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SD/46 TRANSIT CAMPS GENERAL

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Subject :- Org of Transit Camps - ER-ITI.

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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Ref LO/GI7

4 April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (your SD/46 of 31 March)
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

1. The transit camp which used to exist at IESI was run by 228 Div. When they moved north with 8 Army they took all its facilities with them. The M of War letter is not understood. 8 Army deals with 228 Div not 209 Div.

2. A small staging camp of capacity of 50 was continued by me at IESI for convenience of 209 Div.

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3. It was supplanted weeks ago by the establishment of a transit camp at ANCONA. This consists of two parts. Two buildings in ANCONA with capacity for 150 and tented soon at TORRETE (three miles from ANCONA) with capacity for 250. It caters principally for lifts.

4. It has no official existence and it would be desirable for it to have a legal existence.

5. I assume that the 805 Transit Camp, mentioned by you, is the one at PESARO, formerly at IESI.

6. My LO/GI7 of 4 Apr in reply to Q/12/5 also refers.

MMIA-46

FILE: SD/46

DATE: 6/4

no!! we said
argue will all
from the ORBAT
- 231 Div - 5 Army

MMIA LO., I District.
Capt. M. Bourne

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

TO : DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO

INFO: DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 466

Date Time

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MMIA SD/46 OF 31 MAR WAS ADDRESSED TO YOU IN ERROR (.)
PLEASE FWD TO MMIA LO DISTRICT

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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Internal: A

File: SD/46

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT :- Org of Transit Camps (Bu-ITI)

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM.A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/46

31 March 45.

TO :- MMIA LO DISTHREE

1. Attached War Ministry letter 11797/Ord/1 is forwarded for infm. It seems to contain certain inconsistencies.

2. A transit camp at Ancona for 1 Dist would appear to be essential, but with accn for more like 500 than for 50.

3. 805 Transit Camp as you will see from the Order of Battle has a strength of 3 Offrs and 27 OR's on WE CM/259/2 and is scheduled to accomodate 500.

4. Let us have your views.

SKL
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Internal:

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am.

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SECRET

From : SMHE
To : MMIA

Ref:- 11797/Ord/1
Date:- 21st March 45.

SUBJECT :- Divisional Transit Camp (209 Div)

Further to request forwarded by HQ 8th Army, a Div. Transit Camp (209 Div) has been formed for military in transit and reinforcements.

ME 2 Offrs. 3 Senior NCO's 10 Junior NCO's and men.

Accn capacity 50 men.

Location 1281.

Its transfer to Ancona, centre of greater traffic and its possible increase in accommodation are being studied in agreement with MMIA LC No 1 District.

(Sgd) G. LIUZZI.

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TranslationSecret

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From: SMRE.
To: MMIA.

SD/46

Ref: 11192/Ord/1.

Date: 21st March 45.

Subject: Divisional Transit Camp (209 Div).

Further to request forwarded by 488th Army,
a Div. Transit Camp (209 Div) has been formed for military
in transit and reinforcements.

- W.E.: 2 Officers, 3 Senior NCOs, 10 Junior NCOs, 8 Men.- Accommodation capacity: 50 men. ?? P.- Location: 1551.

It has been
for ANCONA A
for 6 Dist / 4
months.

IESI camp was
8 Army. 8 Army
now use PESARO.

The transfer to Ancona, centre of greater
traffic and its possible increase in accommodation ~~at~~
are being studied ^{in agreement} with MMIA. L.O. N.1 District.

See RAB.
28 Mar Q.2.

H. (S) G. 210221.

HP. 10000.

G.2. WE.

If this is ANCONA for 15.7.6

It is an essential organization at the
moment when reinforcements are moving
up in such large numbers (up to 1000 a week)
essential during phase of new Pz Div units
on hand & for at least the next 3

Butnote:

805 Transit Camp
Ceiling 500 - serves 5 Army Divs
on WE CM/259/2 = 3 offrs 2700's

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/46
DATE: 25/3.

