta L.F.S.C. A.C. (MMIA).-

In considerazione delle esigenze del servizio sanitario,

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In considerazione delle esigenze del servizio sanitario, sarebbe opportuno assegnare a ciascun campo un altro ufficiale medico (per il quarto battaglione).-

Pregasi compiacersi dare benestare.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Giulio

Allegato al fo 12081 / Ord. / I del 31 / 3 / 45

RIEPILOGO DEL CAMPO ATTUENZA COMPLEMENTI

Comando del campo (1)
I battaglione complementi (2)
II " "
III " "
IV " "
Totale del campo (2)

Personale d'inquadramento				
Uff. sup.	Uff. inf.	Sottuff.	Graduati	Soldati
3	13	21	16	90
1	25	16	92	38
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7	113	85	384	342

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- (1)- Compreso il reparfo scorta, cui foglio codesta L.F.S.C. A.C. (MIA) SD/42/1 del 31/3/45 (3 ufficiali infer., 4 sottuff., 6 graduati e 41 soldati).-
- (2)- In genere ogni battaglione inquadra 1440 complemento (20 per squadra) tutto il campo può inquadrate circa 6.000 complementi.-

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Comando del campo (1)

I battaglione complementi (2)

II " "

III " "

IV " "

Totale del campo (2)

sup.	inf.	suff.	duati	ti
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FROM : AFHQ SGD SACMED CITE FHGGT
TO : MMIA
INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP : RAAC
REF : FX 52647

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IMPORTANT

BY FX 51132 OF 28 (*) AMEND CM/570/1 TO READ CM/510/1 (10 TRAINING
TEAM RA)

Amended

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SD/31

tvs. 1 Apr.

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SUBJECT: Form of Escort Det for B.R.Ds (BR-ITI)

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No: SD/42/1
Mar 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

copy to: OG Br Cadre 802 ERD.)
" " " 803 ")
" " " 804 ") copy Appx "A" att
MMIA LO 1 District.) for ease of reference.
" " 3 District.)
" " 54 Area.)

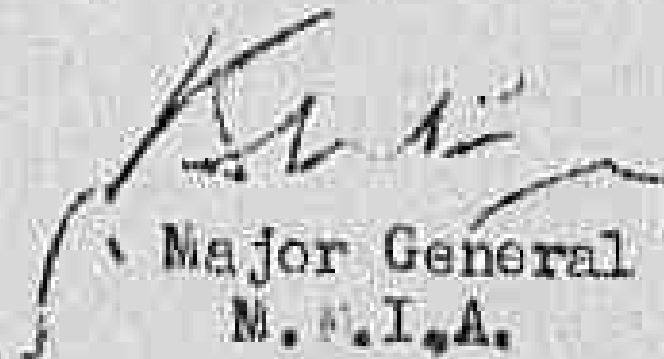
Ref this HQ letter SD/42/1 dated 21 Mar 45.

Pending receipt of AFHQ authority you should proceed to organise a sub unit escort detachment at each of 802, 803 and 804 Base Reinforcement Depots forthwith in accordance with the proposed W.L. at Appx "A" to that letter.

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INTERNAL:

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OG. 4 (2)
SD/42/1


Major General
M.M.I.A.

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S I G N A L

FROM MMIA

28/400 A

TO 803 ITALIAN DRD AFRAGOLA
804 ITALIAN DRD TRANI

INFO PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

SD 2534

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

FIRST (.) INFO ON WEEKLY CAMP STRENGTH RETURNS IS INADEQUATE IN FOLLOWING
PARTICULARS (.) FOR TRANI (.) REQUIRE FURTHER BREAKDOWN OF PERSONNEL
ARRIVALS SHOWN AT VARIOUS IN MONTH OF MAR (.) FOR AFRAGOLA (.)
AS FOR TRANI ABOVE FROM 11 MAR ONWARDS AND ALSO REQUIRE TO KNOW
RECEIVING UNITS OF DRAFTS DESPATCHED (.)
SECOND (.) FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFO SOONEST AND COMPLETE RETURNS
TO END MAR

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED 81-6

INTERNAL:

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGCT

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TO : MMIA

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INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP, RAAC

REF : PX 51132

WES ⁵¹⁰CM/~~240~~/1, CM/732/1, CM/733/1 JUE FOR REVIEW BY WEC 9
APRIL ⁶FORWARD COMMENTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT
LATER THAN 2 APRIL

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am 29 Mar 45

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

N° 11941 /Ord./I di prot. P.M.3800, 27 marzo 1945
OGGETTO: Campi affluenza complementi BR - ITI.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC.(MMIA)

