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TRANI - CAMP - ASSIGNMENTS BRITISH RETS

Nov - Dec 1944

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI

TO MMIA LO DISTHREE
MMIA ROME

301237A

INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

TC/32

RESTRICTED

FIRST (.) 100 Labour replacements for muleteers left TRANI for SALERNO
for 2904 CLU a m 30 Dec (.) ETA SALERNO a m 31 DEC (.) SECOND (.) FOR
MMIA (.) Muleteers now available 300

EK

SD DISTR:

Mov (2)

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@ 31/12

Subject: Move of personnel ex TRANI.

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786/42

30 Dec. 44.

The following details are passed to you for information : -

FROM : MOV BARLETTA

TO : (1) MOVWIT (2) 94 SUB AREA (3) MMIA 94 SUB AREA

INFO : (4) MMIA MAIN (5) 54 AREA (6) MMIA 54 AREA (7) MOVWIT

MOV/C/M/70 CONFIDENTIAL (.) AUTHY MOVWIT VERBAL 100 ITAL REPLACEMENTS

FOR MULETEERS MOVE BY RAIL TRANI TO SALERNO 30 DEC TRANI DEP 300520

BARI ARR 300630 DEPH 301200 (.)

ETA SALERNO 310800 (.) REPORT TO 290 CLI FOR ONWARD ROUTING TO

PONTECAGNANO (.)

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Per

Capt. RS.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

(2) 31/12

FROM NMIA LO 54 AREA
TO SIGS BALEMIA FOR O'DONNELL
INFO NMIA MOVEIT

292128

SD 14

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your TC/32 of 29 Dec (.) Following agreed by MOVEIT (.) ALL
AVAILABLE MULETEERS INCL PRESENT 245 TO ORVIETO ETD 5 JAN (.)
123 DRIVERS TO CEBANO ETD 5 JAN (.) 19 FARRIERS TO PASSO CORESE
RPT PASSO CORESE ETD 1 JAN (.) NEW SUBJECT (.) REF 15 SIGNALERS (.)
DISPOSAL INSTRUCTION ARE GIVEN FROM SCHOOL (.) 230 DIV WILL REMOVE
FROM TRANI AND DISPOSE CORRECTLY

cgl

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FROM MMIA LO IRANI
TO MMIA ROME
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

TG/RW

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FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AVAILABLE AND AWAITING MOVEMENT (.) FIRST (.)
drivers 123, driver candidates 45, labour rfts 260, 62 candidates
for service 110, office personnel 55, low category personnel 210 (.)
SECOND (.) Engineer rfts 257, being screened for possible rly engr
rfts (.) THIRD (.) Muletoers 245 returned from AWOL (.) FOURTH (.)
Farriers 19 awaiting movement to AREZZO (.) Your SD 1887 dated 06
refers (.) FIFTH (.) 15 signallers (.) MY TG/24 dated 18 refers (.)
SIXTH (.) This signal cancels all previous signals

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SD/19
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LROF V LRAR NR 9042
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FROM REAR EIGHTARMY 271520A
TO 52 AREA
INFO DISTREE 54 AREA HQ MMIA ROME
BT

Q2008 RESTRICTED . REF MAIN ARMY SD2570 OF 26 .
REQUEST YOU INSTRUT TPT REPORT MMIA LO 54 AREA
FOR DETAILS RETURN LOAD . FOR 54 AREA MY MM288 OF
27 TO YOUR MMIA LO REFERS
BT

15077 1530

SENT NR 9042 RJW B

128 139
SD/52 8140

No trace

Ref 12.

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SD/50
OK/506.

Spoke Reed - info over
Laird 5/12/50 NFA

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SECRETLAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)TS/G/31/2
21 December 44SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS.TC : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 NOV thru 25 DEC regarding Italian personnel arrived TRIESTE ex GREECE and BALKANS :-

(a) Received in ST. ANDREWS CAMP 19446
Dispatched from Camp 15335
Remaining in Camp 3911

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital	1215
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1277
Leave then GRUPPI	374
Leave then Pack Transp. Co.	410
To GRUPPI	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	2435
Leave then ASTRONI (US-JVI)	1704
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	2024
Sick Leave	3
Various (CC.RA., RIF, Navy, and Air Corps)	2206
Pack Transp Co.	2157

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2. Of the 19,246 shown as received in camp, 536 are personnel who were admitted to camp from hospital.