B. 27/3.

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SEGRETO

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

N° 11494 /Ord./I di prot. P.M. 3563, 21 marzo 1945
OGGETTO: Posto scorta divisionale (209ª divisione).-

Account sent for 209 Div
ALLA LAND FORCES SUP COMMISSION AG. (MRIA)

15 F O M A
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3am

Si comunica che, in seguito a richiesta del comando 9ª armata, è stato costituito un posto scorta divisionale (209ª divisione) per militari di passaggio e complementi.-

- Organico: 2 ufficiali, 3 sottufficiali, 10 gradati e militari di truppa.-
- Capacità di ricovero: 50 uomini.-
- Dislocazione: Iesi.-

E' allo studio, d'intesa con l'ufficiale di collegamento M.M.I.A. - 1º distretto, il trasferimento del posto scorta ad Ancona, centro di maggiore traffico, ed il suo eventuale ampliamento.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Luzzi)

Ghivelli

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SUBJECT: Formation of a Transit Camp at LEONHORN

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

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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SMB ref.: 11366/ORD dated 7 March 45.

1. It is regretted that permission cannot be given for the establishment of a Transit Camp at LEONHORN.
2. FIFTH Army has under active consideration the implementation of Dist HQs etc. north of Army Rear Bdy which should take care of the personnel in transit which you mention.

REP
for Major General
M. E. I. A.

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Translation Sept 46. Secret.34
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From: SMRE

To: MMIA

Ref: 1300 Ord

Date: 7th March 45.

Subject: Formation of a Transit Camp at Leghorn.

1) 212 Italian HQ pointed out the necessity to form at Leghorn a small transit camp HQ which would have the duties to assist and dispatch soldiers in transit from this city.

The matter deals with:-

- military on mission, transfer or leave.
- military dispersed or absentees who look for their respective units.
- military coming from the north who passed the lines either by sea or land.

Units of the 212 Italian HQ located in Leghorn (the 212 Italian HQ and various units) have no possibilities to deal with above questions, because of unavailability of buildings and also because they are not allowed to ration personnel not belonging to the C.B.S.

2) In view of the necessity detailed above, please authorize the formation of the Transit HQ in question.

Answered
13 mar REP 5743

MMIA	3
FILE REF	Sept 46.
Date Recd	11

St. FABRE

(Cgd) 10221 G.
See folio 35

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

SEGRETO

n° 11366 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800; 7 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Costituzione di un comando tappa a Livorno.-

Forming of a Transit Camp at Leghorn

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (MMIA)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto

R O M A

P.M. 3800

1.- Il comando italiano 212 ha rappresentato la necessità di costituire a Livorno un piccolo comando tappa per provvedere all'assistenza ed avviamento dei militari in transito da detta città.-

Si tratta di :

- militari in missione, trasferimento o licenza;
- sbandati o assenti arbitrari che vanno alla ricerca dei rispettivi reparti;
- militari provenienti dal nord che riescono ad attraversare le linee - via mare o via terra.-

Gli enti del comando italiano 212 dislocati a Livorno (comando IV zona e reparti vari) non hanno la possibilità di provvedere a quanto sopra, a causa di deficienza di locali e del divieto di vettovagliare personale non appartenente al P.B.3.-

2.- Data la necessità su prospettata, pregesi compiacersi autorizzare la costituzione del comando tappa in oggetto.- 5742



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Linzi)

Ghiobli

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SECRET

Subject: Formation of new Units - 805 Transit Camp.

Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(M.M.L.A.)

File No SD/46

3. March 45

Ministry of War

Further to this HQ letter SD/46 dated 16 Feb 45.

Herewith copy of WE for a Rest and Transit Camp
(for 500 men, with increment) CM/259/2.

It is regretted that when the above quoted letter
was sent to you it was not possible to enclose this WE.

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SLR
Major General
M.M.L.A.

MMLA	R
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Date Recd	4/2/

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File

WIA

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WIDE OFFICE BARLETA FOR O'DONNELL

FIFTH ADDY IN 1904 FOR WIA. LO. HIRSHEN FOR WIA LO
24 AREA FOR WIA LO

SO 1910

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REF WIA SO 1910 OF SO 1910 (*) ALSO REQUIRE FOLLOWING NO'S FOR
INDIAN TRAVEL CAMP AREA (*) 7 ADDY SO 1910 OR L/CHEN (*)
INCLUDE ON TRAIL LEAVING TRAIL SO 1910

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[Handwritten signature]

INTERNAL
DIVISION OF WIA

NOV (18)