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GABINETTO

P.M.3800

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Come da intese verbali con il maggiore  
HOLT, si trasmettono n. 6 copie dell'organico di  
guerra dei campi affluenza complementi BR - ITI  
(802°, 803° ed 804°), redatti sulla base di quan-  
to stabilito da codesto L.F.S.C.AC. (M.M.I.A.)  
con i fogli SD/42 ed SD/103 rispettivamente in da-  
ta 15 e 20 marzo 1945.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL *Info* *25*

FROM : 15 ARMY GROUP

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TO : AFHQ

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INFO : MMIA

REF : A 278 *18*

REF MMIA (?) SD/42/2 OF 19 (\*) SUBJECT WE (?) OF BR-ITI RPTS  
DEPOT ORVIETO (\*) PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT OF FROM 9 FEB 45 TO  
9 DEC 44 STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THIS HQ

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SUBJECT: 802, 803, 804 Base Reinforcement Camps (BR-ITI)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/42/1  
24 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: OC BR CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO  
OC BR CADRE 803 BRD AFRAGOLA  
OC BR CADRE 804 BRD TRANI  
MMIA LO 1 DIST  
MMIA LO 3 DIST  
MMIA LO 54 AREA

Ref this HQ letter SD/42/1 dated 15 March 45.

1. The present War Establishments of Italian Base Reinforcement Camps are based on a holding of 4,500 reinforcements. As the actual holding in camps over the next two months is likely to amount to up to 6,000 men, you are directed to insure that the necessary reinforcements are held back over this period to form the battalion staff for the fourth battalion.

2. The full training staff of one officer and 9 corporals per company will be provided for each company in addition to the War Establishment holding.

Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Internal: File: SD/42/2  
SD/42/3  
SD/42/5

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FROM : AFHQ sgd SACMED CITE FHGCT

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TO : DISTONE : DISTHREE :  
DISTHREE (EAST)  
NMIA

RESTRICTED.

REF : FX 48364

FOLLOWING WAR ESTS DUE FOR REVIEW 9 APRIL (\*)

ITALIAN BASE RFTS DEPOT CM/730/1 (\*) BRIT CADRE FOR ITALIAN

BASE RFTS DEPOT CM/731/1 (\*) RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED

TO AFHQ NOT LATER THAN 29 FOR COORDINATION

NA

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FROM : MILA

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TO : 802 ITALIAN BASE RPT DEPOT ORVETO

ORIGINATOR'S NO SD 2514

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FOR MILA ID (.) YOUR DT/6/207 OF 20 MARCH NOT UNDERSTOOD AS  
PERSONNEL OFFICER CAPT ALREADY ALLOWED ON WE/730/1

REFERENCE

AUTHENTICATED

*Carroll King*

File SD/42/2

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MMIA

EL 1730 A

AFHQ

DISTHREE

SD 2499

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION \_\_\_\_\_

REF 3 DIST LETTER 146/AQ OF 15 MAR FOLLOWING ARE MMIA COMMENTS (.)  
FIRST (.) REF PARA 3(A) AGREE (.)  
SECOND (.) REF PARA 3(B) RECOMMEND THREE ESCORT COYS OF 50 ALL RANKS  
EACH BE ADDED TO WE OF BR - I T I DEPOTS AT AFRAGOLA,  
TRANI AND ORVITO RESPECTIVELY AND IN ADDITION 100  
SOLDIERS EX GARIBALDI DIV NOW EN ROUTE TO ~~CHIAVO~~ VITE 130  
BE FORMED INTO UNIT AND TEMP ALLOTTED TO AFRAGOLA FOR  
SPECIAL DUTY FOR ONE MONTH (.)  
THIRD (.) AGREED (.) EX PW OFFICERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED  
VIDE A O LETTER I P W/39/6 OF 2 FEB TO GS AFHQ

PREFERENCE Impat 343

AUTHENTICATED 119 England  
th. cl

Internal: AQ

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GXI(L) please speak

File: SD/42/5

R. 2/3

Subject: Amendment to WE of an Italian Base Reinforcement Depot

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

File No SD/42/1

21 March 45

G3 Org (For) (7 copies)

I THE PROPOSAL

(a) Italian Base Reinforcement Depot  
CW/730/1

(b) Amendments to existing WE.

(c) Not applicable.

II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) (i) Three Medical officers (captain or Subaltern)

(ii) Offrs 3  
ORs 51

Total 54

see Appendix "A"

(b) None

(c) Three

(d) Overall increase

(e) None

(f) All

(g) Approved by MMIA

III REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

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## III REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Three Medical officers. One is required for training Bn (1500 men) for routine medical duties as the two already on Depot HQ are completely absorbed in medical inspections. 34
- (b) At least three escort sections are required for accompanying drafts to destination. At present there is a high rate of desertion en route to forward area.