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 Dispatched from Camp 15335
 Remaining in Camp 3911

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Exp. P. H. Day
 Major General
 M.M.I.A.

MESSAGE FORM

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26 1500 A

FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ for G 1 Lt

INFO SIGS OFFICE DANIEL for O'DONNELL
54 AREA for MMIA LO
ICF RPT CENTRE CESANO
MINISTRY OF WAR

R-2

SD 2004

RESTRICTED

58 drivers now in TRIANI camp ex 4000ZZI call-up (*) Request
you move to CESANO soonest for combat rfts

PRECEDENCE

Internal

COMMUNICATED

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File : SD/52
SD/50 (2)

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ICF HPT CENTRE USAM
MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 2004

RESTRICTED

58 drivers now in THAMI camp or ALBUZZI call-up (*) Request
you move to CECANO soonest for combat rfts

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PRECEDENCE

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Internal

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INFO MML 54 AREA

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Departures from TRANI 26 Dec (.) 36 rfts to CANCELLLO. 128 Rly
Engrs to ROME. 400 muleteers to ORVINTO (.) No other muleteers
at present available owing incidence AWOL.

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IMPORTANT

SD DISTR: SD/3. SD/50. Float

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Subject: Move of Personnel ex TRANI.

27 Dec. 44.

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV BARLETTA

TO : 1. MOVWIT 2. MOV WESTRAIL 3. MOV ROME 4. 56 AREA 5. MMIA LO
56 AREA 6. RAAC 7. MMIA LO RAAC 8. 15 ARMY GROUP 9. MMIA 15 ARMY GP
INFO : 10. MMIA MAIN 11. FREEDOM CITE FIGM 12. DISTHREE 13. DISTHREE EAST
14. ROO BARI

MOV/C/67 RESTRICTED. 134

REF BY MOV/OC/M/64. OF 25 DEC. TRAIN DEPARTED TRANI 261510 ON PATH 7118.

ARMED PERSONNEL FIGURES READ. ONE. 128. TWO. 400. THREE 36.

Copies to : G (2) ✓
SMRE
FLOAT

SV/52
SV/5.

Rm

(Signature)
Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

28/12

Subject: Move of Ital Engr reinforcements.

786/37

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26 Dec. 44.

The following are passed to you for information :-

R26
R12

FROM : MOV BARLETTA

TO : (1) RTO BARLETTA (2) MMIA LO TRANI CAMP (3) MOVWIT (4) MOVWEST RAIL (5)
MOV ROME (6) 56 AREA (7) MMIA LO 56 AREA (8) RAAC (9) MMIA LO RAAC (10)
15 ARMY GP (11) MMIA LO 15 ARMY GP (12) ROO BARI INFO 13 MOVEIT (14)
MMIA MAIN (15) FREEDOM CITE PHOEN (16) DISTHREE (17) DISTHREE EAST

MOV/CG/. /64 25

CONFIDENTIAL. AUTHY MOVEIT VERBAL. ONE. 150 (ITAL) ENGR RPTS MOVE TRANI TO ROME
IN 5 BOX. TWO. 500 ITAL RPTS MOVE TRANI TO ORVIETO IN 16 BOX. THREE. 362 ITAL
REPLACEMENTS FOR MULETEER MOVE TRANI TO CANCELLO FOR ADL D TEAM IN 1 BOX. ALL
BY RAIL 26 DEC. TRANI DEP TN 7117 261347. ETA ROME AM 28 DEC. ETA ORVIETTO AM
29 DEC. ETA CANCELLO AM 27 DEC. REQUEST MOVWIT ARRANGE MEAL HALT AT ROCCASECCA
NOON 27 DEC FOR 650 PERSONNEL.