50/46

RW

C O P Y

FROM: 5 ARMY

TO : MTOUSA

INFO: MMIA
AFHQ

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SECRET

RECOMMENDATION AS TO NECESSITY OF TRANSIT CAMP IS SUBJECT,
REFERENCE YOUR CABLE FX 28976 DATED 17 FEBRUARY (.) FIFTH ARMY
DOES NOT LOOK UPON THIS AS A TRANSIT CAMP (.) NEED FOR DIVISION
STAGING AREA IS COVERED IN PARAGRAPH 3, LETTER THIS HQ, AG 336.2-2,
17 FEBRUARY 1945, SUBJECT QUOTE STRENGTH OF US-ITIS WITH FIFTH
ARMY QUOTE (.) TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT OF THE STAGING
AREA IS GIVEN AS INCLOSURE NUMBER 10 TO LETTER THIS HQ, AG 320-2
DATED 29 JANUARY 1945, SUBJECT QUOTE REORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN
UNITS - SUPPLEMENTAL QUOTE (.) 1 ONLY ITALIAN TRAINING COMPANY
(STAGING) IS REQUIRED FOR 5 ARMY US-ITIS

WB

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SD/46

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FROM : CG MTOUSA
TO (INFO) MIA

SECRET

B A

FA 28976

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT TRANSIT CAMPS BE ABOLISHED IN ENIA LETTER SD/43/1
PARA 3 b OF 7 FEBRUARY IS SUBJECT (*) IT IS DESIRED THAT INFORMATION
BE FORWARDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WHETHER THESE CAMPS IN UNITED STATES
CATEGORY ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY AND ALSO SHOWING THE TABLE OF ORGANISATION
AND EQUIPMENT OF EACH CAMP

Precedence - PRIORITY

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Action copy: SD/43/1
SD/46. info copy

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: H M I A
TO: 10 PUBLICATIONS DEPT

17 10 A

file

See 17

ID 2305

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REQUEST 20 COPIES OF WE CM/259/2 806 TRANSIT CAMP (.) PLEASE
TREAT AS URGENT

File ID 46



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BU/TEXT: Formation of New Units - 805 Transit Camp

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

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: C.G. 5 (U.S.) ARMY BR Increment (AFHQ letter CR/1116/G-1(EN)(SER 1585) dated 8 Feb 1945 refers)

1. (a) 805 Italian Transit Camp is being formed by HQ FIFTH (U.S.) Army BR Increment through 231 Adm Div at ARKAD on WE CR/259/2 *
copy att.
(b) Serial No. 93818 has been allotted to this Camp.
(c) The Camp is intended to cater for 500.
2. The WE will be implemented by Italian Army Personnel. There will be no British or co-operator personnel as stated in the WE CR/259/2. The General Duty man will be trained as a Storeman to make a total of storemen 2.
3. The personnel will be found by HQ 231 Adm Div.
4. When completed, this unit will be carried in Cat. 5 ENI-ITI Section of MMIA Order of Battle.

AK-15
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Internal: A/G
SD/46
SD/42/1

WE * No copy WE CR/259/2 available. Copies
signalled for from Public Depot 17/2.

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

17 1100 A

TO (FOR ACTION): BR INCR 5 ARMY

TO (FOR INFO) : DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

REF NO: AQ2808

SECRET

FOR MMIA LO (.) BOURNE REPORTS SUITABLE SITE FOR TRANSIT CAMP FOUND
WITHIN TWO MILES AREZZO (.) CONTACT BOURNE AND 56 AREA INFORMING
THIS HQ REQUIREMENTS OF STAFF OMA TENTAGE ETCHERRA (.) CAMP WILL BE
ADMINISTERED THROUGH 231 DIV

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

B. H. G. S. D. S.
Major

INTERNAL DIST:

"G" MMIA

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SECRETSUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 CP/1116/C-1(HE)(Ser. 1585)
 8 Feb 45.

805 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP (FOR 500).

1. (a) The above mentioned Unit will be formed on W.E. OM/259/2 with effect from 10 Feb 45 under the supervision of HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment in conjunction with HQ 231 Italian Div. Location for formation - ABEUZO.
 (b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment.
 (c) The W.E. will be implemented wholly with Italian Army personnel and not British and Co-operator personnel as detailed in the establishment.
 (d) Serial No. 93848 has been allotted to this Camp.

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment in conjunction with HQ 231 Italian Division.
 (b) One General Datymen will be trained as a Storeman to make a total of Storemen - 2.