Copy to: AMHQ G3(Org 4)  
War Ministry  
A Med  
Q/G4 (2)  
File SD/12/1

*A.M. I. Inf...*  
Major General  
M.M. I.A.

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter  
SD/42/1 dated 21 March 45

PROPOSED SUB UNIT ESCORT DETACHMENT TO BE  
INCORPORATED IN WE CM/730/1

ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT

|                      | Numbers   |                           |       |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|                      | Det<br>HQ | Three<br>Sections<br>each | Total |
| (i) <u>Personnel</u> |           |                           |       |
| Det Comd (Capt)      | 1         | -                         | 1     |
| Lieuts               | 2         | -                         | 2     |
| Serjeant Major       | 1         | -                         | 1     |
| Serjeants            | -         | 1                         | 3     |
| Corporals            | -         | 2                         | 6     |
| Clerk(Private)       | 1         | -                         | 1     |
| Storeman(Private)    | 1         | -                         | 1     |
| Privates             | -         | 13                        | 39    |
| Total                | 6         | 16                        | 54    |

(ii) Transport

Nil

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SUBJECT: Fmn of New Units - BR-ITI

SECRET

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

SD/42/2  
19 Mar 45

TO AFHQ for-GI (Br) (2)

copy to: 15 Army Group,  
1 District, (2)  
O.2.E.  
No 8 Command Pay Office  
OC Br Cadre 802 Italian BRD ORVIETO.

less Appx "A"

802 Italian BRD and Br Cadre ORVIETO.

Ref your CR/1160/G-1 (Br) (Ser 1763) dated 8 Mar 45 and  
CR/1116/G-1 (Br) (Ser 1660) dated 22 Feb 45.

1. Please see AAI and AFHQ signals dated 8th and 9th Dec 44 at Appx "A" for ease of ref. These signals confirmed prior instructions received by this HQ for the formation at ORVIETO of a BR-ITI Depot with a Br Cadre att and for the formation by that Depot under the supervision of the Br Cadre of two group headquarters and eight companies, pack transport, for AAI, in the BR-ITI category.
2. Arrangements already made were therefore completed, the depot was formed and the British Cadre Commander provided by you was duly instructed: vide MMIA letter SD/51/1 of 9 Dec copy to AFHQ for G-3(Crg) and MMIA signal SD 1919 of 12 Dec copy to you.
3. May therefore "9 Feb 45" be deleted please and "9 Dec 44" substituted in:
  - (a) para 1 (a) of your Ser 1763 so far as the fmn date of the Br Cadre to 802 Italian BRD ORVIETO is concerned.
  - (b) Appx "A" to your Ser 1660, coln. (vi) so far as the fmn date of 802 Italian BRD ORVIETO is concerned.

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No 8 Command Pay Office

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fm date of 802 Italian BRD ORVIETO is concerned.

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INTERNAL: A.

Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter  
SD/42/2 date 19 March 43

FROM: MAIN HQ AAI

TO : AFHQ, OZE

INFO: DISTONE, MMIA, 71 SUB AREA

081630A

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FIRST (.) Required to form British Iner to ITALIAN Rft Dep ORVIETO most urgently (.)  
W.E. being submitted to AFHQ earliest (.) SECOND FOR AFHQ (.) Ref conversation  
ELLIS-PICOTT (.) Please attach following offers to Br Iner to ITALIAN Rft Dep ORVIETO  
pending W.E. (.) Major 1 to report to Major STANTON MMIA HOME (.) 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 OZE (.) Attachment demand  
serial 6 begins (.) Please attach following ORs to Br Iner to ITALIAN Rft Depot  
ORVIETO pending W.E. (.) Sgd Gd 1 Cpl Gd 1 Larks 2 Dvr Batmen 2 Total 6 (.)  
To report to other ranks transit centre PERUGIA (.) All urgent (.) Signal availabili-  
ties and ETA

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED SITE FBDAB

081859A

TO : RACTD

INFO: MMIA, HQ RAAC

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FX 68338

1. Despatch immediately W/Capt (T/Major) TUNKATE (172493) R.A.C. to report Major STAINTON MMIA HOME Area Allied Command HOME.
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.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