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Tn Sub Com (1)

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128 Rly Engrs

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Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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FROM: MMIA LO TRANI

TO : MMIA ROME

240915A

INFO: MMIA LO ER INCH 5 ARMY
MMIA LO 54 AREA

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CONFIDENTIAL

TC/29

Further to my TC/28 dated 22 (.) 542 Italian muleteers for
COLLE SALVETTI departed TRANI 23 Dec

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SD/50
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FROM: MMIA LO TRANI

TO : MMIA LO DISTONE

241630A

INFO: MMIA ROME
MMIA LO 54 AREA

TC/30

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67 Italian Pioneer Rftn left TRANI for IESI
via ANCONA P M 24 Dec

WB

SD DIST.: SD/52
SD/19
SD/50
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FROM MOV BARLETTA

TO (1) RTO BARLETTA (BY HAND) (2) MMIA LO TRANI CAMP

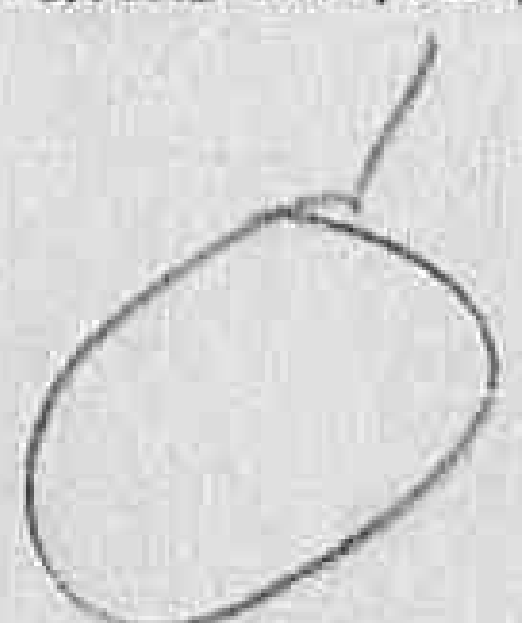
(3) MOVWIT (4) MOVE ROME (5) 54 AREA

INFO (6) MOVWIT (7) MMIA (8) DMRS ROME (9) IPENBA SE (10) HQ 15 ARMY P (11)

LANE (12) FREEDOM CITE FIGDM

MOV/CC/W/57 22

CONFIDENTIAL (.) 500 ITAL MULETEERS MOVE BY RAIL TRANI TO COLLE SALVETTI
23 DEC (.) STOCK 17 BOX. TRANI DEP TN TT 234547 BIVIO GERVARO ARR 231844 DEP
TN OL/8240 231915 (.) ~~MMIA~~ ETA COLLE SALVETTI AM 26 DEC (.) REQUEST MOVWIT
PROVIDE MEAL RACCASDOGA AT MIDDAY 24 DEC (.) AUTHY FX 72267 FREEDOM CITE
FIGDM



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Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI
TO MMIA ROME
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

221615 A

TC/28

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FIRST (.) 58 Drivers included in drafts from ABRUZZI (.)
Were originally intended^{ed} for TEANO (.) Am holding them
pending instructions from you(.) SECOND (.) 500 muleteers for
COLLE SALVETTI depart TRANI 23 Dec (.) Am endeavouring to
include further 75 to complete draft of 15 Dec to full
strength of 178 (.) THIRD (.) Expect 150 Rly Engr Rfts will
move to ROME on 26 or 27 DEC.

— OK
I M P O R T A N T

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Me SD/52
SD/50
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R. J. N.

*Do not say anything about this
to Bennett or anyone*

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO DISTHREE, MOVEIT, MOV BRINDISI
INFO AFHQ, MOV AFHQ, MMIA, DISTONE, 61 AREA, MOV ANCONA
SD 969

211915 A

CONFIDENTIAL

ANCONA ferry priority list (.) Add draft Italian Lab personnel
Str (70) priority 575 (.) To move from TRANI to BRINDISI under
arrangements Moveit and to report on arrival to Italian Transit
Camp IESI.

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SD DISTR:

SD/52
Lab
SD/50
Float

67 lab for Distale R²³/iv.
militars

23/12

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SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement
Depot TRANI.

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Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)

SD/52

21 Dec 44

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TO : NMIA LO 54 AREA (2)

Copy to: War Ministry.

1. Ref your LO/2/1/30 of 17 Dec 44.
2. It is confirmed that you will accept into TRANI Camp no personnel except those authorised by this HQ or you on our behalf.

by

[Handwritten signature]

Major General
M.N.I.A.