3. CLOTHING EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Review will be made
~~Indents for the following will be submitted~~ in accordance with:

- instructions to be issued by HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment *for* :-
- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
 - (b) Unit equipment to scale A.F.G. 1098-1000 (incl anti-gas stores) *(to be issued through HQ 231 Italian Div.)*.
 - (c) Transport to complete to W.E. (to be issued by HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment and held on charge to a British Unit to be nominated by that HQ).

4. STATIONERY

~~Demands, based on~~ *Two months'* estimated requirements, will be ~~submitted~~ *called* as indicated below:-

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

2. PERSONNEL

- (a) Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment in conjunction with HQ 234 Italian Division.
- (b) One General Dutyman will be trained as a Storeman to make a total of Storemen - 2.

3. CLOTHING EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

- Personnel will be made*
- ~~Indicate for the following will be submitted~~ in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment *for :-*
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4. STATIONERY

~~Demands based on~~ *supplied* Two months' estimated requirements, will be ~~submitted~~ as indicated below:-

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5. COMPLETION

HQ Fifth (US) Army Br. Increment will report to G.1(B) A.I. Section, AFHQ, when formation is complete.

6. ACK

Pls see # 11 and

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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The War Office (S.D.2.)

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G.3102/C-1(OR)

2 Incl copy for unit concerned and
distribution as necessary.

+++ ASD/922.3 of 31 Jan 49
refers.

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Sanitary NCO					1		1
Storeman							2
Water Station 8000						1	1
LyDHE						5	5
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Sgt Mess							1
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Please speak to the appropriate
man on the Station side and
ask his approval today.

My comments are:

- ① Do I intend to do any equipment
here at Shorro? If
of the college's
so perhaps another two ~~thousand~~ (one
thousand Graduate, 4pl or 49pl) are required?
- ② Otherwise recently required

11/1/50

RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.Date of Call 20 Jan 45Time 1726 hrs.Caller Capt GRAHAM Appointment 23 AFHQPerson called Mr. H. H. H. H. Appointment 23 AFHQ

Subject of Conversation.

Action to be taken
or Decisions arrived at.

Proposed ltr for Italian
Transit Camp for 231 Division
at AREZZO. (Ref conversation
Maj STANTON - Capt GRAHAM
of his morning).

MMIA suggest that 1 Private
Storerman be added.

A.F.H. agree and will
produce ltr on that basis
No written confirmation
needed.

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MMIA report that 1 Private
Storomun be isolated.

A.F.H.Q. agree and will
produce W/E on that basis

No written confirmation
needed.

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File
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Proposed W/E for Italian
Transit Camp for 231 Division
at AREZZO. (Ref conversation
Maj STANTON - Capt GRAHAM
of his morning).

Signature of Officer receiving call

SECRET

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Subject: Strength, Fifth Army

Land Forces
 Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
 Rome
 SD/43/1
 1 February 1945

To : APHQ for G-3 (CRG)
 APHQ for G-4 (A)
 APHQ for GM
 CG, MTOUSA

For Info: General Hamblen, APHQ
 CG, Fifth Army
 MMIA LO, Fifth Army
 CG, PES
 CG, PENSOUTH

Referring to the actual strength of US-ITI units with
 Fifth Army:

1. It had been assumed that personnel carried under the heading "Attached for Rations in Staging Area 210 Division" was personnel which had been sent to the Division but had not been assigned by the Division to units. Fifth Army stated that this was not the case. Therefore, an officer from this headquarters made an investigation in Florence and the following facts developed:

a. The personnel carried under the heading "Attached for Rations in Staging Area" are, with the exception of some odd units, actually personnel in a transit camp. On 24 January this transient personnel numbered 159 officers and 536 men, from all categories of the Italian Army. This personnel is fed US rations and housed in this transient camp simply on presentation of evidence that they are members of the Italian Army, and regardless of category.

b. The net result of this system is (based on strength return of 24 January):

Assigned strength, 210 Division

12,998

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CG, Fifth Army
WMIA LO, Fifth Army
CG, PBS
CO, PENSOUTH

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Assigned strength, 210 Division	12,999
Strength present, 210 Division	12,366
US rations drawn, including charge back for men in ITI-ITI hosp	13,394
(net loss to US of 1,028 rations - about daily average)	