FROM: MAIN AAI

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TO : DISTONE, MMIA

INFO: AFHQ

SECRET

A 961

Ref my Q.2214 of 1st. 1. Italian Rft Depot at ORVIETO will be required to receive intake 500 approx 25th Dec and further 8500 (2500) approx 31st Dec (.) 2. Am arranging for 1 officer of British Supervisory Staff to report MMIA earliest for further instrs thereafter reporting HQ 71 Sub Area. 3. Request MMIA arrange for responsible English speaking officer of Italian Depot Staff to accompany. 4. Am arranging for remainder of British Supervisory Staff to report Transit Centre Perugia earliest. Strength 4 officers 6 ORs. 5. As agreed on visit G2 MMIA to Filpot MMIA are 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 ORVIETO Distone will (A) arrange move British personnel at fourth above (B) call fwd Italian personnel at Fifth above from MMIA Rpted AAI. 7. Considered following tpt minimum necessary. For British Staff 2 cars 2 seater or Jeeps. For Admin of Depot 1 15 cwt five 3 tonners (AK) this HQ arranging release to Distone as available. 8. Also request arrange provide necessary accommodation stores etc requirements of Depot Staff and for intakes. 9. Must stress urgency of establishment of this Depot as going concern as formation additional Peak Tpt Coys will be seriously prejudiced if intake cannot be accepted as planned.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHOAB

TO : MOUNTAIN SCHOOL CMF

091849A

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

FX 65874

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- 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 GPO 706/44 and attached MMIA pending absorption in an Italian Reinforcement Depot on Formation (.)
- 4) Treat as most urgent and advise all concerned his EIA (.)
- 5) Suitable replacement as adjutant to your School will be sent as soon as possible (.)

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHOAB

TO : MAIN HQ AAI

091850A

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

FX 65875

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- Your A 1404 dated 6 Dec (.) (1) W/Capt (T/Major) HUNGATE (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) ORE have been contacted with regard ORs required

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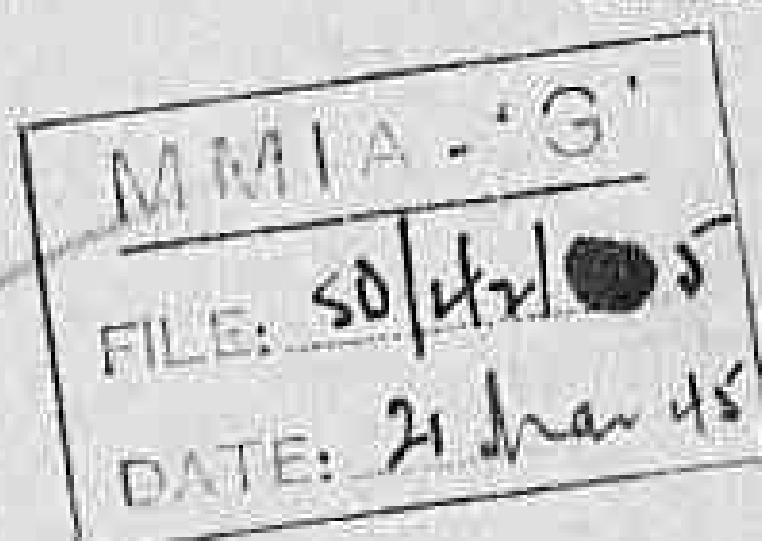
SUBJECT: Italian Reinforcement Camp - AFRAGOLA.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

CR/2008/G.1(Br.).

19 Mar 45.

HQ. MMIA.



1. With a view to remedying the obvious unsatisfactory state of affairs at the above-mentioned Camp, it has been suggested that the following measures be taken:-

- (a) The call-up from CAMPANIA should be drafted at once to Units out of this District and no more accepted at AFRAGOLA.
- (b) That a good Italian Army Regular Unit of strength not less than 250 should be sent to AFRAGOLA Camp to back up the Camp Staff and maintain discipline and see that orders are carried out. This need not necessarily be permanent, as if the Camp can be properly cleaned up and discipline established, it might be reduced or even withdrawn.
- (c) That the Italian Camp Staff be strengthened by having carefully selected senior Capts and Lieuts, possibly ex PW Officers, posted to it so that these Officers can really command their men.

2. Will you please forward your comments on this proposal as soon as possible as it is most desirable that strong corrective steps are put in hand at once.

20 MAR 1945

Copy to: HQ 3 District.  
DMT.

(B.A. BURKE, Lt-Col. A.A.G.),  
for Major General, D.A.G.,  
G.1(Br.).

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APO 512

AG 370.092/001 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian Base Reinforcement Camps.

TO: President  
Allied Commission  
APO 394  
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

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30339  
LAND FORCES S/L  
MMIA  
FILE: SD/421  
DATE: 20/3  
15 March 1945

1. With reference to MMIA letter SD/51, dated 8 January 1945, the present War Establishments of Italian Base Reinforcement Camps are based on a holding of 4,500 reinforcements. As the actual holding in camps over the next two months is likely to amount to up to 6000 men, you are directed to insure that the necessary reinforcements are held back over this period to form the battalion staff for the fourth battalion as indicated in your War Establishment proposal.

