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3 DLO / 6 - L LAB + SMOKE UNITS

Sept. 1944 - Feb 1945

16 FEB Recd

SUBJECT:-- Unit Maintenance Inspection

16/2

3 District
Baseball 45/Serial 10752
673 3

407 Italian Pioneer Regt

15 Feb 45

3 96 Area
UMI 3 District
ISS
Lab
MMIA 10

Ref UMI report 30/1/392 dated 20 Jan 45

1. It is noted from this report that although good system of maintenance is in operation it is lacking in supervision.
2. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that the necessary supervision is given and it is fully expected that a higher standard of maintenance will be shown at the next inspection.

CSB/bt

Lanni
Col
DA & CG
(L-1000)
411

15 FEB Recd

I LO 3 DISTRICT HQ

8 / 25

15 Feb 45

Subject : Moves - Ital Par Coys.

Labour

G (SD)
\ MMIA LO

Ref your 286/L dated 9 Feb 45 to I LO.

1. HQ 227 Div has agreed to your request for adm of Italian Sappers Units in the following terms :-

HQ 1 Bn, 404 IP Regt on arrival comes under adm HQ 407 Regt.
I43-I44-I45-I46 IP Coys (1 Bn 404 Regt) will come under their Bn HQ adm comd.

I52 IP Coy (2 Bn 404 Regt) will come on arrival under adm comd HQ 1 Bn 404 IP Regt.

2. 227 Div letter 01/1217/Op of 13 Feb to I LO refers.

MAZ/ON

M.A. Zizzo
(M.A. ZIZZO) Lt Col
Chief I LO

14 FEB Recd

CONFIDENTIAL

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Subject: - Rfts - Italian Smoke Coys

3 District
Tel 10923
3Dis/279/L
14 Feb 45

MEMO TO

~~5110~~
Ref your 3DIO/6 of 11 Feb and this office 3Dis/279/L of 10 Feb 45.

1. The following amendments are submitted:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Deficiencies</u>
502 Italian Smoke Coy	BAZI	20
508 " " "	BREWDISI	52

M. J. Strickland
Colonel
DDL

FILE/CRF

Subject:- Rfts - Italian Smoke Coys.

JDLO/6
11 Feb 45.

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

Copy: MMIA LO TRANI Base Rft Depot.
MMIA LO 54 Area.
Lab (your 3Dis/279/L of 10 Feb refers)

1. Since it is understood that 507 and 509 Italian Smoke Coys are proceeding to TRANI Base Rft Depot for disbandment Lab 3 District have applied to have a proportion of the smoke trained personnel/posted to existing smoke ^{to 1/2} units which have deficiencies as follows:-

<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Deficiencies.</u>
502 Italian Smoke Coy.	BRINDISI	20
506 " " "	CANCELLO	103
508 " " "	BARI	52

It is pointed out that both 503 and 508 Coys are still operating circuits and that 506 Coy may be required for operational work.

2. May a decision please be given in this matter.

See above 15/2

[Signature]
Major, 408
MMIA LO,
3 District.

10 FEB Heed

10/2
CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Reinforcements - Italian Smoke Coys

MEMO TO

ADL 'D' Team
ADL 'E' Team
OC 66 Group PG

3 District
Tel 10923
3Dis/279/L
10 Feb 45

1. It is understood that 507 and 509 Italian Smoke Coys will shortly arrive at TRANI for disbandment.
2. As the personnel of these Coys are smoke trained may steps please be taken to post them to the following units:-

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	508 " " "	BARI	52 <u>B</u>

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*Route to MIA
copy Savello Sig Office C. Bonina
M. M. M. & L. M.
Lab*

H. Stone Cap
(R. P. D. STREFFEL) Colonel
DDL

FIMP/CRP

Subject:- Italian Pioneer Coys - Employment.

JDLG/6
10 Feb 45.

H.Q. 230 Div.

Copy: MMIA 10 54 Area (please forward)
Lab 3 District.

According to recent labour availability returns it appears that an excessively high percentage of the available manpower in pnr coys under your command ^{is} ~~are~~ being detailed for Coy, ~~bn~~, and ~~regt~~ employment.

This percentage has, in certain coys reached 25 - 30% whilst the maximum aimed at by DDL 3 District is 12%.

It is appreciated that the strength of most of your pnr coys is low at present but for this reason it is necessary to cut down to a bare minimum the number of men regimentally etc., employed.