2. a. The visit to Headquarters, Fifth Army developed that on 31 January 1945 the assigned strength, 210 Division was 610 officers, 12,535 men, aggregate 13,145.

b. The following personnel has been assigned to 210 Division, but is not included in the strength figure (Par 2a, above):

1878 replacements, General (enroute, PBS signal 1930, 27 Jan)	
56 replacements, Engineer(enroute, PBS signal 1930, 27 Jan)	
11 replacements, Engr Specialists	
	(enroute, PBS signal 1930, 27 Jan)
510 replacements, (enroute, PENSOUTH signal 2232)	
300 replacements, (enroute, PENSOUTH signal 2232)	

2855	TOTAL
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c. Therefore, as of 1 Feb, the total assigned to 210 Division is 16,000. February wastage is estimated by Fifth Army at 55 per day or a total of 1,540 (Fifth Army signal No. 2322). The assigned strength of 210 Division on 1 March 1945 will therefore be 14,460.

d. The replacements in sub-paragraph b, above, were ordered to Fifth Army on the basis of the assigned strength shown in Fifth Army signal NR 2076 of 10 January, which did not include all personnel actually assigned to and enroute to Fifth Army, all of whom must be counted in the aggregate assigned strength.

3. Recommendations:

- That Fifth Army issue to 210 Division rations based on the actual strength present in units assigned or attached to 210 Division by competent orders. 5730
- That the transit camps be abolished (Per 11f, AFHQ letter, file AG 091.711/169 GCT-O, dated 16 Nov 1944).
- That Fifth Army direct 210 Division to transfer to 212 Division (PBS) 460 men, which leaves the 210 Division at authorized strength on 1 March 1945, after allowing for all estimated attrition.
- That Fifth Army requests based on MTOUSA letter, file AG 322.96/774 A-O dated 20 Dec 1944 include, in the aggregate assigned strength figure required, all personnel assigned to, or enroute to 210 Division as advised by MIA signals to Fifth Army regardless of where located.

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
For Major General
Lend Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

SUBJECT: Formation of Information Centre.

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

SD/51
4 Feb 45.

SD/46

To : MINISTRY OF WAR.

Ref your 200616/11 of 19 Jan 45.

Inasmuch as authority has already been granted for the implementation of WEs of Territorial HQs, Dist HQs, and Depots for the whole of ITALY vide TS/G/12 of 26 Dec 44 (para 3(d)), separate authorisation is not required in this case and arrangements should be made to assign personnel as requested in your para 11, provided they are carried in the overall ceiling.

ts.

J.M.A. Jr. Col

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Letter authorising 27 infan centre strength
of 3 all ranks each, is 6/6/1/F of 15 Aug
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Translation

SD/51

From: M of W
To: M.M.I.A.Ref: 200616/II
Date: 19 Jan 45Subject: Military in transit at Chet.

Ref. SD/51 dated 14 Dec 44. R/1.

I) VI Hachens Tomtomal HQ informed this office that Chet Dist. District has no facilities whatsoever to assist soldiers in transit because -

- buildings are completely occupied owing to the large number of call-ups arriving from Terame, Sabmona & Pipenla Districts.

- on completion of call ups, the military staff employed in the District will be reduced to W/E number which will not be sufficient to supervise and enforce discipline on soldiers in transit.

II) Therefore, we beg M.M.I.A. to authorize an assignment over and above W/E of Chet. District, of at least 1 Officer, 1 Lt. 1 Sgt. & 1 Pte. in order to assist ~~supervise~~ ^{supervise} in transit.

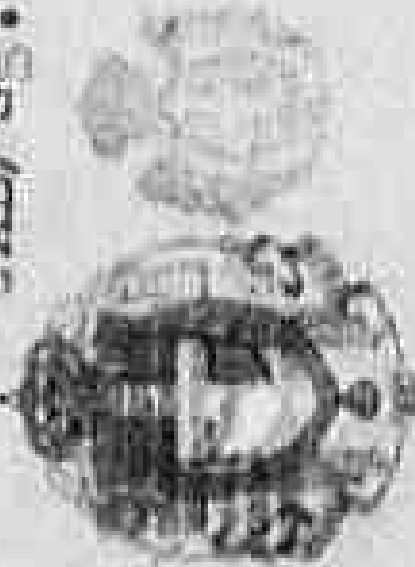
Such personnel would be considered on Cat. I.