2. The full training staff of one officer and 9 corporals per company will be provided for each company in addition to the War Establishment holding.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:



*Albert V. Hearn*  
ALBERT V. HEARN  
Captain, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

*12/3*

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TRANSLATION. *File* *SD/32* *G-1*

From: SMRE  
To: MMIA  
Subject: Afragola Transit Camp

Ref: 14287/MOB  
Date: 18.3.45

- 1 I have visited the Afragola Transit Camp in order to investigate the drawbacks reported personally and in order to issue on the spot instructions necessary to eliminate them.
  - 2 I have, in effect, encountered an abnormal situation particularly as regards discipline.
  - 3 I have asked the C.O. of the 227 Div. to follow closely the functioning of the camp and to take urgent and energetic measures in order to improve matters within a short time and also to propose to me such other measures as may be deemed necessary from time to time.
  - 4 I would be very grateful if you could arrange for the transfer, as soon as possible, to the camp an Alpini Unit drawn from those recently returned from the Balkans with the "Garibaldi" Div.. Said military, ex the 4th. Alpini Regt., are well known to Col. Musso and and give full assurance of an efficient order and police service. They would drawn from the older classes and those less fit for further combat duties.
- I feel confident that, among other things, the command of Col. Musso, recently posted to the Camp, who has very favourably impressed me, will en-sure a definite improvement within a very short time.
- I have the intention of returning to the Afragola camp myself very shortly.

The Chief of Staff *RONCO*  
(Sgd) Illegible.

FMDeJ.

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*This confirms our*  
*conversation. SMRE has already*  
*been warned to sort out some suitable*  
*types for para 4.*  
*19 Mar*

*cb. (2)*  
*C2*

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| MMIA - 'G'         |
| FILE: <i>SD/32</i> |
| DATE: <i>29/3</i>  |

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SEGRETO

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

N. 14884 / Mob.di prot. Roma, li 18 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: campo affluenza Afragola.

- ALLA LAND FORCES- SUB-COMMISSION A.C. MMIA ROMA

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Ho visitato il campo affluenza di Afragola, per rendermi personalmente conto degli inconvenienti segnalati ed impartire in posto disposizioni atte ad eliminarli.

Ho trovato una situazione effettivamente anormale specie nel campo disciplinare.

Ho invitato il comandante della 227<sup>a</sup> divisione a seguire molto da vicino l'andamento del campo, a prendere urgenti ed energici provvedimenti perchè le cose migliorino in breve tempo ed a propormi quelle altre providenze di mano in mano ritenute necessarie.

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IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO

*[Handwritten signature]*

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FROM 803 ITALIAN BONE REFS DEPOT

TO MMIA ROME

4/8/JF

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REF YOUR SD 2471 16 MAR (.) YOUR SIG 9 MAR GAVE REF SD 2427 (.) REPLY  
OFFRS 3 NOOS 6 ORS 45 NORTHERN PERSONNEL SENT 10 MAR

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## DISCUSSION POINT

FROM : LOMIA

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TO : 603 ITALIAN BASE REDEPLOYMENT INFO

ONE TRAYONE NO 2471

REVISIONED

PLEASE INDICATE REPLY TO OUR NO 2427 OF 09 MARCH

File ~~100-44242~~  
SD/42/3

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SUBJECT - 203 Ital Base Rft Depot AFRAGOLA

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16 Mar 45

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AFHQ G-1 (Br)

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CC Br Cadre 803 Ital BMD

MMIA 10 3 Dist

20/42/5

Ref your SD/42/5 dated 14 Mar 45.

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In addition, I am investigating the possibility of transferring the Depot to a site situated further from NAPLES at which I consider control of the Camp generally and the enforcement of discipline would be facilitated. From a preliminary examination of the question the principal difficulty to be overcome appears to be that of movements.

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3. As regards the question of reinforcing the Brit Trg Cadre at AFRAGOLA. I am of opinion that, until the Depot is sufficiently well organised and disciplined to permit of trg being carried out, the provision of additional Brit personnel would merely serve to encourage the Ital Staff further to shirk their responsibilities. At present, therefore, I do not favour such a step, though at a later stage I think it will be desirable and justifiable.

NC/McC

Maj Gen  
Comd

*20/A. Crown*

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Subject : UNIT FOR ESCORT DUTIES.

*WMS* From :- 802 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot

ORVIETO

Ref. BI/7/180

15. March 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub-Comm.  
(MMIA9)

Ref. your SD 2427 dated 9 March 45.

The following is my minimum recommendation for Escort Duties Unit for this Depot :-

- 1. Capt.
- 1. Lieut.
- 1. Serg. Major
- 1. Q.M.S.
- 1. Serg. Clerk
- 1. Serg. Storeman
- 4. Sergrs.
- 6. Cpls.
- 100. Ptes.

*ACTION ON  
SD/42/11*

*W. Tunjate.*

Major

Comm. British Cadre

802 Iti. Base Rein. Depot.

JHT/hb.