British LOs with pnr coys have been instructed to keep a close check on these figures and it is requested that you bring to the notice of all pnr coy, bn and regt commands the necessity for the utmost economy in manpower and that you ensure that the percentages referred to above are substantially reduced.

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Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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Subject:- Cash Ration Allowance - Italian Army.

3DIO/6
10 Feb 45.

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

Copy: Lab. (your 3Dis/265/L of 7 Feb refers.)

Ref War Ministry letter 101190/1 dated 7 Jan 45 ordering the reduction in the cash grant for extra messing to Italian Army personnel from Lire 10 to Lire 5 per day.

Lab branch, 3 District point out that since the cost of foodstuffs in this area has risen considerably of late and since it is not considered worthwhile or desirable to send vehicles to outlying districts to purchase rations, this reduction will have an adverse effect upon both the morale and the work output of Italian tps under their control.

Is this reduction to be a permanent measure or can a resumption of the Lire 10 per day be expected in the future, please?

H.S.
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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8 FEB Recd

DISTRIB

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54 AREA: 250 ITALIAN DIV: DISSEMIN HANT:
MEDIA LO RAIN
copy:- 3: MEDIA LO ✓

SD 460(.) RESTRICTED (.) 507 and 509 ITALIAN smoke coys are coming from
1 Dist to PRAMI during period 18 -22 Feb

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7/2

7/2 (6)

SUBJECT :- Ital Pnr Coy - Ration Allowance

3 District
Tel: 10923
3Dis/265/L
7 Feb 45

MMLA LO

LABOUR Directorate,
AFHQ

1. With regard to the attached copy correspondence, it would seem that the general cut from 10 lire to 5 lire a day is likely to cause trouble in the Coys located near NAPLES.
2. May this matter be pursued as the reasons given for the cut are patently absurd.

E.F.D. Stretell

(E.F.D. STRETTELL) Colonel,
DDL.

EHHP/ft

COPY

Subject : Italian Pioneer Coys - Ration Allowance

A.D.L. "D" Team (Labour)
Ref: ADL/3/1/793B
Date. 5 Feb 45

To: Col f.g.s. Lorito.

Reference the attached copy of a letter (No. 101190/1 di prot) dated 7 Jan 1945 from the Italian Ministry of War.

From reports received prices of commodities have risen to such an extent in this district that the former grant of 10 lire per diem was insufficient adequately to supplement the rations provided from Army sources. It is impracticable and undesirable to make long journeys in M.T. to other districts to buy foodstuffs at a cheaper rate.

It will not be possible to provide adequate meals on the reduced allowance and the standard of morale and the quality of labour will I fear correspondingly deteriorate.

proposed reduction.
May representations please be made against the

(Sgd)(J.S. Pope Smith)Lieut-Colonel,
ADL "D" Team (Labour).

PS/HP

Copy to: D.D.L. 3 District (together with a translation) of the M. of W. letter).

Oggetto: Compagnie Italiane Pionieri - miglioramento rancio

A.D.L. "D" Team (Lavori)
Rif: ADL/3/1/793B
Date. 5 Feb 45.

Al Col f.g.s. Lorito.

Riferimento l'allegata copia d'una lettera (No. 101190/1 di prot) del Ministero della Guerra Italiano datata 7 Gen. 1945.

Da rapporti ricevuti risulta che i prezzi di viveri sono aumentati talmente in questo distretto che la quota precedente di Lire 10.- al giorno era insufficiente per migliorare adeguatamente le razioni fornite da riserve dell'Esercito. E' impraticabile e non desiderabile di fare dei viaggi lunghi con autoveicoli in altri distretti per comprare dei viveri a prezzi inferiori.

Non sara' possibile di provvedere un rancio adeguato

proposed reduction.

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Non sara' possibile di provvedere un rancio adeguato con la quota ridotta e temo che tanto la situazione morale quanto la qualita' del lavoro ne subiranno un deterioramento in conseguenza.

Prego di voler fare dei passi contro la progettata riduzione.

PS/HP

Copia al D.D.L. 3 Distretto (insieme ad una traduzione della lettera del Ministero della Guerra).

(Sgd)(J.S. Pope Smith) Ten.-Col,
ADL "D" Team (Lavori).

C O P Y

WAR OFFICE.

No. 101190/1 di prot.

Rome 7 Jan 1945.

=====Full List=====

Looking forward for decisions to be taken in agreement with the competent financial Authorities of the Government and in order to avoid disparity in the treatment of soldiers, located in various regions, I hereby order that w.e.f. 15 Feb the cash grant for extra messing be reduced from Lire 10.- to Lire 5.-

Please acknowledge receipt.