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Gen. Golden laid down present policy. They have asked for this several times. Do (Sgd) Chief of Cabinet we authorize another ^{inform center?} E.4/1.

4/2 P.4001

GAL/sg.



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto

Ord. 200616/II
216-5-5

Roma, M. 3800, 19 gennaio 1945.-

Risposta al f. tel.

Gen. Se. V.

OGGETTO: Militari in transito a Chieti.-

LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROMA

Riferimento sua lettera SD/51 del 14 dicembre 1944.-

- I)- Il nucleo VI comando territoriale ha fatto presente che il distretto militare di Chieti non ha possibilità di provvedere all'assistenza dei militari in transito perchè:
- attualmente ha penuria di locali, dato il rilevante numero di richiamati che affluiscono dai distretti di Teramo, Sulmona e L'Aquila;
 - al termine della chiamata il personale militare impiegato nel distretto sarà ridotto ai pochi elementi previsti dagli organici, per cui il distretto stesso non avrà la possibilità di provvedere alla sorveglianza e disciplina dei militari di transito.

- II)- In conseguenza si prega codesta M.M.I.A. voler compiersi autorizzare l'assegnazione in soprannumero al distretto militare di Chieti di un piccolo nucleo di militari (almeno

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taie personale graverebbe a carico 1^a categoria. -

à l'origine

LEADER: CAPO DI CABINETTO

Verland.

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FROM MMIA
TO 54 AREA

14 1530A

SD 1598

CONFIDENTIAL

Rec'd
11/10

FOR MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.)

Your P 158 of 13 is answered by MMIA letter SD 141 of
12 OCT

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

CL Cox Capt

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G. 58/49

SUBJECT: No 8 Transit Camp - BARI

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. SD/41
12 Oct 44

TO : MMIA LG 54 AREA

Ref your MF/93 of 6 Oct.

1. Your para 1(a) should be done by Mil HQ Apulia

para 1(d) IPL units are BR-ITI and Bari Inf Centre
which is ITI-ITI commitment should NOT
look after them.

para 1(e) This is legitimate work.

para 1(f) Rations should not be issued to Italians in
& 1(g) transit.

para 1(h) Should be done by Mil HQ Apulia

para 1(i) This is legitimate work

para 1(j) Should be done by Mil HQ Apulia.
to (m) incl

2. From the above you will see that Mil HQ Apulia with a strength
of 30 offrs and 120 CRs does very little of its legitimate work and tries
to palm off its duties to these Inf Centres strength 3.

3. Anything you can do to regularize the position will be appreci-
ated. There is no reason however why Mil HQ Apulia should not detach a
certain portion of its staff to Bari Inf Centre for temp duty should it
be in the better interests of Italian Administration to do so.

4. Will you please comment on the above.

Lt. Col. G.S.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject:- No. 8 Transit Camp, BARI.

Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army.
HQ No. 2 Dist. CMF.
MF/93

6 OCT 44

MAINTA	9-50
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Military Mission to Italian Army. ROME

1. The following is a resumee of the use that the BARI Transit Camp has been put to in the past and gives an idea of the variety of jobs that the camp staff has to do.

- (a) Supervision of the Albergo LEON D'ORO with 130 beds for Offrs stationed in BARI and in transit through BARI - Average daily movement 60 Offrs. (Staff 1 Pte 1 Civilian).
- (b) Billet in Via IMERIANI with 5 beds for General Offrs. (2 Civilians).
- (c) Billet in Via LOMBARDI with 20 beds for Offrs stationed in and in transit through BARI. (2 Civilians).
- (d) Huts with 160 beds for Offrs of IPL units in BARI. (2 Ptes 3 Civilians).
- (e) Shelter and canteen at BARI station for tps catching trains late at night or in early morning. (1 Pte 3 Civilians).
- (f) NICOLA ANTONIO mess in CORSO CAVALLO which feeds 280 Offrs daily. Of these 30 are stationed in BARI, the remainder are in transit, and being without ration cards they are unable to feed at any other mess or restaurant. (1 Offr 2 Ptes 8 Civilians).
- (g) Reception, onward routing and feeding of soldiers arriving from newly liberated territory in Italy, and the Balkans, and of soldiers returning from or going on leave who of necessity must stop in BARI until tpt is available. (1 Offr 4 Ptes 2 Civilians).
- (h) Interrogation of soldiers arriving from newly liberated territory; average 30 per day. Interrogation of illegal absentees rounded up by CCR, average 10 daily. (1 Offr 2 Ptes 3 Civilians).
- (i) Information and travel bureau for soldiers whose units have moved during their absence on leave. (1 NCO 3 Civilians).
- (j) Holding centre for tps awaiting trial. (1 NCO 6 Ptes).
- (k) Formation and equipping centre for rfts destined to units employed by the Allies. (No particular staff assigned).