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| M.M.I.A.  | <i>16/11/45</i> |
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| Date Recd | <i>11</i>       |

EXTRACT FROM AG 091.711/169 GCT-O  
dated 16 November 1944

18. REINFORCEMENTS AND REPLACEMENTS: The system and organization for the provision of replacement personnel will be as follows:

- a. Recruits will be called up by the Ministry of War at the direction of MMIA.
- b. Recruits will report to "Call-up Centers", the staffs of which will be ITI-ITI personnel.
- c. Separate base replacement depots will be set up for US-ITI's, BR-ITI's and ITI-ITI's respectively. MMIA will be responsible for arranging delivery of recruits and personnel available from other sources to the depots and for their maintenance prior to arrival. Thereafter, the nationality concerned will be responsible for the maintenance and training of replacement personnel and distribution to units.
- d. The responsibility for establishment, and maintenance of staffs of base replacement depots is as follows:

|     |             |   |                          |
|-----|-------------|---|--------------------------|
| (1) | For US-ITI  | - | CG MTCUSA                |
| (2) | For BR-ITI  | - | ATHQ (British Element)   |
| (3) | For ITI-ITI | - | The Italian War Ministry |

- e. The replacements held on the rolls of replacement depots will not exceed the authorized number in each instance.

f. On the first of each month MMIA will forecast to this headquarters the output of types of personnel from Call-up Centers and other sources of personnel during the succeeding month and furnish any other information required to enable this headquarters to apportion the required quota between the US-ITI, BR-ITI and ITI-ITI, Replacement Depots. The distribution in specific Replacement Depots of the nationality concerned will be in accordance with the requirements of CG MTCUSA for US-ITI's, this headquarters for BR-ITI's, War Ministry for ITI-ITI's.

- g. MMIA will authorize call-up of personnel on the basis of demands at f. above.

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## APPENDIX "A" to CR/1116/0-1(BR) (Ser 1660) of 22 Feb 45

| Unit                                                     | W.E.     | Serial No<br>Allotted | Supervisory<br>Authority | Location for<br>Formation | Effective<br>Date |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| (1)                                                      | (11)     | (111)                 | (1V)                     | (V)                       | (VI)              |
| 281 Italian Iner to<br>Pack Tpt Trg Centre               | CM/697/1 | 93858                 | HQ No 1<br>District      | FOSSOMBRONE               | 29 Jan 45         |
| 282 Italian Base<br>Rft Depot                            | CM/732/1 | 93859                 | HQ No 1<br>District      | ORVIEJO                   | 9 Feb 45          |
| 283 Italian Base<br>Rft Depot                            | CM/730/1 | 93860                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | AFRACOLA                  | 9 Feb 45          |
| 284 Italian Base<br>Rft Depot                            | CM/730/1 | 93861                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | TRANI                     | 9 Feb 45          |
| 290 Italian Iner<br>to HQ 557 EOD, LAOC                  | CM/702/1 | 93862                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | PONTE CAGNANO             | 21 Feb 45         |
| 391 Italian Iner<br>to 557 Gen Stores<br>Coy, RA'C       | CM/705/1 | 93863                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | -do-                      | -do-              |
| 392 Italian Iner<br>to 557 Tech Stores<br>Coy, RA'OC     | CM/704/1 | 93864                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | -do-                      | -do-              |
| 393 Italian Iner<br>to 557 Returned<br>Stores Coy, RA'OC | CM/705/1 | 93865                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | -do-                      | -do-              |
| 394 Italian Iner<br>to 557 MP Stores<br>Coy, RA'OC       | CM/706/1 | 93866                 | HQ No 3<br>District      | -do-                      | -do-              |

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| Q (AE)                           |      |
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c) Incl copy for new units and distribution as necessary  
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SECRETSUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian ArmyCOPY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/1116/G-4(BR)(Ser 165)

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-IFI reinforcement channels.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

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

- (a) Replacement 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.O. 1393 scale in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q(AE), AFHQ
- (d) Transport to complete to W.P. (when available).

4. STATIONERY

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

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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.I. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK  
s/a ?  
for Field Marshal,  
Supreme Allied Commander,  
Mediterranean Theatre.  
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AG 370.092/001 GGT-0

SUBJECT: Capacity of Italian (BR-III) Rft Depots  
and Training Center

TO : All Concerned

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|                                            | Permanent Staff | Rfts   |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Italian Combat Forces Rft Trg Center:      | 2,100           | 7,800  |
| Base Rft Depots, ORVITTO, AFRAGOLA, TRANI. |                 | 2,000  |
| 3. Revised figures will be:                |                 |        |
| Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Center        | 2,500           | 11,250 |
| Base Rft Depots, ORVITTO, AFRAGOLA, TRANI  | 600             | 6,000  |

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

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s/d R.M. PRESE  
Captain, LGO  
Asst Adjutant General

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-3 Org Foreign.