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SD/52

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REF A

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SD 1973

FOR INFO (.) Your SD/283 (.) 165 Page rfta for
EIGHTH ARMY (.) 15 Army Group Signal SD 1825 of 16 refers.

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IMPORTANT

SD/50 (2)

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SUBJECT: RTC - ICF

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LAND FORCES SUE-CON. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File RTD ICF
S/G/29/43

18 December 44

TO : G(ED)

1. As from 22 December all Reinforcements for Combat Groups should be sent to the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force CESANO, unless otherwise indicated by this Section.
2. No more reinforcements should be sent to TEANO as from receipt of this note.
3. Orders for the SICILY call-up and for personnel ex BALKANS due to report to Combat Groups from leave should be amended accordingly.

B.
Special Section

18 DEC 1944

W. P. Parley

Colonel
Special Section

6407

Copy: A/Q

agreed, but please leave small
det at TEANO to onward-route personnel
who have been instructed to report there
from repatriation leave. Total is approx
500.
W. P. Parley

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C O P Y

123

FROM: MMIA LO 52 AREA

TO: MOVEMENTS TARANTO (BY HAND)
AFHQ FOR G 5

191730A

INFO: MMIA
52 AREA (BY HAND)
SIGNALS BARIETTA FOR MMIA LO TRANI

Q 108

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ST ANDREWS B COMPOUND (.) Following await arrangements for transportation
(.) TRANS 33 (.) TRANI 1086 (.) ASTRONI 28 (.) MULETERS 11 (.) CATANZARO
51 (.) BARI 2 (.) PESCARA 167 (.) POTENZA 85 (.) NAPLES 286 (.) ROME 262 (.)

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FROM: ROMA LO TRIANI

TO : ROMA ROME

201530A

INFO: ROMA LO 54 AREA

TC/26

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717 out of total 800 from ABRUZZI Call-up arrived TRIANI (.)
Position now as follows (.) FIRST (.) Present in Camp 571,
volunteers for Combat Groups 37, deserters 109 (.) Am forwarding
by letter nominal roll of deserters
SECOND (.) Have closed down on further volunteers ex ABRUZZI
as understand Groups now low priority and suspect intentions
of these volunteers (.) Do you agree query

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI 201530A
TO MMIA ROME
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA
GR -- BTTC/26 CONFIDENTIAL . 717 OUT OF TOTAL 800 FROM
ABRUZZI CALL-UP ARRIVED
TRANI . POSITION NOW AS FOLLOWS .
FIRST . PRESENT IN CAMP 571 CMA
VOLUNTEERS FOR COBAT GROUPS 37
CMA DESERTERS 129 . AM FORWARDING BY LETTER
NOMINAL ROLL OF DESERTERS
SECOND.HAVE CLOSED DOWN ON FURTHER VOLUNTEERS
EX ABRUZZI AS UNDERSTAND GROUPS
NOW LOW PRIORITY AND SUSPECT INTENTIONS
OF THESE VOLUNTEERS.
DO YOU AGREE QUERY

BT

TMI --

SENT 2256A 15 04 K
RD 2256A 15 04 KKK

Dist 50/53 AC

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Total

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Subject : TRANI Camp.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
C/o HQ 54 Area
LO/2/1/SD
17 Dec 44

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201. v
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.(M.M.I.A.) *rw*

Further to phone conversation Maj STANTON - Maj BIRD
(spoke) on 17 Dec 44.

1. Forwarded herewith is a letter from Military H.Q. Puglia and Lucania, which illustrates the present use being made of TRANI Camp by the Italians, i.e. a Camp for all the flotsam and jetsam of the Italian Army in addition to Cell-ups and personnel ex S.Andrews.
2. May I please have MMIA authy to instruct Capt O'Donnell that NO personnel will be received into TRANI Camp except those duly authorised by MMIA.

JGB/t

JGB
J.G.BIRD Major
Senior MMIA LO
C/o HQ 54 Area

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I. Herewith return for week ending 15 Dec 44.

Arrivals.