- (a) Officers stationed in BARI and in transit through BARI. (Staff 1 Pte 1 Civilian). Average daily movement 60 Officers. (Staff 1 Pte 1 Civilian). (2 Billets in Via IMERIANI with 6 beds for General Officers. (2 Civilians).)
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- (i) Courts of enquiry on accused soldiers. (2 Ptes 3 Civilians).)
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- (k) Leave pass stamping and forwarding of money to soldiers on leave. (1 NCO 2 Civilians).)
- Total:- 2 Officers, 3 NCOs, 20 ORs.

2. The civilians have been taken on only recently and have replaced tps.

3. In order to be able to function, this minimum number of tps must be allowed.

4. With only 1 Officer and 2 ORs the BARI Transit Camp will not be able to cope and there is no other unit or formation in BARI that is able to carry out the above listed duties.

5. It is strongly recommended that the BARI Transit Camp be allowed its minimum requirements in personnel or we shall be finding that desertions will increase when the tps find that there is nowhere to shelter whilst in transit.

Only 5 ptes only in transit

Thurthel Major C.S.
C.F. Marcell Maj. G.S.
Senior M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 2 District.

CFM/jmr

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COPY.

Subject :- Moves of Units.

Main HQ Eighth Army, CEF

MMIA Rear Eighth Army

M 5687 A

Copy to :- Main HQ AAI
"Q" Rear Eighth Army

29 Sep. 44

1. It is requested that you arrange for the establishment as soon as possible of a small Transit Camp at AREZZO to cater for Italian personnel arriving at RH, if necessary by transferring a detachment of the Italian Transit Camp now at IESI.
2. This unit will only be required temporarily as long as Eighth Army have a double RH, and should be of sufficient size to cater for 100 personnel.
3. If sufficient tentage cannot be withdrawn from the camp at IESI to establish the det at AREZZO it is requested that you consult 'Q' Rear Army on the provision of either buildings at AREZZO or sufficient tentage to house the camp staff, stores, and 100 all ranks.
4. It is requested that you keep 'A' Main HQ AAI informed of all action taken.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX, Major
f Lt. Col.
A.A.G.
EIGHTH ARMY.

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Copy for MMIA, Rome.

AG 5 see hand
JMR

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	NETT VNEB - NR 234/4 - (P) M - QVAI	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. Office Date Stamp
	OUT	H - LRAZ		

TO MIMA INFO AAI MIMA LO LO SURAKA

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FROM REAR SCORPS

Originator's Number

05

Date

In Reply to Number

DISOL @ CONFIDENTIAL @ 3-10-11 MORTARTY @ Your 3D 533 @ 20 dur can build
up TERNOLI camp to capacity 1500 man approx if 9 corps supply necessary
Mortage are cooking and camp left @ LO DISTWO instructed to
pass for this @ 2 recent plan to run it with HR 515 Regt to
receive and equip SBANDATI as rfto for dur ps primarily labour @
No connection with DIL rfto camp to be set up at VASTO by DE STEFANO

This message may be sent As Written
by any means
(except)
(.....) Wireless

This message must be sent in Cipher
if liable to interception or to fall into
enemy hands

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Origin

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Signature.....

Signature.....

IMPORTANT

* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including"

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T.O.R.

GPO 9333/63227P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 710426 31-4254

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM

Register No. <u>4211</u>		Transmission Instructions		Office Date Stamp <u>SD/4</u>
Srl. No. <u>33311</u>	Priority <u>P</u>	<u>17-QVR1</u>		
FROM			Date-Time of Origin <u>01530B</u>	Message Instructions <u>QAY</u>
(A) <u>PIHIA LO 60 SUB AREA</u>			GR <u>70</u>	
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY. ORIGINATOR <u>PIHIA LESQUIL</u> For Action.				
TO				
(W) For Information (INFO) <u>AA1</u>				
Originator's No. <u>105</u>				

JBH O CONFIDENTIAL O Your SD533 of 310 Italian canch TERNOLI

Really only staging area at present O now occupied by 100
genie troops with own tentage O Area could hold further
1000 troops but no permanent cooking or general administration
organization exists yet O 200 km proper establishment
thus to cope with SPANISH O MORTARY will signal fuller
details of proposed organization as transit canch proper
after consulting GENERAL PROPENZI O SCOTTS informed

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MESSAGE FORM

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		OUT	Office Date Stamp								
			No. of Groups GR. 14	250/23							
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TO MMIA LEQUIL RPTD AAI											
FROM MMIA CO 60 SUB AREA		Originator's Number JB/27	Date 30	In Reply to Number							
Ref SD826 Italian transit camp VASTO is building in town capacity thirty.											
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TO MMIALO 60 SUB AREA RPTD AA1

FROM *A. M. A.*

Orderator's Number

Notes

5/15

for Henry to "sum up"

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CONFIDENTIAL	O	SIGNAL	RPTS	AAI	CAPACITY
OF	ITALIAN	-TRANSIT	CAMP	VASTO	

1432, CHQY 7-D

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CIPHER to avoid interception
or to fall into enemy hands

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Signature

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Call	Priority	Transmission & Instructions		47
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FROM (V)		Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Owner Data Stamp
M M A			161710 B	Chg
TO		For Action	Message Instructions	
A C C Main PW BRISTER			OR	
Rpt for OFFENHAVER				
SD 799 O AAI Reference your IRB/IF of 7 May to BIG LIND O Released PW's of reference to Italian Military Control Under letter AAI/5072/A(2) of 25 April O all requests for Italian Army personnel mark are approved by AAI O Appropriate of your communicate with Italian Army only 5710 7/16 May				
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SUBJECT: Formation of Refugee Units

HQ A.C.C. for Chief Commissioner
for Italian Refugee Branch

Copy to: HQ A.A.I.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUELE (LEQUE)
50/2

May 44

1.. It is understood from the Ministry of War that Italian APC (Assistenza Profughi Civili) units are being formed from Italian Army personnel, at the direct request of Col HULLS of A.C.C.

2. It is pointed out that the employment of the Italian Army is strictly controlled by HQ A.A.I. (see A.I. Adm Ech 3074/A(0) of 30 Apr) to whom all demands for personnel should be submitted for approval.

3. When approved the unit will be included in the AAI priority list and formed and moved to the required destination by MIA.

4. This procedure is necessary in view of the fact that demands for personnel exceed the availability and necessitate the formation of units on a priority basis.

5. In order to regularise the units at present employed and to include them in the ration ceiling they must appear in the Order of Battle published monthly by this HQ, otherwise the personnel are liable to be used for the formation of other units on the Allied programme.

6. Will you please check the information given at Annex "A" to this letter and inform us of any discrepancies and omissions. You should then submit the correct list of those at present employed to HQ A.A.I. for regularising in their present employment showing under what Allied command they operate.

7. If further units are required please comply with para 2 of this letter applying to HQ A.A.I. for the required unit to be formed.

8. Instructions have been issued to the Ministry of War that no further units are to be formed without authority from this HQ.

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ABC

L. B. Brown

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

APPENDIX "A"

600 A.P.C. Unit	3 collecting Centres	NAPLES	280
	1 "	AVERSA	40
601 A.P.C. Unit	1 "	BARI	150
	1 "	FOGGIA	37
Independent	2 "	CAPUA	56
A.P.C. Office			20
610 to 619 A.P. Sections			200
			783

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Translation.

Secret.

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From: - PMRE.

To: - MMIA.

Ref: - 9171/Old.

Date: - 11th Dec. 46. R²/₁₂Subject: Disbandment of Chieti & Ortona Transit Camps.Further to letter 305221/ICM dated
25/11/44.

1/ VI Territorial H&B Group (Rear party office delegation "H"), in informing of the disbandment of Chieti and Ortona Transit Camps, reported that at Chieti (a center for mail between Rome and Ancona) a large number of soldiers arriving cannot find accommodation because no unit exist to help them.

2/ (Please inform me if the apr H&B could keep a small transit camp (reduced as far as possible) to assist the soldiers referred to above).

(Sgt) Gen. A. SANTI.

47. ENCL.

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old cover (Transit Camps)
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