(c) (Contd)

It is realised 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 - 1 per 2 coys.

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

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

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.

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Bris.,  
D.M.T.

trvs.

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SUBJECT: ARRAGONA Base Rft Depot

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ, CMF

Tel : 11667

DMT/89/2/MMI

7 Mar 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

copy to:

G-3 Org (F), AFHQ

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

#### (c) Postings

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 organized trg becomes chaotic.

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.

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Appx "B" to MMIA  
Letter SD/42/5 dated  
Mar 45

GOPY

SUBJECT: Movement 9 Mar

10 Mar 45

Ref: 6/3/JT

To: MMIA ROME

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On 9 Mar the Br Cadre were responsible for entraining three drafts totalling 1500 men, the train to leave CASORIA at 1400 hrs. The Italian Coy were instructed to take the rations down by transport early in the morning and to split them up into 25 for each carriage. This was not done and the rations were left in bulk at the station, causing great confusion later. At 0900 hrs the Italian Coy were told to get some men on Parade. At 1100 hrs it was possible to move some men to the station. The strength was then 550 and the Italian Coy reported that no further men could be collected for the drafts. It was pointed out that there were plenty of men in Camp and that their ration strength for the day was approximately 4000 and the men should be collected. At 1200 hrs the Italian Officer in charge asked the O.C. Br. Cadre if it would be possible to have British Military to collect the men. This was refused. At 1345 hrs 916 men had left the Camp for the station. Many failed to arrive, and the train eventually left with a strength of 799. The deficiency was caused:-

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A report on discipline at AFRIGOLA Camp is being prepared and will be forwarded in due course.

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s/d (H.M. ADAMSON)

Major RL

OC (Br Cadre)

ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT & TRAINING

DEPOT, AFRIGOLA

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| <u>Para</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Action</u>                                                                                                                                  | <u>References</u> |
|-------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 6(Contd)    |             | (c) HQ MMIA told War Ministry to take steps to assist 227 Adm Div to despatch the draft.                                                       | 'Phone 1600 hrs.  |
|             |             | (d) MMIA LO NAPLES was instructed to keep in touch with Movements                                                                              | 'Phone 1630 hrs   |
| 7.          | 9 Mar       | (a) Camp strength 3902 incl offrs and NCO's 590                                                                                                |                   |
|             |             | (b) Drafts actually departed - viae Appx "B" to this letter<br>110 to ROME.<br>400 for Gd Bns<br>290 for 5 Army Br Increment labour            |                   |
|             |             | (c) 5 Army Br Incr warned by HQ MMIA of deficiency in draft of 700 labour.                                                                     | 'phone            |
| 8.          |             | 804 BRD TRANI have been ordered to make up part of this 700 deficiency by the despatch to AREZZO on 13 Mar of 300 lrb rfts for 5 Army Br Incr. |                   |

Appx "A" to MNIA letter  
SD/42/5 of Mar 45

803 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot - AFRAGOLA

| <u>Para</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Action</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <u>Reference</u>     |
|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.          | 22 Feb      | AFHQ were asked to move the following from AFRAGOLA Camp during week 5 - 11 Mar:-<br>Serial 6 (.) 1000 lab to AREZZO<br>" 7 (.) 500 screenees to AREZZO<br>Both for 5 Army Br Incr<br>Movement of ser. 6 asked for early in week.<br>Movement of ser. 7 asked for late in week.<br>Serial 8 (.) 110 lab to ROME for smoke. | SD 2331 of 22 Feb 45 |
| 2.          | 1 Mar       | AFHQ were asked to move the following from AFRAGOLA during the week 12 - 18 Mar:-<br>Serial 34 (.) 400 guard bn rfts to SIENA                                                                                                                                                                                              | SD 2370 of 1 Mar 45  |
| 3.          | 5 Mar       | Owing to operational moves AFHQ ordered the move of 400 gd bn rfts to take place during the week 5 - 11 Mar and did not order the move of 500 screenees vide para 1 serial 7 above.                                                                                                                                        | P O M                |
| 4.          | 7 Mar       | AFHQ ordered the following to move from AFRAGOLA at 1400 hrs 9 Mar:-<br>1000 lab rfts to AREZZO<br>400 gd bn rfts to AREZZO<br>100 lab rfts to ROME                                                                                                                                                                        | EX 39576 of 072051A  |
| 5.          | 7 Mar       | Local May warned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                      |

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5. 7 Mar Local Mov warned MMIA LO who warn- Phone  
-ed AFRAGOLA Camp by phone

6. 8 Mar (a) 3 Dist MMIA LO requested HQ  
MMIA to stagger trains in order to  
facilitate departure of drafts com- Phone  
-plete. He was instructed to give 1445 hrs  
3 Dist and AFRAGOLA every help and  
to impress 227 Div HQ with their  
responsibilities

(b) HQ MMIA requested GI (Dr) AFHQ Phone  
to arrange trains to be staggered 1500 hrs

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5. B. (Contd)

The procedure in force until the current week for the reinforcement of BR-ITL service units is contained in AFHQ letter, AG 091.711 /162 GCT-O dated 16 Nov 1944 para 18.

C. This HQ will inform DMT of agreement to att of additional Br NCO Instructors.

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Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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INTERNAL:

- M.A. to G.O.C.
- DA & OMC
- Col PIDSLEY
- G.2.I (2)
- Q 2

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SUBJECT: 803 Italian Base Rft Depot AFRAGOLA.

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

SD/42/5 ←

14 Mar 45

TO : 3 DISTRICT

copy to: MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT  
PENSOUTH for MMIA LO  
OC 2r Cadre 803 Italian BRD AFRAGOLA  
ATTN: for GI (Br) & D.M.I.

1. I view with alarm the movement of only 800 tps from AFRAGOLA Base Depot on 9 Mar when movement for 1500 had been arranged and the camp strength stood at 3002 all ranks.

2. The part played by MMIA is set out at Appx "A" from which you will see that my staff did everything possible from ROME to ensure that the correct draft was forwarded. The matter is also being taken up with Italian War Ministry.

3. I forward this information to you for further action as you will probably want to enquire into the adm of this Depot which is under your comd through H.Q. 227 Adm Div.

4. Att at Appx "B" is copy of British Cadre Comd's letter 6/3/JT dated 10 Mar. Will you please accept action The addition of an escort company to the BRD WT has been proposed.

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001 GCT-O of 3 Mar and 6228/4/Q  
(Maint) of 10 Mar.

para 1 (b) - see AFHQ letter, CR/1116/G.1  
(Tr)(Ser 1660) of 22 Feb.

Sifting of staff should be carried out by 227 Adm Div HQ

B. For action on para 1 (c) see MMIA letter SD/42 of 14 Feb. It will be appreciated that the procedure initiated by this letter comes into effect during the current week (12 - 18 Mar) for planning against the week 26 Mar - 1 Apr.

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Br Cadre . There is a Br Cadre att to each BRD.  
It is organised on W.E. CM/731/1

*Blk*  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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COPIES TO:

MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT  
MMIA IO 3 DISTRICT  
MMIA LO 54 AREA  
MMIA IO PENNSOUTH  
SIGNALS OFFICE DARFETUA FOR O'DONNELL  
CC BR CADRE 802, 803, 804 BRD's.

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SUBJECT: Plan of Base Reinforcement Depots (BR-III)

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

SD/42/1  
15 Mar 45.

TO : MIN OF WAR

802 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot ORVIEITO  
803 " " " ABRAGOLA  
804 " " " TRANI

Formation of the above Units is confirmed as

follows:

M.E. CM/730/1 TOTAL 21 Officers 514 ORG.

Supervising  
Authy

802 - HQ No 1 District - 209 Adm Div HQ  
803 - 3 District (56 Area) - 227 Adm Div HQ  
804 - 3 District (54 Area) - 230 " "

Location

As Above.

W.e.f.

9 Feb 1945

Personnel

To complete WE will be posted by you. Please report situation soonest.

Clothing

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Equipment

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- (c) transport to complete to WE.

Tpt

British transport will be demanded on Q(AE) AFHQ by the supervising authority.

Postal

Postal address will be:

- 802 BRD FM 185
- 803 BRD FM 3400
- 804 BRD TRANI by civil Postal service.

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FROM : ADAMSON ITALIAN RETT DEPOT AFRAGOLA  
TO : AQ MMIA ROME

4/4/JF

227 DIV ITALIAN HAVE DEMANDED 10 CAPTAINS FOR AFRAGOLA (x)  
CAN THIS BE EXPEDITED BY YOUR LO AT MINISTRY OF WAR

Precedence --  
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SD DIST:

Action copy: SD/42/5

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They already  
have 597 offrs  
and NCO's at  
Afrapola !!

10/3  
B  
10/3 - 2410

agree



NFA.

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FROM: 804 ITALIAN BASE RPT DEPCT TRANI

C O P Y

TO : MMIA

INFO: MINISTRY OF WAR

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YOUR SD 2427 REFERS (.) MINIMUM RECOMMENDATION FOR WE ESCORT DUTIES  
1 NCO AND 6 OTHER RANKS

RESTRICTED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

SD DIST.: SD/42/3

WB

G12 WE

Action on  
SD/42/1

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