The Minister:
(sgd) Casati.

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SUBJECT :- Labour Availability

3 District
Tel: 10923
3Dis/291/L
7 Feb 45

OG 66 Group PG

MEMO LO

Ref your 66G/27 dated 3 Feb 45.

1. It is noted that many availability reports submitted for Italian Pioneer Coys under your administration show a very high percentage of Coy, Bn and Regt employed, in some cases as much as 25 - 30%.
2. Will you please impress upon all Liaison Officers the need for these figures to be kept down to the minimum.
3. The matter is also being taken up with each Regt and Bn through MEMO channels.

R. F. D. Stretzell
(R. F. D. STRETTNELL) Colonel,
DDL.

RFP/ft

12 FEB Recd

Subjects:- Italian Army -
O.R.s not Medically Fit.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/7/1

MINISTRY OF WAR.

6 Feb 45.

1. It is understood that in Pioneer Units administered by H.Q. 227 and 230 Divisions there are approximately 140 men who are unfit for work, even of a "light duties" nature.

2. These men are therefore ineffective and must be discharged from the Army forthwith.

3. Please advise this H.Q. when this has been done.

S.P. Archer Capt
S.P. ARCHER, Capt,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- D.A.D.L. M.M.I.A.
M.M.I.A. L.O. 3 Dist.
your 3DLO/6 of 29 Jan/45 refers.
M.M.I.A. L.O. 54 Area
AQ/11/2

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SUBJECT :- Call-Up - Italian Pnr Units

3 District
Tel: 10923
3Dis/262/L
30 Jan 45

MMIA LO

1. It has been reported unofficially that the Italian military authorities are withdrawing men of the 1924 class from all Italian Pnr Coys and transferring them to combatant units.
2. While the necessity for this action may be pressing there appears to be no reason why the British authorities concerned were not informed.
3. This is not the first instance of far reaching actions being taken unilaterally by Italian military authorities and it is urged that it is strongly impressed upon them that in all such cases full information will be given to the interested British authorities before the action contemplated has been taken.
4. The matter is being taken up through service channels with AFHQ.

Reference to 227 Ser HQ. They complain that some men they withdrawn from any 24 Pnr Coy without authority. They only transferred to combatant units the volunteers of any camp when regularly captured by the Authorities.

E.F.D. Stretell

(E.F.D. STRETTELL) Colonel,
DDL.

FWPT/ft

*Us only - this is a bit old now
but when you speak to
~~any one~~ could you ask
what it is all about*

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FWPT

Subject:- Personnel unfit for work.

3DIO/6
29 Jan. 45.

Land Forces Sub+Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E.

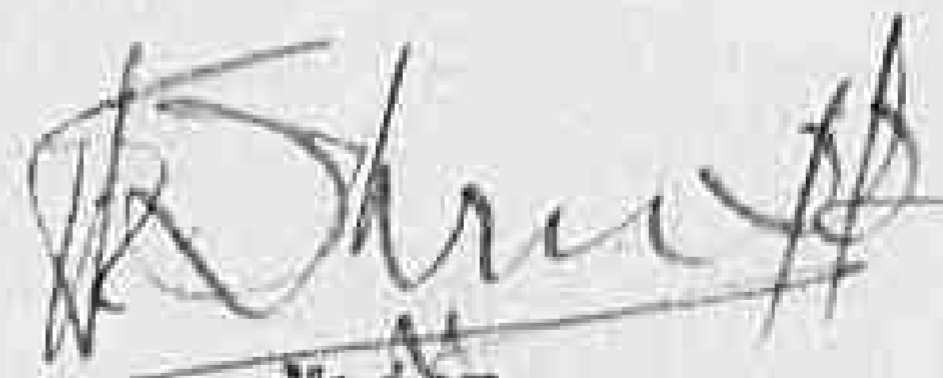
Copy: Lab.

Cases are occurring in 3 District of Italian Army personnel being discharged from Italian Mil. Hosps. holding certificates stating that they are unfit for any but sedentary duties. In II/407 Italian Pioneer Regt. there are 14 such men, some of whom are of demobilizeable age but cannot be released as their homes are in occupied Italy.

It is stated that the local Italian Military Hospital will not accept them back, presumably because they are incurable.

It is plain that any number of such men held in a unit above that unit's normal requirements for clerical and other sedentary duties are unproductive and therefore of no use.

May a ruling please be given as to how such personnel should be disposed of.


Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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27/11
SUBJECT:- Clothing - Price List

3 District
Tel: 10923
3Dis/266/L
26 Jan 45

MMIA LO ✓
DADL HQ MMIA

ADL 'E' Team

Ref the attached copy of EPL/CE/Q/16 of
24 Jan 45 (not to ADL 'E' Team).

1. The suggestion that a distinction should be made between a man losing his clothing by accident or by theft and a man who sells his clothes is strongly supported.
2. May the question please be taken up with the appropriate Italian authorities.

E. F. D. Stretzell

(E.F.D. STRETTELL) Colonel,
DDL.

FWPT/ft

*Spoke noakes who is
agreeing with price list
396*

C O P Y

ADL 52 AREA

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject :- Clothing Price List

Ref:- EHL/CE/Q/16

Tele:- 2758

24 Jan '45

DDL 3 District, GMF

1. HQ, 230 (Italian) Div has issued a price list (as below) showing amounts to be charged against Italian personnel should they be short of any clothing etc., at kit parades. It is understood that these prices have been initiated by the Ministry of War, ROME.
2. Whilst it is realised that these very high charges have been purposely made to defeat the "Black Market", it is having unfortunate repercussions on the men and is causing great discontent. For instance, one Coy managed to get some drawers, woollen, and was issuing them to the men. The first thing each soldier asked was "How much do I have to pay if I lose these drawers?" On being told 1320 Lire, the answer was invariably "I do not wish to have them then, thank you".
3. It is undoubtedly a touchy subject, with "Black Market" sales on the one side and 'fear of loss' on the other. I suggest that two lists be issued to Italian Comds; a "normal prices" list where a man can prove his property is stolen, or is otherwise NOT his fault, and, the present "high price" list where the cause of loss is doubtful or a man is proved guilty of re-selling.
4. As you know, the basic pay of Italian soldiers is 9 Lire per day. If a man loses, say, his B.D. blouse, it will take him over two years to pay for it. He will, quite naturally, resent it and will do the obvious thing - steal someone else's. So the vicious circle will go round until almost the whole Unit is involved, with each man distrusting his neighbour.
5. One OC British Cadre writes me, "It is respectfully asked whether anything can be done through British channels to result in a moderation of these prices, or a more equitable system, please." This plea I endorse.

AKM/jab

(Sgd) (A. Keith Morgan) Lieut Colonel
ADL "E" Team (Labour) 52 Area

PRICE LIST (attd to 230 Div letter ref
591/Comm di prot dated 14th Jan '45)

LIRE

7250
3375

B.D. blouse

B.D. drawers

395

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(Sgd) (A. Keith Morgan) Lieut Colonel
ADL "E" Team (Labour) 52 Area

PRICE LIST (attd to 230 Div letter ref
591/Comm di prot dated 14th Jan '45)

B.D. blouse	7250
B.D. trousers	3375
Boots	5000
Mackinaws	7250
Caps, F.S.	700
Shirt, American	1060
Socks, cotton	275
Drawers, woollen	1320
A.G. Cape	6000
Comforter	5000

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SUBJECT: Smoke Coys W/E.

SECRET

LAND FORCES HQ-COM. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)

SD/21

18 JAN 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: MMIA LC 3 Dist (ref SWRE letter under ref - copy att)

Ref your 9811 Ord of 9 Jan.

1. While it is desired to reinforce 503 and 506 Smoke Coys as soon as possible, this cannot be done immediately as the requirements for these coys must be coordinated with other demands. This is necessary since there are not sufficient reinforcements at present available to fill all demands.

2. A note has been made of the deficiencies, and these should be made up by 3 District out of the next suitable draft of reinforcements allotted there.

Major General
M.N.I.A.

INTERNAL:

AQ
Lab
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17/1 SUBJECT - WE Committ Meeting

SA Area (2)
227 Div

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 5
802/G

Copy to:- ISIA LG
227 Div LG

17 Jan 45

The following extracts from Minutes of AMHQ War Establishment Committee Meeting No 160 held on Wednesday, 27 December, 1944, are forwarded for information.

Addition to minutes of Meeting No 160.

1517 HEADQUARTERS "X" SMOKE BATTALION SOUTHERN AFRICA (HA/587/1)

This establishment is cancelled w.e.f. 26 Dec 44 being no longer required.

(File 185/org-3)

Watson
(JP WATSON) Major
for Lt Col
G S

17/1

Subject:- Boots for Italian Par Units

18/1
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3 District
Tel: 10923
3Dis/266/L
17 Jan 45

MMIALO

ADL 'D' