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ONE (.) 13 CORPS APPROVE RELIEF OF 516 CD BN BY AQUILA
ALPINI BN IN AREA MESTRE (.)

TWO (.) CONFIRMING VERBAL ADVICE WE CONSIDER EXCHANGE SHOULD BE
DELAYED TO ALLOW FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF EQUIPMENT AND
CLOTHING QUESTIONS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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SUBJECT: "Alpini" Formations

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/56/2

2 Oct 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your 17060/Ord/I dated 23 Sep 45, your proposal to earmark the three I.S. Regts with HQ at TURIN, BOLZANO and UDINE as "Alpini" formations on same interim basis is agreed, ie - 533/SMRE/1 (Bde HQ) and 531/SMRE/1 (En HQ).

It will be necessary for you gradually to post and cross-post the required personnel.

[Signature]
Major General,
MMIA.

Internal: MA to GOC

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SUBJECT: Transfer of an ALPINI Bn
to the valley of AOSTA

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (NMIA)

SD/38/2

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Sep 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref the attached letter from Presidency of the Council of Ministers, dated 28 Aug 45.

1. As you know, all the Combat Gps are under comd of 2 Dist who allots the units according to operational necessity.
2. It is regretted ~~the~~ ~~refore~~ that this HQ is not prepared to take action on this request.

(K)

Major General,
NMIA.

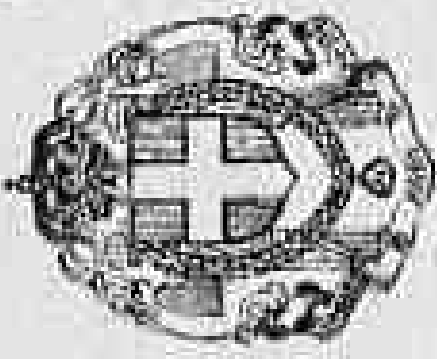
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Presidenza
del Consiglio dei Ministri

Prot. N. 44402/37090-6/I-6-I
Allegato

OGGETTO Trasferimento di Battaglione alpini in Val
d'Aosta -

In dipendenza della conseguita liberazione, nei
diversi ceti della popolazione del Piemonte si è mani-
festato il desiderio di riavere di stanza nella regio-
ne reparti dell'Esercito regolare italiano.

In tal senso sono state rivolte al Ministero del-
la Guerra insistenti richieste, che rivelano il costan-
te attaccamento della gente piemontese ai vari Corpi del-
l'Esercito, eredi e continuatori della sua antica tradi-
zione militare.

Tale aspirazione è particolarmente viva nelle val-
late montane, e tra esse la Val d'Aosta, che amerebbero
in modo speciale riavere qualche rappresentanza del Cor-
po degli alpini.

In relazione a ciò, ed anche per favorire il
no alle normalità delle condizioni di spirito della popo-
lazione provata dai recenti avvenimenti, questa Presiden-

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Commissione Alleata,
Commissione per le Forze Ar-
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Resposta al Foglio del

Dir. Sec. N. 2

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Battaglione alpini in Val
d'Aosta -

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In tal senso sono state rivolte al Ministero della Guerra insistenti richieste, che rivelano il costante attaccamento della gente piemontese ai vari Corpi dell'Esercito, eredi e continuatori della sua antica tradizione militare.

Tale aspirazione è particolarmente viva nelle valli montane, e tra esse la Val d'Aosta, che amerebbero in modo speciale riavere qualche rappresentanza del Corpo degli alpini.

In relazione a ciò, ed anche per favorire il

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lazione provata dei recenti avvenimenti, questa Presidenza riterrrebbe opportuno che fosse trasferito in Val d'Aosta il Battaglione alpini "Piemonte", attualmente dislocato in Valtellina.

Si prega pertanto codesta Commissione alleata di inare la possibilità di autorizzare tale trasferimento.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

F. Apresant

TRANSLATION

From: Presidency of the Council
of Ministers.

Ref: 44402/37090-6/1-6-I

To: MIA

Date: 28 Aug 45

SUBJECT: Transfer of an ALPINE Bn to the valley of Aosta.

After their liberation, the various classes of the Piedmontese population have expressed the wish that units of the regular Italian Army should be permanently stationed in Piedmont.

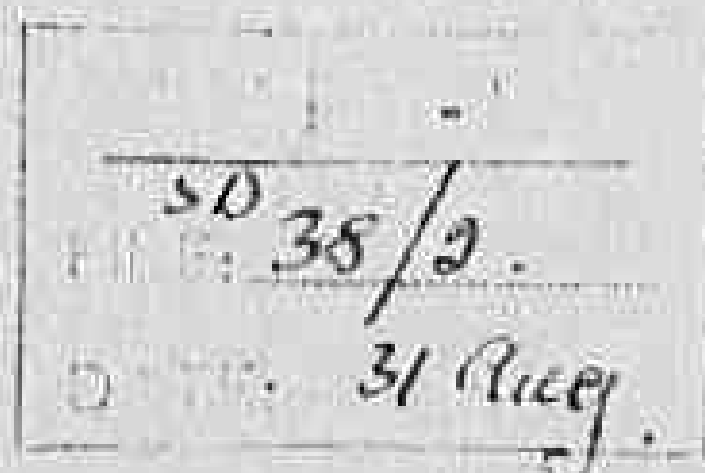
They have, therefore, addressed to the Ministry of War several requests, that reveal the constant affection of the Piedmont people to the various Corps of the Army, which are the heirs and followers of its old military tradition.

This wish is particularly strong in the ALPINE valleys, and in the valley of Aosta, that would like to have some representatives of the Alpine Corps.

In view of this and in order to facilitate the return to the normality of the population who suffered during the last war events, this Presidency thinks that it would be advisable to transfer to Aosta valley the "PIEMONTE" Alpine Bn actually stationed in VALTELLINA.

Therefore we beg MIA to take into consideration the possibility of transferring a/s Battalion.

Tolvo 73 Refer.



/signed/ ARCESANT

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Translated by:
Typed by: JV

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SUBJECT: Training - CARABALDI Regiment

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. H. I. A.)
PREF.
G/Trg/25.

14 AUG 45.

TO: 53 British Liaison Unit,
P. EL & TU, CESARO.

1. CARABALDI Regt will replace San Marco Regt in POLICOM Combat Group and will take over British weapons and equipment.
2. Certain help will undoubtedly be necessary to train this Regt in the shortest possible time.
3. Fortunately a cadre was trained in anticipation of CARABALDI receiving British equipment, and this cadre should be able to proceed with the early training of the rank and file.
4. Arrangements must however be made to give officers and NCOs advanced training, particularly in Specialist weapons.
5. Addressees will consult with each other as to the detail of courses deemed necessary to enable training to get under weigh and to train the necessary officers and NCOs as commanders and instructors in all arms.
6. Particular attention must be paid to training of drivers of wheeled and tracked vehicles.
7. Decisions reached between addressees will be communicated to this H.Q. by 53 BLU.

Copy to: AFHQ (G. Trg)
D.M.E. c/o 56 Area
Ministry of War

Major Griddle (with CARABALDI Regt)

Internal: MA to G.C.C.
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Major General
MIA.

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Subject: Additional Troops, Interim Army

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
SD/38/2

11 August 1945

To : Executive Commissioner, ALCOM

1. The figure of 140,000 troops (excluding CC.RR) was the recommendation of the former Minister for War, Count Casati, based on the following:

a. War Ministry contemplated a change in the organization, armament, and equipment, of two of the present Combat Groups into two Alpine Divisions.

b. The total of 140,000 troops (excluding CC.RR) was the maximum number the Italian Government would be able to support.

2. It is not believed that two divisions in addition to the 140,000 now recommended will be necessary, nor is it believed that two additional divisions can be supported by the Italian Government.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)

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Translation

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P.S. The Minister of War agrees and thinks that an increase of the regular effectives is still to be wished for; he does not consider it advisable to employ the army for the maintenance of public order. I agree with him, but I think that in our conditions, an increase of the available military forces is an important and supplementary element of security, especially if it is possible to free the army from the ancient classes and make it homogeneous.

Of course, instead of two large supplementary units, it would be better to dispose of a number of carabinieri if not equivalent, at least important.

s. Ferruccio Parri

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Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers

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Rome, I - 8 - 1945

To confirm the verbal request already made to you, I express the opinion that the effectives of the transition army granted to Italy by the Allies ought to be increased of two large units.

As I have already told you verbally, this request is chiefly made because of the requirements of public order especially during the next elections and the electoral campaign which will take place before them.

The units which are at present available do not appear to be sufficient to have them scattered as they should in all the provinces of the Peninsula.

I beg you, my dear Admiral, to support this request; thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours very truly,

S. Ferruccio Parri

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome

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SUBJECT : GARIBALDI Regiment - Personnel.

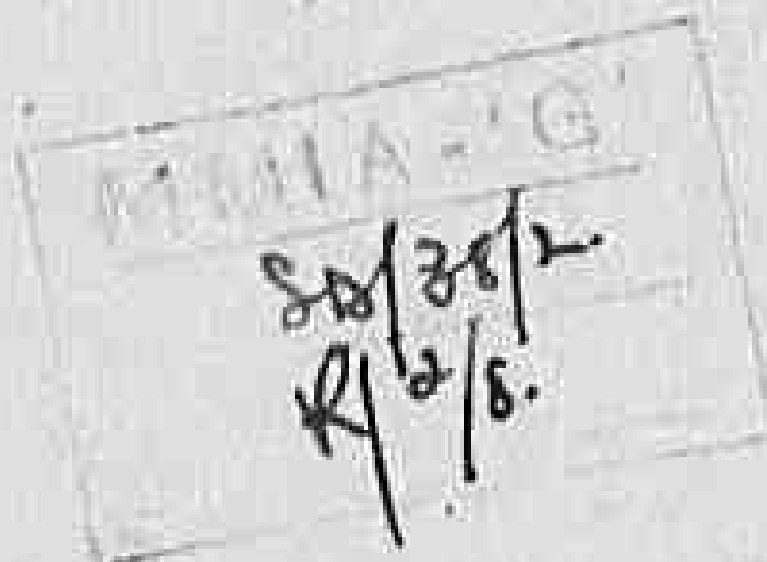
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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.O.
(E.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 186/6.
1 Aug 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Ref your letters 20201/Mob of 23 July 45, and 20382/Mob of 26 July 45.

1. Arrangements have been made through H.Q. 3 District to send 600 reinforcements to the GARIBALDI Regiment from personnel allotted to 227 Division (MEMA A 1181 of 22 July refers).
2. Your proposal to replace officers of arms other than infantry now serving with the GARIBALDI Regiment by infantry officers is agreed, and you are requested to effect the necessary postings, except that of Col. RAYNICH who is to remain.
3. If suitable officers are held at IRECO, GERMANO, there is no objection to their employment for this purpose.
4. A similar exchange of RUC's and OR's can take place little by little whenever there is a surplus of infantry personnel at the Centre.



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Major General,
E.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Formation of ALPINE Corps

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/38/2 ✓

31 July 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Reference your 15413/CRD/I dated 24 Jul 45.

1. The traditional and psychological importance for the Italian Army and Nation of the ALPINI Troops are factors already known to the Military Mission. The part played by the PIEMONTE, MONTICRANERO, and AGUILA Bns, who have represented the ALPINI in the Italian Army since the Armistice has not been forgotten by the Allies. The two Bns which are still in existence continue to maintain the ALPINI tradition in the NORTH of Italy as part of the LEGHANO Gp.

2. Your proposal to increase the number of ALPINI Tps to two ALPINE Regts must be dependent on the Allied decision on the future of the Italian Army. Nothing is known about this yet, and in the meantime the policy is to reduce and not to increase the number of units.

3. Your present request will be kept on hand and as soon as the policy on an interim Army is announced the question can be examined in greater detail.

L. Browning

Major General
MMIA

WB

19/3/48

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FROM : MAJOR GRIBBLE i/c G RINALDI INF REGT
TO : LT COL DWYDEN
SIA

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HEREWITH DATA OF GARTBOLDI REGT (.) 1700 ALL PAVES LIVE
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Translation.

From:- M. of W.

To:- MMIA.

Ref:- 15413/Ord/I.
Date:- 24th. July 45.

Subject:- Formation of Alpine Groups.

In the proposals dealing with the first basic duties (i.e. protection of the frontiers from minor aggressions) to be carried out by the "transition period army", also the necessity of forming two Alpine Groups has been underlined.

While an early answer is awaited from you, at least on the main points of such an important problem, I consider it my duty to emphasise that the re formation of Alpine Units is a matter of exceptional value to the Italian Army. In fact, it deals with the technical and morale value since it is obvious that no one can guard the frontier better than the Alpine Troops whose firmness is inspired by both the natural surroundings where these troops are employed and by the most profound affection they have towards that area in which they see, even materially, Italy and their own land, their country and their family. Such are the circumstances which exalt the traditional ties of affection between the people and our glorious Alpine Troops.

The re-birth of the army is instinctively felt in Northern Italy as the re-birth of Alpine Units. This is already being proved by the requests received urging to obtain the recognition of Alpine Units which were formed during the underground struggle, and the reformation of these glorious units of our army.

As an example, the Prefect of Aosta urged, in the name of the Valle, the re formation ~~the~~ of the "Aosta" Alpine Bn. which was decorated with the gold medal for military valour during the war 1915-18.

Obviously, it would be particularly valuable to favour such a patriotic tendency.

Each Group could have, together with the two Alpine Regts, Artillery, Engineers and Service units of a total strength of approx. 7000 men. Total strength 14000 men.

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Such units, either in number or in strength ³⁷⁸⁶ do not certainly answer to the actual requirement for frontier defense. In fact, these are far ^{too small} to cope with such a requirement but on the other hand, these are considered proportioned with the total strength of the "transition period army".

^{whole} ~~are~~ awaiting to be in a position to return to the normal forms of regional recruiting, men required could be obtained either from volunteers belonging to partisans formations, ~~either~~ or from men born in the Alpine recruiting area and belonging to auxiliary units being disbanded or reduced in strength, or from men belonging to Admin. Div. of ~~which also~~ services, animals, etc. could be used.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE

N. 15413/Ord./I. di prot. IN { Data 24/7/1940 M. 3800, e 24 luglio 1940

Allegati

OGGETTO:

Costituzione di raggruppamenti alpini. =

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→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA
a, per conoscenza:
AL CABINETTO
ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO
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Nelle proposte relative all'"Esercito di transizione" per l'assolvimento del primo compito fondamentale attribuito all'Esercito stesso e cioè "protezione delle frontiere da aggressioni minori", è stata prospettata, fra l'altro, la necessità della costituzione di 2 raggruppamenti alpini.

In attesa che cotesta M.M.I.A. possa far conoscere, con ogni possibile sollecitudine, almeno i principali orientamenti sull'importante problema, considero doveroso porre in rilievo che la ricostituzione di unità alpine riveste un valore eccezionale per l'Esercito italiano. Si tratta infatti di valore tecnico e morale in quanto è ovvio che nessuno possa guardare la frontiera meglio di un reparto alpino alle cui saldezza concorre sia il naturale smisurato reperto nella zona d'impiego, sia il profondissimo attaccamento alla zona stessa nella quale s'identificano, anche materialmente, l'Italia e la propria terra, la Patria e la famiglia. Condizione questa che esalta i tradizionali, insopprimibili vincoli di affetto che legano le popolazioni alle nostre valorose truppe alpine.

La rinascita dell'Esercito è istintivamente sentita nel nord d'Italia come la rinascita delle unità alpine. Stanno a dimostrarlo già le pressanti richieste pervenute per ottenere il riconoscimento di reparti alpini formati durante la lotta clandestina e per la ricostituzione di gloriose unità del nostro Esercito.

Ad esempio il Prefetto di Aosta ha sollecitato a nome della

o, per conoscenza.

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AL GABINETTO
ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

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Ad esempio il Prefetto di Aosta ha sollecitato a nome della Valle la ricostituzione del battaglione alpini "Aosta" decorato di medaglia d'oro al valor militare nella guerra 1915-18.

Ovvio pertanto il particolare valore che avrebbe il **3780** assecondare questa patriottica aspirazione.

Ciascuno dei due raggruppamenti potrebbe comprendere, insieme a due reggimenti alpini, reparti di artiglieria, genio e servizi per un complesso di circa 7.000 uomini. In totale 14.000 uomini.

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Tali unità, sia come numero, sia come entità, non rispondono certo alle effettive esigenze di difesa della frontiera, anzi ne sono ben lontane, ma sono considerate proporzionate alla consistenza complessiva dell'Esercito di transizione.

In attesa che sia possibile tornare alle normali forme di reclutamento regionale, gli uomini occorrenti potrebbero essere tratti sia da volontari già appartenenti alle formazioni partigiane, sia da elementi nati in zona di reclutamento alpino ed appartenenti alle unità ausiliarie in corso di scioglimento o di contrazione, sia da elementi delle divisioni amministrative delle quali potrebbero essere utilizzati anche servizi, quadrumedi, ecc.-

Già che preme maggiormente è iniziare al più presto la costituzione di tali reparti, per le ragioni suesposte ed in modo che ogni difficoltà possa essere affrontata e superata progressivamente.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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Subject: Proposed Reconstruction of 8 Alpine Regt.

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

PCME.

ED/38/2.

23 July 45.

To: MMIA I.A.O. c/o 1 District.

Copy to: H.Q. Venezia Region, A.M.C.
Ministry of War.

See F-69

Reference your LG/617 of 18 July 45.

1. The policy governing the enlistment of Patriots into the Italian Army laid down by AFM states clearly that under no circumstances will Bands of Patriots be incorporated into the Italian Army. Individual enlistment only is authorised through the proper Ministry of War channels.

2. It is therefore pointed out that the proposals for the reconstruction of the 8 Alpine Regt as forwarded with your letter under reference cannot be considered. Any further proposals of a similar nature which you may receive from Allied or Italian sources will be refused by you, quoting this letter as your authority. This HQ need not be consulted since the Policy is firm.

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W. Selby maj.
for Major General.
MMIA.

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M.H.I.A.

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PRESENT DEFICIENCY CARINALDI REGIMENT IS 600 OTHER RANKS (.) PROPOSE
YOU MAKE UP THIS DEFICIENCY FROM SURPLUS PERSONNEL NOW AT YOUR DISPOSAL
USING ONLY MEN OF 1919 AND YOUNGER CLASSES (.) SIGNAL IF THIS CAN BE DONE
OR IF REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED FROM OUTSIDE

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Subject:- Proposed Reconstruction
of 8th Alpine Regt.

SD
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Tel : 22602
Ref LG/GI7

18 July 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

SEC F 71.

Attached correspondence forwarded *to you* for information.

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MMIA LO., I District.

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VENETIAN REGION
Allied Military Government
A.P.O.
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16 July 1945.

To : Comando Militare Territoriale
U D I N E

Subject : Proposed Reconstruction of
8th Alpine Regt.

File : RXII/PAT/R3 - 132

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded.
2. We would be glad to know the possibilities of this proposal and any action you take in this matter.


Regional Commissioner.

Copy to : M.M.I.A. c/o N° 1 Dist.

Encl. Copy of G.V.L. letter 973 of 24 June 45, with English translation.
Copy of I.M.P.R. Udine letter UDI/PAT/88 of 30 June 45 with English translation.

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Military Government
UDINE Province

Udine, 30 giugno 1945

UDI/PAT/88

Oggetto: Proposta di ricostituzione dell'8 Rgt.
Alpini.

All'Ufficio Patrioti
dell'H.Q. A.M.G. Venezia Region.
APO 394

Trasmetto, con preghiera di inoltro alla Commissione Alleata in Roma, la proposta di ricostituzione dell'8 Regg.to Alpini, compilata dal Comando Unico Raggruppamento Zone Friuli del C.V.L. (foglio n. 973 in data 24-6-45). Ho aggiunto una traduzione in inglese della proposta stessa.

Il desiderio della ricostituzione dell'8 Rgt. alpini è unanimemente sentito ed espresso, perchè, essendo a reclutamento regionale, è il reggimento della zona.

In esso si assorbirebbero molti dei Patrioti ora smobilitati.

Di utilità certa sarebbe anche che l'ufficio stralcio 8 Alpini, per ora destinato a Belluno, rimanesse in zona, perchè ad esso Ufficio farebbero capo numerosi patrioti per la richiesta di documenti per il precedente servizio militare prestato. Belluno è lontano ed allo stato attuale non vi sono mezzi di comunicazione fra Udine e Belluno.

L'IMPR PROVINCIA DI UDINE
(Ten. COL. Del Dia Prospero)

TRANSLATION

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I beg to transmit the enclosed letter to H.Q. A.M.G. ROMA. the proposal of the reconstruction of the 8th Regg. Alpini, composed by the COMANDO UNICO RAGGRUPAMENTO ZONE FRIULI (Unite Group Command for the Friuli Zone) of C.V.L. I enclosed an english translation.

The desire of the reconstruction of the 8 Regg. Alpine is sentimental expressed, because, it is the Zone Regiment.

It would enlist many of the Patriots, now demobilised.

Of a certain utility would be the welding up office in this area, now destined for Belluno, because many of the demobilised soldiers could ask for their documents here.

Belluno is far and communication difficulties are many today.

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CORPO VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTÀ
Comando Raggruppamento Zone Friuli
(Comando Unico)

Udine 24 giugno 1945.

Prot. 973

Oggetto : Proposta di ricostituzione
dell'8 Regg.to Alpini.

ALL'ECCE. IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

R O M A

Da quanto risulta dalla stampa e da notizie pervenute da varie fonti, l'esercito italiano sarà riorganizzato su basi moderne e più rispondenti alle attuali necessità.

Nella Provincia del Friuli l'8° è l'espressione più pura del sentimento friulano ed è da tutti, anche dai più umili, amato e desiderato. I dolorosi avvenimenti dell'8 settembre non offuscarono la sua gloria, perchè i suoi figli dopo essere riusciti a sottrarsi alla prigionia del tedesco invasore, accorsero per primi nelle unità dei garibaldini e degli osovani, tanto che le tradizioni di sacrificio e di gloria di questo reggimento continuarono e numerosissimi caduti nelle formazioni partigiane si aggiunsero ai suoi 16147 caduti delle varie guerre dalla Libica all'attuale (1).

Una medaglia d'oro, 4 d'argento, 1 di bronzo, l'Ordine militare di Savoia fregiano la sua bandiera, che l'eroismo dei suoi alpini è riuscito a portare in salvo attraverso le dure battaglie della Russia.

L'esercito repubblicano, per attirare uomini nelle sue spaurite file cercò di sfruttare il nome, la gloria dell'8° alpini per dare vita al reggimento alpini Tagliamento, che doveva rappresentare per i friulani quello che era l'8° alpini. L'espedita fallì miseramente, perchè quello che i repubblicani chiamarono reggimento alpini Tagliamento, di alpini non aveva quasi che il nome.

(1) - Guerra Libica	=	962	caduti
" 15-18	=	8159	"
" Etiopica	=	29	"
" Attuale	=	7200	"
Totale			

16147 (non sono compresi i caduti nella lotta clandestina).

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Esso era infatti costituito da :

- un battaglione bersaglieri
- un battaglione camice nero
- un battaglione alpini

questo ultimo battaglione; del resto poco numeroso, era composto quasi esclusivamente di elementi di varie regioni d'Italia. Quei pochi friulani che per vari motivi (classi giovani, impossibilitati di allontanarsi dalla famiglia, ecc. ecc.) vi furono incorporati con la forza, disertarono il reparto non appena questo si allontanò da Udine e passarono con le loro armi nelle formazioni partigiane.

La ricostituzione dell'8° Alpini mi sembra quindi opportuna per dare alla gente Friulana, sentinella avanzata d'italianità che vede in esso il suo baluardo sicuro, un segno tangibile di riconoscimento ed anche perchè :

Nel reggimento troverebbero un'ambitissima sistemazione molti giovani che per 20 mesi militarono nelle formazioni partigiane sostenendo sacrifici, disagi e privazioni di ogni genere e versando il loro sangue generoso per scacciare dalla loro terra gli odiati nazi-fascisti.

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Il Comandante
E. GROSSI

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TRANSLATION

CORPO VOLONTARI DELLA LIBERTA'
COMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTO ZONE FRIULI
(COMANDO UNICO)

Udine 24th May 1945.

Subject : Proposal for the rebuilding of the 8th Alpin Regiment
to : WAR MINISTER

R O M E

It is resulting from the print and news we got from several parts, that the Italian Army will be reorganised on more modern bases answering to the actual necessities.

In the Friuli province the 8th Alpini is the most pure expression of the Friulan feeling and is by everybody, also by the humblest persons, loved and wanted. The sorrowful events of the 8th September did not darken its glory, because its sons after having been able to escape the prison of the German Invasor, were the first to fight in the Units of the Garibaldini and Osoppo, in order that the tradition of sacrifice and glory of this regiment, were going on and many casualties in the partisan ranks were added to the 16147 fallen of the various wars from the Libic one to the actual. (1)

A golden Medal, 4 silver medals, a bronze one, the Military Savoia order adorns its flag, which the heroism of its Alpini was able to save through the hard Russian battles?

The Republican Army, to allure men in its ranks tried to use its name and the glory of the 8th Alpini to give life to the Alpin Tagliamento Regiment, which should have represented for the people of Friuli what has been the 8th Alpini. The ruse failed miserably, because what the republicans called Alpini Tagliamento Regimento, of Alpines had but the name.

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War 15-18	-	8159 "
Etiopic war	-	29 "
Actualwar	-	7200 "

Total

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It was formed by :

- a bersaglieri Battalione
- a Battalion of black-shorts (camice nero)
- an Alpini Battalion

The latter, very little numerous indeed, was composed exclusively with elements of various parts of Italy. Those few Friulans who owing to various motives (young classes, which had not the possibility to go away from their families, etc. etc.) were compelled to serve and as soon as the report went away from Udine deserted and passed with their arms in the partisan ranks.

The rebuilding of the 8th Alpini, seems to me therefore advisable, to give to the people of Friuli, advanced sentry of Italianity - which sees in it sure bulwark, a tangible sign of recognizing and also because:

-In the regiment could find a very desirable sistemation many young man who served for 20 months in the Partisan units suffering sacrifices, hardships and privations of all kind and giving their blood to drive away from their country the hated nazi-fascists.

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The Comander
E. GROSSI.

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COPY OF INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA LO 34 AREA

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TO : MMIA

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INFO : ~~TRG~~ INCR GARIBALDI REGT

IMPORTANT

REF : SD/206

REQUEST SIX COPIES UP TO DATE W E S OF UNITS OF
GARIBALDI REGT (.) REQUIRED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO
HQs CONCERNED FOR WORKING OUT THEIR OP LAYOUT
PRESENT ROLE

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
Tel: 439081 Ext.533
A286/6
13 July 45

SUBJECT : Garibaldi Regiment.
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TO : Ministry of War.
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1. The situation with regard to the Garibaldi Regiment is viewed with grave concern by the Supreme Allied Commander.

2. You will ensure that the Regiment is brought up to strength immediately. This implies

(a) that the posted strength is equal to the War Establishment

(b) that the parade strength is equal to the posted strength less the authorized allotment for leave (15% while liberation leave is still in progress) and genuine hospital cases. Men absent without leave will be carried against the 15% allowance for ~~ordinary~~ leave.

3. Men now absent from the Regiment will be dealt with as follows:

(a) Those on liberation leave in N. ITALY will be concentrated at suitable points for rail movement to TRANI. You will inform MMIA earliest of the number required to be moved.

(b) The number of men absent without leave, which will include all under (a) whose whereabouts are not known, will be communicated to MMIA. A decision will then be made on whether or not they can be struck off strength without the normal 30 days period.

4. In order to meet the immediate deficiency in the parade strength of the regiment 400 reinforcements will be posted forthwith from INFU CESANO. If necessary men may be taken from arms other than infantry Artillery, or from personnel attending courses. *395*

5. Transport for these 400 reinforcements to be sent to TRANI is *395*

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5. Transport for these 400 reinforcements to be sent to TRANI is being placed at your disposal. The party will leave CESANO on the morning of 15 July at the latest.

d. Browning

Major General,
E.M.I.A.

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GEO 4 (W)	X
GEO 5 (W)	X
GEO 6 (50)	X
GEO 7 (C.A.)	X
GEO 8 (W)	

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MAJ J.A.G. GRIBBLE
O.I.C. GARIBALDI INF REGT ICF
TO : LT COL HOWARD
MMIA ROME
INFO: MAJ H. KING
"F" BLU AND TRAINING UNIT RTC
ICF CESANO
REF :

5 NPT

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

G A R B A L D I INF REGT :

No 1 Bn 331

No 2 Bn 560

No 3 Bn 507

R.H.Q. 267

TOTAL STRENGTH OF REGIMENT AT 0600 HRS

THIS MORNING

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO : RAAC
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60 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
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F BLTU RTC

Date

Time

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REF : SD 2830

1 (.) OUR SD 2812 DATED 2 JUL NOT TO ALL IS
CANCELLED (.) 2 (.) G A R I B A L D I INF REGT
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AREA ON INTERNAL SECURITY DUTIES AS REQUIRED BY
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.) MOV ORDERS WILL FOLLOW (.)
3 (.) LEADING REGT M A N T O V A G P A R M I E R E
M I L A N AREA 9, 10 AND 11 JUL (.) DETAILS
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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM : AFHQ SO SACRED CITY TROOP 061753 Z
TO : ALLIED COMMISSION DISTTHREE
INFO : DISTONE DISTWO RAAC FIFTH ARMY
LNUA
REF : FX 18043 SECRET

PARA 1 (*) GARIBOLDI REGIMENT UNDER COMD 3 DIST FORTHWITH
FOR EMPLOYMENT IN HARI AREA ON SUCH INTERNAL
SECURITY DUTIES AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY ITALIAN
GOVT (*)

PARA 2 (*) MOVE ORDERS FOLLOW SEPARATELY (*)

PARA 3 (*) FOR FIFTH ARMY AND DISTWO (*) THIS CANCELS
CIR 17838 OF 5 JULY (*) LEADING REGT MANTOVA
GRUPPI WILL ARRIVE MILAN AREA 9, 10 and 11TH
JULY (*) DETAILS FOLLOW

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Action : G/92

Info : SD/38/2
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. GRIFFIN
O.I.C. GARIBALDI INF REGT
LT.COL. HOWARD - MMIA ROME
TO : MAJOR H.KING "F" B.L.U. AND
TRG UNIT RTC ICF - CESANO

3 July 45

HERewith DAILY STRENGTH RETURN G A R I B A L D I INF
REGT 0600 HRS JULY 3D 45

NO 1 BN	331
NO 2 BN	561
NO 3 BN	507
R.H.Q.	269
TOTAL	1672

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE
O.i.c. GARIBALDI INF REGT

2 July 45

TO LT.COL. HOWARD - MMIA ROME

INFO : MAJOR H. KING "F" BRITISH LIAISON
AND TRANSIT UNIT - CESANO

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN G A R I B a l d i INF
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GSO 3 (L) *X*

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MAIN 8 ARMY

TO : MMIA

INFO: 13 CORPS

REF : I/273

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IMPORTANT

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MAJ JAC GRIBBLE
i.c. GARIBALDI INF REGT - VITERBO

1 July NPT

TO : COL HOWARD
MMIA - ROME

INFO: MAJ KING
B.T.U. - CESANO

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN GARIBALDI

INF REGT :

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No 2 Bn 572

No 3 Bn 505

HQ REGT 269

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE O.I.C
GARIBALDI INF REGT - VITERBO
TO : LT COL HOWARD - MMIA ROME
TO : MAJOR H.KING BRITISH LIAISON
UNIT - ROME

30 June

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN GARIBALDI
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NO 3 BN 500

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. G R I B B L E
O.I.C. GARIBALDI INF REGT
VITERBO

29 JUNE

LT COL HOWARD MMIA ROME

TO : MAJOR H. KING MMIA ROME
RTCICF CESANO

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INF REGT (.)

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NO 2 BN 566

NO 3 BN 488

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FROM : MAIN 8 ARMY
TO : HQ ALCON
INFO : 13 CORPS
REF : CL/80

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FIRST PARTIES ITALIA DIV ARRIVING
ALLIED TERRITORY 1 JULY (.) EXPEDITE REPLY
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at folio 55

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. GRIEBLE O.I.C.
GARTBALDI INF REGT - VITERBO
LT.COL. HOWARD NMIA ROME
TO : MAJOR H.KING RTC ... ICF
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28 JUNE

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MATA
 TO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
 INFO: 13 CORPS
 SD 2807

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 AVAILABLE FOR CEREMONIAL PARADE 6 JULY BUT IN PRIVATE
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 REP FROM MINISTRY OF WAR WILL BE DETAINED TO PAY ARREARS
 FOR ALL MEMBERS OF GARIBOLDI DIV WHO/REGULAR ARMY SOLDIERS
 AT DATE OF ARMISTICE (.) FOUR (.) ALL MEMBERS OF GARIBOLDI
 DIV VOLUNTEERING TO JOIN ITALIAN ARMY AFTER DISARMMENT OF UNIT
 WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS INDIVIDUALS UNDER USUAL CONDITIONS (.)
 PLEASE CONFIRM

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 FOR ALL MEMBERS OF GARIBOLDI DIV WEP/REGULAR ARMY SOLDIERS
 AT DATE OF AMBUSTICE (.) FOUR (.) ALL MEMBERS OF GARIBOLDI
 DIV VOLUNTEERING TO JOIN ITALIAN ARMY AFTER DISBANDMENT OF UNIT
 WILL BE ACCEPTABLE AS INDIVIDUALS UNDER USUAL CONDITIONS (.)
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TO : HQ ALCOM

INFO: 13 CORPS

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ONE (.) BY ARRANGEMENTS WITH YUGOSLAV AUTHORITIES

ITALIA GARI BALDI ASSAULT DIV MOVING INTO ALLIED TERRITORY
 4 JULY FROM UNDER COMD 2 YUGOSLAV ARMY (.) DIV IS BEING MET BY ARMY TPT
 AND MOVED TO CONC AREA WEST OF ISONZO (.) CEREMONIAL FARSWELL
 PARADE HELD BY YUGOSLAVS RECENTLY NEAR ZAGREB (.) TWO (.)
 PROPOSE HOLD PARELLEL CEREMONIAL PARADE ON 6 JULY WITH BRITISH ITALIAN AND
 YUGOSLAV REFS (.) REQUEST PRESENCE AT PARADE OF PALERMO, UNDER
 SEC OF WAR OR ANOTHER GOVT REP (.) PALERMO MOST SUITABLE SINCE HE
 VISITED ITALIAN UNITS IN YUGOSLAVIA LAST YEAR AND ARRANGED REPATRIATION OF
 OXILIA GARI BALDI DIV (.) IF PALERMO WILLING TO
 COME WE WILL ARRANGE AIRPLANE TO PICK HIM UP IN ROME ON 4 JULY (.)
 THREE (.) WHOLE OF DIV CONSISTS ITALIAN SOLDIERS SERVING IN YUGOSLAVIA
 AT TIME OF ARRESTICE (.) IMMEDIATE DECISION REQUIRED WHETHER ^{THEY ARE TO} ~~THEY ARE TO~~
 BE GIVEN PARTISAN GRADUATIONS OR BACK AS SOLDIER W.E.F. DATE OF LAST PAYMENT
 IF THE LATTER PLEASE ARRANGE THROUGH MMIA FOR LOCAL ITALIAN PAYMASTER
 TO PAY THEM ON OCCASION OF PARADE

DIST

4 JULY FROM UNDER COMD 2 YUGOSLAV ARMY (.) DIV 13
AND MOVED TO COMC AREA WEST OF ISONZO (.) CEREMONIAL PARADE
PARADE HELD BY YUGOSLAVS RECENTLY NEAR ZAGREB (.) TWO (.)
PROPOSE HOLD PARALLEL CEREMONIAL PARADE ON 6 JULY WITH BRITISH ITALIAN AND
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SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION : SD/132/1
INFO : SD/38/2
ACTION : A (two)

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FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. CRIBBLE
O i/c GARIBALDI REGT
VITERBO

TO : LT COL HOWARD
MILIA ROSE

INFO : MAJOR H. TING
FTC ICP CESSANO

June 2 45.
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HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH REPORT GARIBALDI INF REGT

No 1 BN.....325
No 2 BN.....560
No 3 BN.....484
REGT HQ.....270
EXTRA REPTL DUTY...26
TOTAL REGTL STRENGTH...1665

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ACTION : SD/38/2
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : J.A.G. CRIBBLE
O i/c GARTBALDI Regt.- VITERBO
TO : Lt.Col. HOWARD MENIA - ROME
INFO : Major H.KING -,RTC..ICF..CESANO

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HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH REPORT GARTBALDI INF

REGT

NO 1 BN 326

NO 2 BN 558

NO 3 BN 487

REGT H Q 263

EXTRA REGTL EMPLOYMENT 26

TOTAL REGIMENTAL STRENGTH 1665

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. GRIEBLE O 1/c
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO
LT COL HOWARD MMIA - ROME
TO : MAJOR KING H. BTJ - CESANO

22 June 45

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN GARIBALDI REGT
NO 1 BN 325
NO 2 BN 545
NO 3 BN 480
RHQ 274
TOTAL ; 1624

SD DISTRIBUTION

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Info: A

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FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO

24 JUNE 45

TO : IIT COL HOWARD - MMIA ROME

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN GARIBALDI
REGT

1 BN	324
2 BN	554
3 BN	487
C.C.R.(HQ)	268

TOTAL STRENGTH 1633

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ACTION : SD/38/2

INFO : A

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to Mr. H. y. DBC 20/6.*

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO 23 NET
TO : LT COL HOWARD
MMIA - ROME
INFO: MAJOR H. KING
BTU - CESANO

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G A R I B A L D I	REGT	23 JUN 45
No. 1 BATTALION		325
No. 2 BATTALION		548
No. 3 BATTALION		481
R.H.Q.		272
TOTAL		1626

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Action: SD/38/2
Info: A

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TO : 15 ARMY GP
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ANOTHER COMBAT GP AND 1 ITALIAN GD REGT CAN BE MADE
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMLA

DATE TIME

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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INFO: AFHQ

15 ARMY GROUP RAAC

'F' BLTU FOR MAJOR KING

GARIBALDI REGT VITERBO FOR MAJOR GRIBELE

DISTWO FOR MMLA LO N W ITALY

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REF : SD 2790

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REF THIS HQ LETTER SD/38/2 OF 6 JUNE PARA 1 AND 3 (*) FIRST (*)
GARIBALDI INF REGT REQUIRED FOR FRONTIER DUTIES N W ITALY FIRST
WEEK JULY (*) SECOND (*) REGIMENT WILL BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL
POSTED STRENGTH UNDER YOUR ARRANGEMENTS IN TIME FOR COMMENCEMENT
OF NEW TASK FROM EITHER OF FOLLOWING SOURCES : — ELEMENTS OF
REPATRIATED GRAMSCI OR RTC ICF C E S A N O (*) THIRD (*)
ABSENTEES FOR ALL REASONS WILL NOT BE MORE THAN 15% WHICH WILL
BE REDUCED TO HOSPITAL CASES AND NORMAL 5% QUOTA OF LEAVE AS
SOON LIBERATION LEAVE EXPIRES

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE TO
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INTERNAL: A (TWO)
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FILE : SD/38/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO

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TO : LT COL HOWARD
M.P.I.A. - ROME

INFO: MAJOR H. KING
E.T.U. - CECANO

REF :

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH STATE

G A R I B A L D I REGT 21 JUNE (.)

No. 1 BATTALION	322
No. 2 BATTALION	523
No. 3 BATTALION	483
R.H.Q.	275
TOTAL STRENGTH	1603

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2
Info: A

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO

20 NPT

TO : LT. COL HOWARD - MMIA
ROME

INFO : MAJOR H.KING - B.T.U.
CESANO

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH STATE GARIBALDI REGT

NO 1 EN 322

NO 2 EN 504

NO 3 EN 484

R.H.Q. 270

TOTAL STRENGTH 1580

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FBCT

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TO : MMIA

INFO: RAAC
15 ARMY GP

SECRET

REF : FX 96323

IMPORTANT

YOUR SD 2778 OF 19 JUNE 45 NOT TO 15 ARMY GP (.)
GARIBALDI INF REGT REQUIRED FOR FRONTIER
DUTIES NW ITALY FIRST WEEK JULY (.)
AS GARIBALDI DIV SHIPPED MID MARCH
YOUR (?) ESTIMATE OF STRENGTH 1700 AT 20 JUNE 45
MOST DISAPPOINTING (.) REQUEST URGENT ACTION TAKEN TO
COMPLETE BY END JUNE WITHOUT FAIL

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Action: SD/38/2
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Info: SD/50
Q (Two)

WS 21 June 45

G-II (SD)

Will speak to you G-II (L)
and DAAG (G) tomorrow please

21 Jun

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FROM : MAJOR J.A. G.GRIBBLE
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO

19 NPT B

TO : LT COL S. INGELDEW.
M.M.I.A. - ROME

INFO : MAJOR H.KING B.T.U.
CESANO -

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN OF GARIBALDI

REGT: B

NO 1 BN 321

NO 2 BN 478

NO 3 BN 473

RGT H.Q. 264

TOTAL STRENGTH 1536

SD DISTRIBUTION

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INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MAJOR J.A. CRIBBLE -
Garibaldi Regt. VITERBO

13 N.F.T.

TO : Lt. COL.S. INGELDEN
M.N.I.A. - ROME

INFO : MAJOR H. KING B.T.G.
CESANO.

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN OF GARIBALDI

REGT : B

NO 1 BN 322

NO 2 BN 476

NO 3 BN 471

RGT H Q 265

TOTAL STRENGTH 1534 (.)

SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/33/2
Info: A

ABC 21/3

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OSO 7 (Ops)

OSO 8 (I)

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FROM META
TO AFHQ
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MMIA LO DISTONE

DATE TIME
19 2030B

REF SD 2778

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See to 44

REF YOUR EX 85328 OF 31 MAY AND LETTER 6508/2/Q(AE) OF
3 JUN (.) GARIBALDI INF REGT WILL
BE READY FOR DUTY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
MMIA LETTER SD/38/2 OF 2 JUN ON 20 JUN (.)
EXPECTED STRENGTH PERSONNEL PRESENT WITH REGT ON
29 JUN 1700 (.) CC REGT STATES BALANCE EXPECTED TO
REJOIN FORMATION BY END OF JUN (.) RECOMMEND NEVERTHELESS
THAT FORMATION BE DESPATCHED DUTY LOCATION SOONEST

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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FROM : MAJOR J.A. G. GRIBBLE
GARIBALDI REGT - VITERBO
TO : LT COL S. INCERDEW
M.N.I.A. ROME
INFO : MAJOR H. KING B.T.U.
CESANO

H.P.T.

HERewith DAILY STRENGTH RETURN OF GARIBALDI
REGT (:) B 15 JUN 45 (:)
NO 1 BN 309
NO 2 BN 449
NO 3 BN 462
RGT H.Q. 273
TOTAL STRENGTH 1493 (.)

SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/38/2
Info: A

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FROM: MAJOR J.A.G. GRIBBLE
"GARIBALDI" REGT = VITERBO
TO : LT COL S. INGELDEW
MMIA = ROME
INFO: MAJOR KING = CHESANO
REF :

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HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN OF
GARIBALDI REGT :

1 BATTALION	294
2 BATTALION AND MOTOR COY FOR RHQ	415
3 BATTALION AND A TK COY FOR RHQ	456
REGT H.Q.	258

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SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2

Info: A

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CSO 1 X
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9 giugno	295	319	421	314	1349
10 giugno	299	314	407	333	1353
11 giugno	290	313	409	346	1360
12	291	315	408	356	1370
13	291	316	413	370	1390
14.	294	327	420	382	1423
15 June.	309		427		

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FROM: MAJOR J.A.C. GRIBBLE
"GARIBALDI" REGT = VITERBO

13 NPT

TO : LT COL S. INGELDEW
MIA = ROME

INFO: MAJOR KING = CESANO

REF :

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH RETURN OF
GARIBALDI REGT :

1 BATTALION	291
2 BATTALION	316
3 BATTALION	413
REGT H.Q.	370
TOTAL	1390

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SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2
Info: A

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FROM: MAJOR GRIBBLE "GARIBALDI" REGT
TO : LT COL S ENGELDEW - MMIA ROME
REF :

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HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH REPORT OF
GARIBALDI REGT :-

1 BATTALION	291
2 BATTALION	315
3 BATTALION	408
REGT H.Q.	356
TOTAL	1370

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2
Info: A

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GSO 3 (SD)

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FROM: MAJOR GRIBBLE - "GARIBALDI" REGT 11 NTF
TO : LT COL S INGELDEW - MMIA ROME
REF : M 12

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH REPORT OF

G A R I B A L D I REGT :=

1st BATTALION	290
2nd BATTALION	313
3rd BATTALION	409
REGT H.Q.	348
TOTAL	1.360

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Action: SD/38/2

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FROM: MAJOR GRIBBLE = "GARIBALDI" REGT
TO : LT COL S. INGELDEW = MMIA ROME
REF : M 12(?)

10 NPT

HERewith DAILY STRENGTH REPORT OF
GARIBALDI REGT: =

1st BATTALION	299
2nd BATTALION	314
3rd BATTALION	407
REGT H.Q.	333
TOTAL	1.353

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2

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FROM: MAJOR GRIBBLE - "GARIBALDI" REGT
TO : LT COL S INGELDEW = MMIA
REF : M12

09 NTF

S E C R E T

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH REPORT OF

G A R I B A L D I REGT:

1st BATTALION: 295
2nd BATTALION: 319
3rd BATTALION: 421
REGT H Q : 314
TOTAL : 1349

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2
Info: A

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FROM: MAJOR GRIBBLE "GARIBALDI" REGT 7 NTF
TO : LT COL S INGLEDEW MMIA S E C R E T
REF : M 12

HEREWITH DAILY STRENGTH REPORT OF

G A R I B A L D I REGT :-

1st BATTALION: 301

2nd BATTALION: 325

3rd BATTALION: 423

REGT HQ : 310

TOTAL : 1359

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/38/2
Info: A

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SDO 2 (SD)
SDO 3 (Orig) 3734
SDO 3 (H)

SUBJECT: Garibaldi Regiment.

'P' BLU. IRTC. ICF.

Ref: AQ/6/704

8 June 45.

To: H.Q.,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

H.Q.
Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Reference M.M.I.A. letter SD/38/2 of 6 June 45, R.A.A.C. letter 48A121 of 30 May and my AQ/6/567 of 21 May 45, please note that A.F.H.Q. letter 811/8/6/QAE of 16 May, referred to in paragraph 6(a) of M.M.I.A.'s letter and A.F.H.Q. 6508/2/QAE of 3 June 45 referred to in paragraph 7 have not been received by this Headquarters. R.A.A.C. is requested to forward copies of these to this Headquarters as soon as possible.

2. Reference paragraph 8 of M.M.I.A. letter, please note that the B.O.W.O. attached to the Garibaldi Regiment has been withdrawn by QAE, A.F.H.Q., and there is no B.O.W.O. available to as substitute.

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MMIA - 'G'

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Alto
Colonel.
AA & QMG.

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SUBJECT: Org Independent Combat Force Units Cat 2

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (LMIA)

SD/58/2 ✓

6 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

GARIBOLDI INF REGT

Ref this HQ letter SD/38/2 of 9 May and LMIA Signal SD 2647 of 1 May.

1. This is to confirm verbal instructions that the GARIBOLDI Inf Regt is required to be ready for operations between 15 and 20 June. As far as can be seen, the Regt will be employed in internal security and guard duties.

2. ORGANIZATION

The formation will continue to be organized on WE CM/525/1 and CM/527/1 as originally ordered. Specialist sub-units not now being issued with specialist arms and equipment will be treated as additional rifle companies, platoons or sections and should be issued with normal small arms.

3. PERSONNEL

You will ensure that the formation is complete to WE strength and that all personnel - less 15% who are authorised to be on liberation leave - are present with their units as far as possible by 15 June. No further personnel will be sent on leave until the strength of the formation reaches the above mentioned 85% of the WE strength.

4. TRAINING

You will ensure that the fm is completely trained for internal security and guard duties and that it is practiced in the handling of its arms and equipment.

5. EQUIPMENT

Collection and issue of the necessary stores, arms and equipment is to be completed as rapidly as possible.

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6. Part II of SL's 135/1 and 136/1 apply for Br Equipment: less sections V2, V6, Y (except superimposing units coils) Z1 and Z2 which are only to be implemented from Italian sources as required.

Part I of these SL's is not applicable as:-

(a) Vehicle entitlement is covered by instructions being issued through the supervisory authorities, RAAG and "F" ELU under the terms of AMHC letter S116/6/4(AE) of 16 May.

(b) Arms and ammunition are being released under MMIA reference Q/23/7 of 6 June from Italian Sources.

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7. Domestic and unit equipment is being issued according to certain scales of the normal equipment list (6508/2) for an Italian Combat Group vide AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AE) of 3 June, copy to Ministry of War.

8. You should ensure that there is available at VITERBO a competent Italian Officer to supervise the receipt and issue to units of arms and equipment being supplied from Italian sources.

A British Warrant Officer (BOWO) is attached to GARIBOLDI Regt to assist "F" EU in the supervision and supply of British Equipment.

L.M. Ingelbando
for. Major General MMIA

Copy to: HQ RAC
"F" EU RTG ICF
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : M.M.I.A.
TO : F.B.I.U.
INFO : R.A.A.C.
REF : Q.336

DATE TIME
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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT GARIBALDI REGIMENT (.) ROME AREA MAKING UP TRANSPORT
DEFICIENCIES (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE SIX LORRIES WITH ESCORT
BE MADE AVAILABLE COLLECT ARMS AMMUNITION AND SIGNAL
STORES FROM DEPOTS ROME AND NAPLES (.) REP TO REPORT THIS
HQ EARLIEST FOR RELEASE NOTE AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS(.)
SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE COLLECT TRAINING STORES FIELD VITERBO
AS GRIBBLE SHORT OF TRANSPORT

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION John Lamb

Internal:- Q (OS)
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M.M.I.A.
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COPY:

Subjects: - Equipment of Special Br-Iti Service Troops and Garibaldi Regiment.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Tele. No. Freedom 518
AFHQ/6508/2/Q(AE)
3 JUN 45.

HQ Eighth Army.
Br. Incr. HQ 5th Army (US)
HQ 2 District
HQ 3 District
HQ R.A.A.C.
F. B.L.U.

1. This equipment instruction is designed to cover the units to be formed in accordance with G-1 (British) letter CR/1116/G1(Br) Ser 2106 of 27 Apr 45 against which 6508/2 has been shown as the Basic Scale in Appendix 'A' thereto.

2. Domestic and Unit Equipment will be calculated from the following Scales of the Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group (Ref 6508/2) Scales 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 23, 32, 43, 57, 62, 63, 64, 71, and 72.

3. Technical Equipment will be in accordance with the Following Special Equipment Lists -

W.E.

CM. 988/1
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991/1
526/1
527/1
931/1
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S.E.L.

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135/1 (a)

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SEL 130/1

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(a) Part 1 of SEL not applicable as vehicle entitlement is covered by AFHQ/8118/6/Q(AE) of 16 May and Arms are to be supplied from Italian sources. Part 11 of SEL is applicable less the following section V2, V6, Y (except

to be taken on 27 Apr 45 against which 6508/2 has been shown as the Ser 2106 of 27 Apr 45 against which 6508/2 has been shown as the Basic Scale in Appendix 'A' thereto.

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526/1
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540/1

S.E.L.

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SEL 130/1

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J.J. SLOAN Lt. Col.

for Major General G-4(B)

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To MMIA

Info RAAC

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YOUR ~~QUEEN THREE ONE SEVEN~~ OF ~~THREE ONE~~ MAY AGREED X SIGNED
~~SACRED CITE FHGCT~~ X REQUEST YOU TAKE EARLIEST ACTION ON
ISSUE OF ITALIAN MATERIAL X INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW FOR ISSUE OF
BRITISH MATERIAL

BT 021235B

SENT NR 7 1330B AC B 5 (K)
RECEIVED NR 7 021338B JFF

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MMIA - 'G'

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT
TO : 15 ARMY GP
INFO: 5 ARMY
DISTONE
MMIA
REF : FX 85328

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SECRET
IMPORTANT

YOUR SD 1722 OF 29th, NOT RPT NOT TO MMIA, (C)
ONLY(?) FORMATION OF GARIBALDI REGT
HELD UP BY REPATRIATION LEAVE AND REVISION OF
EQUIPMENT SCALES (.) MANTOVA GP FULLY
EMPLOYED IN DISTONE (.) SUGGEST
RE-ALLOCATION OF 3 COMBAT GPs NOW UNDER COMD
5 ARMY

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SIGNAL

PROB: ISIA

DATE: FEB 31

TO (FOR ACTION): FREDDY

TO (FOR INFO): ISAC.

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ASSIGNED

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VIBES (.) 39 (.) 33 WITH DR VIBES (.) 11/10/6/2(AR) 16 MAY 1965 (.)
SECOND (.) CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT (.) DRESS: MENS O. CO. 341
GROUP: NO. 111 EQUIPMENT LIST SCALE TABLES 1 CAL. 4 CAL. 5 CAL. 6 CAL. 8 CAL. 9
CAL. 10 CAL. 12 CAL. 14 CAL. 15 CAL. 16 CAL. 17 CAL. 19 CAL. 20 CAL. 25 CAL. 24 CAL.
25 CAL. 27 CAL. 32 CAL. 65 CAL. 64 CAL. 74 CAL. 72 (.) THIRD (.) 11/10/6/2(AR)
JERSEYS (.) ITALIAN SOURCES (.) TOTAL FOR TEST 116 PISTOLS CAL. 2276 RE DES
MODEL 44 CAL. AUTOMATIC MACHINES 176 CAL. 114 (.) 10/11/6/2(AR) 11/10/6/2(AR)
AND 11/10/6/2(AR) 11/10/6/2(AR) 11/10/6/2(AR) 11/10/6/2(AR) 11/10/6/2(AR)
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NOTE

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION: 11/10/6/2(AR)

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WING 39 39 39 WITH AIR VANS (.) AIRC/8116/6/2(AE) 16 MAY 1945 (.)
SECOND (.) CLOTHING AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT (.) BRITISH ITEMS ON GO PAT
GROUP HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT LIST SCALD TABLES 1 CML 4 CML 5 CML 6 CML 8 CML 9
CML 10 CML 12 CML 14 CML 15 CML 16 CML 17 CML 19 CML 20 CML 25 CML 32 CML
13 CML 27 CML 32 CML 63 CML 64 CML 71 CML 72 (.) THIRD (.) ARMS AND
AMMUNITION (.) ITALIAN SOURCES (.) TOTAL FOR LIGHT 116 PISTOLS CML 2276 RIFLES
MODEL 44 CML AUTOMATIC CARBINES 176 CML LMG 164 (.) FOURTH (.) SEE 155/1
AND SET 156/1 PART I NOT APPLICABLE AS ALREADY COVERED ABOVE (.) PART II (.)
SOURCES V2 CML V6 CML Y (EXCEPT SUPERIMPOSING UNITS COILS) CML 24 CML 22
FOR 14 14 14, DETERMINED EXCEPT FROM ITALIAN SOURCES AS REQUIRED FOR OPERATIONAL

NOTE

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Material:
Type
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GSO 1 X
GSO 2 (CPS)
GSO 3 (CPS) X
GSO 4 (CPS) X
GSO 5 (CPS)
GSO 6 (CPS)
GSO 7 (CPS)
GSO 8 (CPS)
GSO 9 (CPS)
GSO 10 (CPS)

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT
TO : MMIA
REF : F 78522

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RESTRICTED
IMPORTANT

NOW DECIDED SEPARATE SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS FOR
GARIBALDI REGT WILL NOT BE ISSUED (.)
REQUEST YOU URGENTLY CONSIDER RESTRICTED
IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS 135/1
AND 136/1 NECESSARY FOR GUARD DUTIES AND ADVISE
SOONEST GIVING RECOMMENDATIONS

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action Copy: 2 (2)
Info : SD/38/2

jv 21 May 45

21.

May 1 - AFHQ Sig changing status of Regt.
2 - one advice to H of W.
3 - AFHQ order re SEW
- action accepted by Q but nothing
no recommendations as yet.

GSO 1
GSO 2 (Op)
GSO 2 (SD) X
GSO 2 (CV)
GSO 2 (C)
GSO 3 (SD)
GSO 3 (O&I)
GSO 3 (I)

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SUBJECT: CARIBALDI Regt.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/17/MT1

11 May 45.

MTIA - 'C
SD/38/2
FILE:
DATE:

HQ MTIA CMF.

Reference your SD/38/2 dated 28 Apr 45 para 2.

1. Major CRIBBLE **55** Trg Inc (CM/542/1)
- Major KENLEY " " "
- Major EDMONDS " " "

The above named Officers are held on the VE of the Trg Incs shown against their names.

Major MISKIN has been posted to an appointment in Greece and is therefore not available.

2. The attachment of a clerk from the Mountain School has not been approved.

3. Batmen should be drawn from the Garibaldi Regt.

4. Drivers should be drawn from the Garibaldi Regt.

5. Vehicles have been dealt with in this Directorate's DMT/55/17/MT1 dated 7 May 45.

GSO 1 _____
GSO 2 (Ops) _____
GSO 2 (SD) _____
GSO 2 (W=) _____
GSO 2 (L) _____
GSO 3 (SD) _____
GSO 3 (Cr&I) _____
GSO 3 (H) _____

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to see.

W. J. 22
Brig.
D.M.T.

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SUBJECT: Org - Independent Combat Force Units - Cat 2

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC, MMIA.

SD/38/2

9 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

GARIBOLDI Regt.

Ref this HQ letters SD/1/2 of 1 May and SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45.

1. This formation will now be trained for guard and internal security duties only and operational equipment will not be issued.
2. Further instructions will follow.

L.M. Ingledew
for Major General
MMIA.

Copy to: HQ RAAC
"F" BLU RTC ICF.

Internal:	G-2(L)	Q2	REME
	G(Trg)	Q(AE)	Ord
	A1	Q(OS)	Arty Records
	A2	ST	Org B
	Q4	Med	SD/1/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE THORB

061558 B

TO : MAIN GUN PARK 557 BOD

RESTRICTED

INFO: ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
MMIA
BLU ATT RTC ICF
56 AREA
581 L OF C SCU

REF : FX 71545

SECOND ADDRESSEE FOR C O O AND O O 3 S U B
D E P O T (.) THIRD ADDRESSEE FOR G (S D) &
Q W O R D (.) SIXTH ADDRESSEE FOR D M T (.) OUR
FX 68848 OF 1 MAY IS CANCELLED

14 SD DISTRIBUTION:

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Ord (2)

cc 7 May 45

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Opd)

GSO 2 (SD)

GSO 2 (WE)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Orbal)

GSO 3 (I)

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

051244 B

TO : MMIA
RAAC

SECRET

INFO: 15 A GP
DISTWO
SD

IMPORTANT

REF : FX 70876

53. Gambaldi Regt

MY FX 64793 OF 24 APRIL (.) CANCEL REFERENCES TO TRAINING
AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LIST (.) UNITS WILL BE TRAINED FOR
GUARD AND INTERNAL SECURITY DUTIES ONLY (.)
OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE ISSUED (.)
REVISE SELS

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G.O.C
C/S 

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action Copy: SD/38/2

A
Q(2)
G (Trg)

G-II (SD)

*Pre prepare letter
to M of W. & F. BLV.*

See folio 23

GSO 1		
GSO 2 (Ops)	_____	_____
GSO 2 (SD)		
GSO 2 (WE)		
GSO 2 (L)	_____	_____
GSO 3 (SD)	_____	_____
GSO 3 (Orbal)	_____	_____
GSO 4 (I)	_____	_____

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SUBJECT:- Garibaldi Regiment.

"F" BLU IRTC ICF
Ref: AQ/6/483

4 MAY 1945

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MMIA-'G'
SD/SC/2
FILE:
DATE: RS/S

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

Rome Area Allied Command

Ref MMIA SD 2651 of 2 May and SD38/2 of 3 May (not to RAAC)

WE of
normal
Regt
1. It is noted that MMIA cannot loan this HQ the WES or SELS for the Garibaldi Regiment consequently they will have to be awaited from normal channels.

2. As these have not yet been received it is pointed out that it is not possible to comply with AFHQ's order to have Garibaldi Regt complete "as to organisation and personnel by 10 MAY"

LHM/cm

Internal
File
Float

350.1 X
G 2 (Ops)
GSO 2 (SO) X
GSO 2 (WE) X
GSO 2 (L)
GSO 3 (SO)
GSO 3 (Ordet)
GSO 3 (L)

MMIA
Lieut- Col RA
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ROUTING MESSAGE

FROM NMIA Date Time
TO HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND 02 3
INFO "F" MU
AFHQ FOR OS CNO & CI(EN)
REF SD 2681

SECRET

REF AFHQ FI 6620 OF 1 MAY (.) PLEASE
ARRANGE SUBMISSION OF WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON
EQUIPMENT PERSONNEL AND TRO OF GARIBOLDI
REGT AS REQUESTED BY AFHQ (.) NMIA
LETTERS SD/1/2 OF 1 MAY SD/38/2 OF 25 APR REFER (.)
MIE OF WAR HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COMPLETE
THE REPORT AS TO ORG AND PERSONNEL BY 10 MAY
NMIA SIGNAL SD 2647 OF 1 MAY REFERENCE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Copy to: MINISTRY OF WAR
O HQ Ref Trg
4 Ref personnel
4 Ref equipment

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SD/38/2v

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHCT

021630B

TO : RAAC
MMIA

SECRET

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP

IMPORTANT

REF : FX 68820

MY FX 64794 OF 24 (.) MMIA WILL ARRANGE IF REQUIRED
WITH RAAC AND "F" BLU FOR SUBMISSION OF
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS ON EQUIPMENT PERSONNEL AND
TRAINING OF GARIBALDI INF REGT (.) FIRST
REPORT TO BE PREPARED SOONEST, COPIES TO G1 (B) A1,
G3 ORG A, Q(AE), LMT AND 15 ARMY GROUP (.) FOR 15 ARMY
GROUP (.) YOUR SD 1507 OF 25 REFERS

SD DISTRIBUTION:

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A
Q(OS)
Q2
Trg
ST

ws 3 May

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Op)

GSO 2 (SO) X

GSO 2 (V)

GSO 2 (I)

GSO 3 (SO)

GSO 3 (Obst)

GSO 3 (I)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

TO : 10 CON DEPOT DATE TIME OF ORIGIN 011700 B
INFO : MMIA FOR IT COL SCOTT DISTWO
DISTONE 802 ITALIAN BASE RPT DEPOT ORVIETO
FROM : DMT 56 AREA RESTRICTED
REF : DMT/310

2 DISTRICT LETTER 2428/7 G(PT) DATED 26 APRIL DETAILING
TEAM TO REPORT TO 1 DISTRICT ON 7 MAY IS CANCELLED (.)
NO 2 MOB TT TRG TEAM WILL REPORT 7 MAY TO MAJOR MISKIN
GARIBALDI REGT VITERBO (.) APPROX DURATION OF STAY 2
WEEKS (.) AFTER THIS COMMITMENT TEAM PROBABLY AVAILABLE
FOR DISTONE (.) FIRM DECISION WILL BE REACHED 20 MAY (.)
MMIA ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM MAJOR MISKIN OF TEAMS ARRIVAL (.)
LETTER FOLLOWS

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <u>SD/38/2</u>
DATE: <u>3/5</u>

GSO 1 _____
GSO 2 (Ops) _____
GSO 2 (SD) _____
GSO 2 (WB) _____
GSO 2 (L) _____
GSO 3 (SD) _____
GSO 3 (Orbit) _____
GSO 3 (I) _____

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SUBJECT: IES and SELs - CARIBALDI REOT

LAND FORCES SUB-OCM AC (MIA)

SD/38/2

May 45

TO : TP BLU DTG ICF

Ref your AQ/6B/451 dated 30 Apr 45.

1. This HQ is unable to supply copies of the IEs or SELs referred to.
2. See paras 1(b) and 3 (ii) of AFHQ letter CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser 2106) of 27 Apr 45 enclosed under MIA ref SD/45/2 of 1 May.

Major General
MIA

cmg

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GSD/16

MESSAGE FORM

SD/38/2

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

TO : HAAC

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FREEDOM CITY PHOENIX PHOENIX

PERSONNEL FOR MMIA LG

MMIA LG SARDINIA

REF NO. Q/232

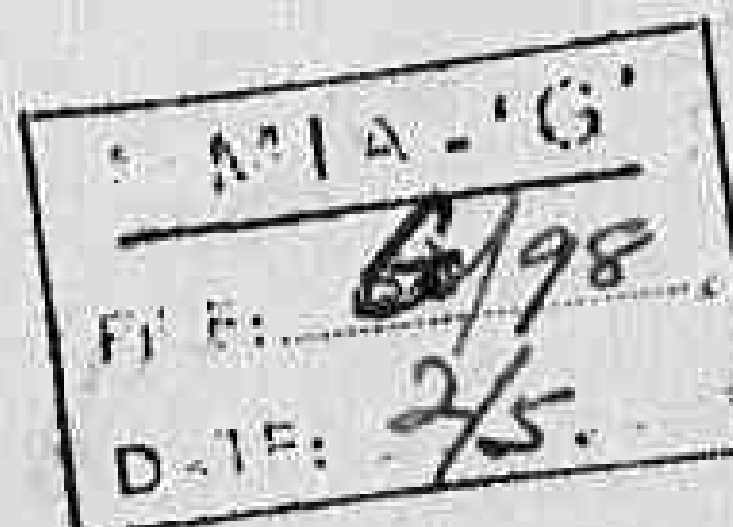
SECRET

81 MM MORTARS AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE COLLECTION FOR CARIMALLI INF REGT
 AS FOLLOWS: 6 BOMB(,) 4 GRENADA(,) 6 TO BE AVAILABLE BAPLES SHORTLY
 FROM SARDINIA(,) 45 MM MORTARS COMPLETE 69 AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT
 TARANTO PLUS 6 TOOL BITS FOR 81 MM MORTARS TO COMPLETE MORTARS ARRIVING
 FROM SARDINIA(,) ALSO 45 MM LARGE SUPPLY BAPLES AREA(,) ALSO 81 MM
 LARGE SUPPLY SARDINIA(,) FOR FREEDOM CITY PHOENIX(,) SUGGEST TO VISIT
 SARDINIA TO INSPECT 81 MM ALSO AND ENSURE SAFE FOR SHIPMENT

PRESIDENT

AUTHENTICATION

COPY TO: MINISTRY OF WAR
 (please confirm release of above)
 G/OS, MMIA
 G(YHC) MMIA
 G(SI) MMIA ✓



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GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (SD)

GSO 2 (W-)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Orbat)

GSO 3 (I)

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FROM: AFHQ 384 BACHMAN HILL PHOTO

TO : MAIN COM TANK 307 BOX

INFO: 387 BOX
HOMER AREA ALLIED COMMAND.

REF: ACT 300 IOP.

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DEL 1 OF 3 SET

REF : BX 030048

SECOND ADDRESS FOR CO 3 SUB REPORT

THIRD ADDRESS FOR COO

FOURTH ADDRESS FOR 3 (301),
Q. 301
ONE

SEVENTH ADDRESS FOR DAT.

FIVE (.) FOR MAIN COM PARK (.)

THREE TO 20000 AREA FOR GARIBOLDI

CO 300 200 (.) 600 1/20000

REF 300/NO 1/8/51 (40) 6/50 (.)

UNIT COLLECTING (.)

STOCK (.) FOR 3 SUB DEPOT (.)

ISSUE ARTILLERY STORES FOR ABOVE EQUIPS IN ACCORDANCE

WITH TABLE 101 A.B. AND SCALING COLUMN 3, 4, 5

AND 6 INCLUDING QTY 9 MILLICORDS SPENDING NO

25 D R/NO 1/8/51 (.)

THREE (.) ISSUE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIAL STORES AT POLICE

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will probably be
concluded by

FOURTH (.) DISPATCH C/O ROME AREA
BY SCU (.)
FIFTH (.) 591 L OF C SCU SIGNAL
DISPATCH DETAILS ALL CONCERNED

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ACTY RECORD.

Jv. 2 May 45

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units, Cat 2 & 3, BR-III.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC, WHIA

SD/1/2

See for 23 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

HQ Commander 211 - 212 Italian Tpt Colns (AC)	Cat 3
152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School	Cat 2
153 Italian LAD	Cat 2
HQ and 1, 2, 3 Bns GARIBOLDI Italian Inf Regt	Cat 2
MAIELLA Patriot Bn	Cat 2
HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt and 502, 503, 519 Bns 1 Italian Gd Regt	Cat 2
461 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian LADs (AC)	
att 221 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) respectively	Cat 3

1. The above Cat 2 and 3 BR-III units will be formed as shown in App "A" attached.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

Effective date for the formation of these units on WEs as shown in App "A" is 25 Apr 45 with the exception of the following:

MAIELLA Patriot Bn	19 Apr 45
464 Italian LAD (AC)	15 May 45
att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	
465 Italian LAD (AC)	15 May 45
att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	
466 Italian LAD (AC)	1 Jun 45
att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	

3. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

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466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	1 Jun 45

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Serials 1 - 2	from RTC ICF
" 3 - 6	Garibaldi Div personnel - vide our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45. And see MIA signal SD 2647 of 1 May.
" 7	by enrolment into the Italian Army of suitable personnel of the present band; deficiencies remaining should be filled by local recruitment of patriots. MIA letter SD/94 of 24 Apr 45, App "B", should be amended to correct WE as at App "A" att.
" 8 - 11	transfer of category of units vide our SD/94 of 24 Apr 45
" 12 - 17	Personnel to be provided from AC Mech School. SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45, para 2, refers.
" 18 - 19	Restricted implementation of WE III/115/2 as shown at App "E" att. MIA SD/6/3 of 28 Apr 45 also refers.

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4.

EQUIPMENT

(a) Equipment will be on basic scale 6508/2 with the following exceptions.

Serials 12 - 17	- -	6058/7
" 18 - 19	- -	249/1

(b) Serials 8 - 11

These units should be fully equipped with Italian arms. Please confirm availability.

" 3 - 6

Instructions contained in our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45 are confirmed. You will provide Italian 81 mm and 45 mm mortars and amm in lieu of 3" and 2" mortars. This HQ (Army Record) will inform supervisory authorities of availability of mortars and amm.

"

12 - 17

Reference our letter SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45 the provision of wksp vehicles ex 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Gen Tpt Coys is still under discussion vide MIAA letter SD/6/3 dated 1 May.

5.

POSTAL

Supply a copy to this HQ of the notification of the postal address of the units concerned.

6.

RECORDS

The Cat 2 units detailed in App "A" hereto will be inserted in MIA "Order of Battle, Italian Army" sub-sections as stated; and see MIA letter SD/94 of 1 May 45.

7.

REFERENCE

AFHQ letters CR/1116/G-1 (ER) (Ser 2109) of 28 Apr 45 (reference units in App "A", Serials 18 - 19) and CR/1116/G-1 (ER) (Ser 2106) of 27 Apr 45 (ref units in App "A", Serials 1 - 17).

A.M. Engelen
Major General

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A. M. Englebert
for Major General MIAA 371v

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No	Unit	War Office Mob Ser No	AFHQ Ser No	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs inc m/cs (h)	Sup Aut
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
<u>CATEGORY 2 RTC IGF UNITS</u>								
1	152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School	93299	1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ
2	153 Italian LAD	93615	1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ
<u>CATEGORY 2 INDEPENDENT COMBAT TROOPS - CEILING 5921</u>								
3	HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93300	1211	CM/526/1	24	358	99	HQ
4	1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93301		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
5	2 Bn " " " "	93302		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
6	3 Bn " " " "	93303		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
7	MAIELLA Patriot Bn	93304	1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ
<u>CATEGORY 2 NG 1 GD REGT - CEILING 2473</u>								
8	HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt	93295	1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ
9	502 Bn 1 Italian Gd Regt	93296	1233	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"
10	503 Bn " " " "	93297	1234	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"
11	519 Bn " " " "	93298	1235	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"

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App "A" to MMIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

ce No	AFHQ Ser No	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs inc n/cs (h)	Supervisory Authority (j)	Location (k)
	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)			
	1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ RAAC	CESANO
	1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ RAAC	CESANO
5921	1211	CM/526/1	24	358	99	HQ RAAC & F ELU	VITERBO
		CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
		CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
		CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
	1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
5	1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ No 2 District	SIENA
6	1233	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"
7	1234	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"
8	1235	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"

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Sheet 2

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
<u>CATEGORY 3 - AC UNITS</u>							
12	461 Italian LAD (AC) att 221 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93353	461	CM/875/1	-	17	3
13	462 Italian LAD (AC) att 222 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93359	462	CM/875/1	-	17	3
14	463 Italian LAD (AC) att 223 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93575	463	CM/875/1	-	17	3
15	464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93612	464	CM/875/1	-	17	3
16	465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93613	465	CM/875/1	-	17	3
17	466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93614	466	CM/875/1	-	17	3
18	HQ Commander 211 Italian Tpt Coln (AC)	93637	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8
19	HQ Commander 212 Italian Tpt Coln (AC)	93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8

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SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

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93353	461	CM/875/1	-	17	3	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
93359	462	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93575	463	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93612	464	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93613	465	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93614	466	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
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93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	" " " "	"

CONFIDENTIALApp "B" to MIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45W.R. ESTABLISH TMT (JII/115/2 (Part))

(i) Personnel (BR-ITI)

Lieutenant Colonel	1
Major	1
Captains	2
Clerks : Staff Sergeant	1
Serjeant	1
Corporal	1
Privates	3
Drivers for duty as:	
Drivers of vehicles	2
Batmen	2
Batmen drivers	2
Motor cyclists (including 1	
Lance Corporal)	5
TOTAL Headquarters	21

Attached

Cooks (Privates)	2
TOTAL Headquarters (including attached)	23

(ii) Vehicles

Motor Cycles solo	4
Cars 4-str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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FROM: 11114

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO: HQ RMAC,
P BLU RHC ICF.

REF : SD 2647

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REF OUR SD/38/2 OF 25 APR (.)

ENSURE GARIBOLDI INF REGT

IS COMPLETED AS TO ORG AND PERSONNEL AT

VITERBO BY 10 MAY (.)

REPORT DIFFICULTIES (.)

FOR ALL INFORMATION OTHER FOLLOWS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

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SUBJECT :- WEs and SELs - GARIBOLDI DIV

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 'F' BLU DTC IOT
 Ref AQ/G/451 Q2 SD

30 April 45

LAND FORCES SUP COMD AC (MMIA)

1. This HQ is not in possession of any of the undermentioned WEs and SELs of the GARIBOLDI DIV.

Designation	WE	SELs	GSO 1	GSO 2 (Ops)	GSO 2 (SD)	GSO 2 (WE)	GSO 2 (L)	GSO 3 (S)	GSO 3 (C)	GSO 3 (I)
HQ Garibaldi Inf Regt	GI/526/1	135/1								
1 Italian Inf Bn	GI/527/1	136/1								
Garibaldi Inf Regt										
2 Italian Inf Bn	GI/527/1	136/1								
Garibaldi Inf Regt										
3 Italian Inf Bn	GI/527/1	136/1								
Garibaldi Inf Regt										

2. May these WEs and SELs please be forwarded as soon as possible.

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FILE: SD/38/2

DATE: 1/5/45

Lieut-Col PA

This Hq has no spare copies of the WE and copies of the SEL.

See para 1a of
 AFHQ letter 3705
 enclosed under MMIA
 ref.

C O P Y

S E C R E T

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1 (ER) (Ser. 2106)

27 Apr 45

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS - VARIOUS

1. (a) The Units detailed in Appx "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 under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (AMIA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

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

- (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx "A" (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by Q(AE), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 48
- (iv) Transport to complete to W.E. in accordance with existing priorities.

4. STATIONERY

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

- (i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO 337/44).
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to ADFSS, 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.L.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3. (973.A) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

/s/ ? Lt. Col.

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/s/ ? Lt. Col.
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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HQ Eighth Army	13	G.3.(Org.2) (ORBAT)	(2)
HQ No. 1 District	3	G.3.(Org.A) Foreign	(3)
HQ No. 2 District	12	Q.(Maint)	(2)
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45 refer. (7 letters).

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APPENDIX 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45

Unit	W.E.	Serial No allotted	Basic Scale	Effective Date	Supervisor Authority
1651 Italian Air Interpretation Det	CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth A
1652 -do-	-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-
1653 -do-	-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-
1654 -do-	-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-
1655 -do-	-do-	93294	-do-	"	Br Incr HQ
HQ 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No 2 Di
2 Bn 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-
303 -do-	-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-
519 -do-	-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	HQ RAAC
152 Italian Driving and Maint School	CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC &
HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	-do-
1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-
2 Bn -do-	-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-
3 Bn -do-	-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-
MAIELLA Patriot Bn	CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth
461 Italian LAD (AC) att					HQ No 3 D
221 Italian Tpt Coy AC	CM/875/1	93353	6058/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	-do-
462 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-
222 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-		-do- (c)	"	-do-
463 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-
223 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-		-do- (c)	"	-do-
64 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-
224 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-		-do- (c)	"	-do-
465 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-
225 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-		-do- (c)	"	-do-
466 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-
226 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC+
153 Italian LAD	CM/540/1				

- (a) Arms will be Italian and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Force
- (b) Personnel will be provided from GARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" a
Italian 81 mm and 45 mm Mortars. Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1
- (c) Wksp vehicles will be provided from Wksp Fls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Ital
made by Q (AE) and ST, AFHQ and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for st
Personnel will be provided from AC Mech School.

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P E N D I X 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45

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/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93294	-do-	"	-do-	"
/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	Br Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army	Fifth Army
/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	HQ No 2 District	SIENA
-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-	SIENA
-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-	SIENA
/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	-do-	SIENA
				HQ RAAC	GESANO
526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"		
527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' BLU	VITERBO
-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	-do-	"
				HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
875/1	93353	6058/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-	"
-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-	"
40/1	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	-do-	"
				HQ RAAC+	GESANO

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SUBJECT: GARIBALDI Regt

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/38/2

24 Apr 45

TO : AFHQ

Seen by G-1 28/4

1. As has been previously notified, GARIBALDI Regt (strength 2683) can be equipped and administered in the VITERBO Area by "F" BCU with the addition of one B.C.W.O., who has already been attached.

2. I consider, however, that a small trg increment of approx 4 majors and 4t will be necessary for the period of trg. The undermentioned arrangements have so far been made.

OSO II
Instructor (Maj)
"
"

Maj. MISKIN
Maj. GRIBBLE
Maj. KENLEY
Maj. EDMUNDS

A Trg Iner (OM/542/1)

Clerk 1

Temp ex Mountain Warfare School (for one week)(for G(Trg) MMIA).

Batman 2

Italian

Drivers)
Vehs (15 owt) 4
or PU)

Ex Mountain Warfare School

3. Will you please give the necessary authority for the above personnel and vehs (or replacements) to be available for carrying out trg instruction for GARIBALDI Regt as long as this instruction is necessary.

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Major General
MMIA

Copy to: D.M.T.

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SUBJECT : Trg Team for GARIBALDI Regt

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(NMIA)

To : G I (SD)

27 April 1945

G/Trg/26

1. Four Br Majors are being employed to train the GARIBALDI Regt. They are held on the establishment of various trg increments to BLUs. Their availability for this task has been agreed with Lt Col MacKay.

2. Since GARIBALDI Regt is independent of a group it has no BLU. The trg team, as stated above, will be covered so long as the W/E of the trg increments remains. But no establishment exists to cover the Br ORs necessary for the trg team.

3. Therefore the following W/E is required.

Instructors (Major)	...	...	1) No establishment necessary
	...	...	3) while W/E of Trg Increments remain.
Clerks	...	...	1
Batmen and general duty	...	...	2 (May be Italian)
Drivers	...	...	4
Vehicles (15 cwt or P U)	...	...	4

4. This matter has been discussed with Lt Col Watts, D M T, who is in agreement and will sponsor the suggested W/E at AFHQ.

5. This W/E is to remain after 2 months

6. Will you please forward to AFHQ as soon as possible.

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JMS/rw

J. L. Smith
Lt Col
GS

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 FILE: 5D/38/2
 DATE: R28/4

HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND 1
 APO No 794 US ARMY.

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (SD)

GSO 2 (W)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Orbat)

GSO 3 (I)

SECRET

Ref: 48A121.
 27 Apr 45.

SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Units - Infantry.

OC "F" BLU RTC IGF.

1. Under authority AFHQ EX 64793 dated 24 Apr 45, the following units will be formed forthwith:

Designation.	W.E.	S.W.L.	Location for Formation.	Supervising authority
HQ GARIBALDI Italian Infantry Regiment.	CM/526/1	135/1	VIERBO	RAAC & "F" BLU.
1 Ital Inf Bn GARI-BALDI Inf Regt.	CM/527/1	136/1	"	" " "
2 " "	"	"	"	" " "
3 " "	"	"	"	" " "

Effective date of formation is 25 Apr 45.

2. Personnel will be provided from Brigades of the GARIBALDI Division under arrangements of MMIA.

3. The primary role of these units will be operational. Training will commence as early as possible under arrangements and direction of the Directorate of Military Training.

4. Equipment will be provided to basic scale 6508/2 (less 2" and 3" mortars & snipers rifles) plus Italian 81 mm and 45 mm Mortars.

5. Indents for and enquiries regarding clothing, equipment and transport should be submitted to ADOS RAAC. Vehicles will be allotted as available in accordance with existing priorities.

6. Copies of War Establishments will be forwarded as soon as received.

7. Progress Report (in triplicate) will be forwarded to G.1 (British), this HQ, on 15 May 45, showing:

- (a) deficiencies in personnel (by ranks & trades) against WE;
- (b) deficiencies in equipment and transport.

8. Immediately formations are complete, report to that effect will be made to this HQ.

Copies to: Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMIA):
 G.3 (Br) RAAC;
 G.4 (Br) RAAC;
 ADOS RAAC.

A.L. LOUDEN,
 Maj,
 for Lt Col,
 AA & QMG.

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FILE: SD/38/2

DATE: R2/4

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APO No 794 US ARMY.

GSO 2 (Ops)

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A.L. LOUDEN,
Maj,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 25 1805 B
TO : AFHQ SECRET
INFO : MMIA
REF : SD 1507

YOUR FX 64793 cite FHGCT OF 24TH APRIL (*) REQUEST INDEPENDENT
ITALIAN INF REGT ALLOTTED 15 ARMY GROUP ON COMPLETION EQUIPMENT
AND TRAINING

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION COPY TO: SD/38

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Q. R. 100 for action of 100.7 and 5a.

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SUBJECT: Org of GARIBALDI Inf Regt (Cat 2 BR-III Combat)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MMIA)

SD/38/2

25 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Further to this HQ letter SD/94 dated 24 Apr 45.

1. Formal instructions will shortly be received for the formation of the following units w.e.f. 25 April 1945.

Designation	WM	SEL	Offrs	OR's	Vehs	M/Cs
HQ Garibaldi Inf Regt	CM/526/1	135/1	24	3584	80	19
1. Italian Inf Bn	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21
Garibaldi Inf Regt	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21
2. Italian Inf Bn	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21
Garibaldi Inf Regt	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21
3. Italian Inf Bn	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21
Garibaldi Inf Regt	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21

2. The Regt will be formed at VITERBO. Formation will be supervised on the Allied side by HQ RAAC and F ELU RHC ICF. The Regt will be carried in Cat. 2 BR-III Combat.

3. Personnel will be provided under your arrangements from the Garibaldi Division: personnel recently repatriated from the BALKANS. **3697**

4. Equipment will be provided in the normal manner for Combat Groups to basic scale 6508/2 less 3" and 2" mortars and snipers' rifles. You will provide Italian 81 mm. and 45 mm mortars in lieu of 3" and 2" mortars.

5. AFHQ letter AG 091.711/049 GGT-0 dated 21 Apr 45 refers.

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Major General
MMIA

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Garibaldi Inf Regt						
2. Italian Inf Bn	CM/527/1	136/1	30	737	67	21
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Copy to: HQ RAAC
F ELU, RTC ICF

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AFHQ signals FX 64793 and FX 64795 dated 24 Apr also refer and are attached for information.

Note that cars 2 str 4 x 2 will not be available and lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS will be in most cases Class II (AFHQ letter AG 091.711/049 GCT-C of 18 Apr refers).

Major General
MMA

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INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AMHQ SIGNALD SACMED CITE PHOCT 2411368 B
TO : ROMEL AREA SECRET
INFO: MIA ROUTINE
REF : FX 64795

SUBJECT FOR LATION AF G A R I B A L I I INF REGT (.)
ADDITIONAL VEHICLES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR ATTACHMENT
BRITISH PERSONNEL (.) APPROX TEMPORARY ISSUE AS
NECESSARY OF SUITABLE UNIT VEHICLES TO BMT OFFICERS
AND BOWO FOR PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT (.) VEHICLES WILL
BE HANDLED ON TO REGIMENT BY BRITISH PERSONNEL AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE

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CL/526/1, CL/527/1 WILL BE FORMED AT V I T L E R B O SOONEST

AND BOWO FOR PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT (.) VEHICLES WILL
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INDEPENDENT ITALLIAN INFANTRY REGT ON WE S
 CM/526/1, CM/527/1 WILL BE FORMED AT VITERBO SOONEST
 FROM PERSONNEL OF GARIBOLDI DIV PROVIDED UNDER
 ARRANGEMENTS MAIA(.) SUPERVISION WILL BE BY R44C
 AND QUOTE P UNQUOTE BDU(.) TRAINING TO COMMENCE EARLIEST
 UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AND DIRECTION DMT(.) MORTARS WILL BE
 ITALLIAN(.) SNIPERS RIFLES NOT AVAILABLE(.) EQUIPMENT
 WILL BE TO BASIC LIST 6508/2 AND SELS 135/1, 136/1(.)
 PRIMARY ROLE - OPERATIONS(.) NO ADDITIONAL AUXILIARY UNITS PLANNED
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SUBJECT FORMATION OF GARIBALDI INF REGT (.) ADDITIONAL VEHICLES ARE
NOT AVAILABLE FOR ATTACHED BRITISH PERSONNEL (.) ARRANGE TEMPORARY
ISSUE AS NECESSARY OF SUITABLE UNIT VEHICLES TO BMT OFFICERS AND BOWO
FOR PERIOD OF ATTACHMENT (.) VEHICLES WILL BE HANDED ON TO REGIMENT
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INDEPENDENT ITALIAN INFANTRY REGT ON WE
CM/526/1, CM/527/1 WILL BE FORMED AT VITERBO
SOONEST FROM ^{personnel} ~~PERSONNEL~~ OF GARIBALDI DIV
PROVIDED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MMIA (.) SUPERVISION
WILL BE BY RAAC AND QUOTE F UNQUOTE BLU (.)
TRAINING TO COMMENCE EARLIEST UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AND
DIRECTION DMT (.) MORTARS WILL BE ITALIAN (.)
SNIPERS RIFLES NOT AVAILABLE (.) ~~RECORDED COPY~~
EQUIPMENT WILL BE TO BASIC LIST 6508/2 AND SELS
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G-3 DIVISION

21 April 1945

FILE NO : ASD/922.8(B) 1
 SUBJECT :: Mm of Italian Units
 MEMO TO : G-1 (B) A.1

1. Authority is granted for the formation of Italian units as under
 w.o.f. 25 April 1945.

DESIGNATION	W.E.	S.E.I.	Location for Formation	Supervising Authy
HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/526/1	135/1	Viterbo	RAAG & ...
1 Italian Inf Bn GARIBALDI Inf Regt	CM/527/1	136/1	"	"
2 " " " " " "	"	"	"	"
3 " " " " " "	"	"	"	"

2. Personnel will be provided from GARIBALDI Div, by MMIA.

3. Equipment will be provided to basic scale 6508/2 less 2" and 3" mortars and snipers rifles plus Italian 81 mm mortars and 45 mm mortars.

4. Vchs will be allotted as available in accordance with existing priorities.

5. You are requested to issue necessary instructions implementing this authority.

MRG/ma/Org-A

DANIEL NOOE,
 Major General, G.S.C.,
 Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

COPIES TO : M.M.I.A. 'F' B.L.U.
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 HQ 2 District

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To: Chief of Staff,
A.F.H.Q.

From: Mr. Macmillan.

Subject: Future of Garibaldi Division.

1. I received a copy of Major-General Browning's memorandum on the future of the Garibaldi Division in my capacity of Acting President of the Allied Commission.
2. With the military questions I have of course no concern, except to observe that General Browning's proposals do not appear materially to affect the Italian manpower ceiling or absorb any substantial extra equipment.
3. From the political point of view, I think their employment in any of the roles suggested in paragraph 5 of General Browning's memorandum would be valuable. For your private information, the point about the Garibaldi Division is this. They were believed to be of Left wing and somewhat revolutionary tendencies. But their experience in Yugoslavia has had a somewhat damping effect upon their Marxist enthusiasm. They have come back Italian patriots - I hope not reactionaries, but moderates. Hence the Communists do not wish to play them up and I do.

H. M.

16th April, 1945.

Copy to Major-General Browning.

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

I have received from Brig. LOW a copy of your confidential letter to him dated April 5th which I am glad to have.

Actually I had received the information about the CANTERBURY Division and have written already to A.F.H.Q. strongly recommending and making proposals that these men be retained as a unit. I have had no reply yet from A.F.H.Q. but I have hopes that my proposals may go through, as I agree with you that such a course would be advisable and beneficial.

Yours,

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Sir D'Arcy OSBORNE.
British Legation to the Holy See.
14, Via del Parlamento,
ROME.

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Headquarters,
Rome Area Allied Command

DO/PERS/103

7th April 1945

Dear *General*

I enclose a note received to-day from Sir D'Arcy Osborne.

It is of course none of my business and I am sending it to you in case it may interest you.

I will tell Sir D'Arcy that I have done so.

With apologies for troubling you,

Yours *Sincerely,*

Almeida

To: Major-General L. Browning, CB, OBE, MC,
Military Mission to the Italian Army.

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BRITISH LEGATION
TO THE HOLY SEE.
~~OFFICE OF THE BRITISH LEGATION~~
ROME
14 Via del Parlamento,
Rome.

CONFIDENTIAL.

April 5th, 1945.

Dear Brigadier Low,

I am informed unofficially by the Vatican that the Italian Garibaldi Division, which has lately been repatriated from Dalmatia, was landed at Taranto and is now on its way to Viterbo, has returned violently anti-Communist as a result of its experiences in Dalmatia. For many months the Division maintained itself in Dalmatia and Montenegro as an organized and disciplined unit under its officers. It remains an organized and disciplined unit and it is suggested that it would be a great pity to disband it when there is, or at any rate will be, need of a reliable public force to maintain order. The Pope has recently received two senior officers of the Division. Other Italian units, repatriated from the Balkans, with like experience and sentiments, might also be made use of.

Yours sincerely,

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Brigadier Alban Low, C.B.E., M.C.,
Rome Allied Area Command.

D. G. Osborne.

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SUBJECT: Future of Italian "GARIBALDI" Division

TO: President, Allied Commission, APO 394
 FOR: Lend Forces Sub-Commission (LSC) (a)
 Director, Military Training, CMT

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1. Reference is made to MMIA letter, file SD/41/3, dated 21 March 1945, not to all addressees.

2. The formation of HQ "GARIBALDI" Italian Infantry Regiment on WE CM/526/1, SEL 135/1, and three Infantry Battalions on WE CM/527/1, SEL 136/1 is approved in principle. Formation instructions follow.

3. The following equipment will NOT be available:

- ✗ Cars 2 str, 4 x 2
- ✗ Mortars 2" and 3"
- ✗ Snipers' Rifles
- ✗ Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS, will be in most cases Class II.

4. DMT is requested to discuss location and training with MMIA. DMT letter, file DMT/55/17/MT1, dated 14 April 1945, refers. Units are at present assembled at VITERBO.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. FRESE
 Captain, AGD
 Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl - for DMT only

Ltr, Lend Forces Sub-Comm,
 MMIA, dtd 21 March 45, file
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