47 Inf Regt	219
48 " "	12
140 " "	18
14 Art "	7
Arty Det BARI	25
Trappa N° 8, BARI	9
Presidio Militare TARANTO	14
" " BARI	12
Campo Contumacia BARI	82
" " St Andrews	105
Presidio Militare LECCE	15
253 Forestry Coy	11
410 IPI Regt	10
Presidio Militare POTENZA	20
Hosp., Prisons, CC.RR, etc	137

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Total arrivals;.....699

Departures

Volunteers for Gruppi	34
To Farriers Course, BARI	2
Clerks to BARI for SNRE	53
V & R Personnel, PASSO CORESE	17
Engineers to PESARO (920 Bn)	118
Muleteers to COLLE SALVETTI	103
To IPI Regts BRINDISI	37

Replacements for personnel
sent on Farriers Course.

Total departures.....364

Camp Strength.....3713

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FROM MMIA REAR EIGHTH ARMY 19.1730A
TO HQ MMIA ROME
GR--- BT

Re. 65/19
201✓

MM/263 (.) RESTRICTED (.)

REF T B A N I SIGNAL TC/25 (.) HOW MANY ENGR RFTS ARE FOR 8 ARMY (.)
BT

SENT 1840 D.C. (AR)K

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RD 122/7 1840 CACC "B."

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FROM: MMIA LO IRANI

191050

TO : (1) REAR MIGHT ARMY (2) DISTONE (3) DISTHRE

INFO: (4) MMIA ROME TL MMIA LO 54 AREA

TO/ES

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FOR MMIA LO (.) ITALIAN RPT DRAFTS MOVED FROM IRANI
18 - 19 DEC AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) ENGINEERS 165
TO TEBARO, 100 TO JESI, 100 TO BATTIPOLIA (.) SECOND (.)
52 FOR LINE CONSTRUCTION SEGS TO MUGRA INFERIORE (.)
THIRD (.) 64 V AND R PERSONNEL TO PASSO CORRESE (.)
FOURTH (.) 136 DRIVERS PLUS 48 TRAINERS TO APRIGOLA (.)
FIFTH (.) 89 DRIVERS TO RENEVENTO FOR MANTOVA (.)
SIXTH (.) 122 LABOUR RPTD TO CAROSELLO

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AFHQ for CI Brit, Sov

Sain HQ 15 Army Op, DISTANCE, DISTANCE FOR MIA LO,
54 AKMA for MIA LO, Sign Office DANETTA
for O'DONNELL.

SD 1956

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1 District supplied 67 per personnel for ruleteers (.) 67 replacements
now ready TRANI Camp (.) Request you move account to Italian Transit
Camp 1251.

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SD/50 (2)
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SUBJECT: Move of Labor Rfts ex TRANI.

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18/12

FROM MCV BARLETTA 161800A

TO MCV TARANTO, MIA LO 52 AREA, MIA LO TRANI CAMP,
RTO BARLETTA (BY HAND), RCO BARI

INFO 52 AREA, DISTREE, DISTREE EAST, MIA, DETRAMILES,
MOVEIT, AFHQ

MOV/C/N/34

CONFIDENTIAL

Authy FX 68389 FREEDOM CITE FRODM (.) 125 Labour rfts
(Italian) move by rail TRANI TO TARANTO 19 Dec (.) TRANI
Dep 191750 ETA TARANTO 192210 (.) RCO BARI Please arrange
special stop at TRANI (.) All informed BT 1920

Capt RE
The Lord Westbury
Nov 10

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FROM MMIA . TRANI
TO MMIA (ROME)
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

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FIRST (.) Personnel ex TARANTO demobbed 150, sent on
30 days special leave 200 (.) Figures are approximate
further cases still outstanding are being dealt with (.)
SECOND (.) Following additional personnel available
as rfts (.) Drivers 20, low category personnel 20,
labour rfts 60, Engr rfts 44 (.) Consider these will
be needed to replace sick and absentees for moves
requested in your SD 1906 of 10 Dec (.) THIRD (.)
86 muleteers and 42 personnel for serial 110 also
available

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~~Butter~~
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FROM: HQ AAI

131430

TO : MIA

INFO: AFHQ
S ARMY

SECRET

SD 968

Reference your SD 1912 of 11 Dec (.). Destination for all US-ITI
repeat US-ITI Muleteers is COLLE SALVETTI

PRIORITY ROUTINE

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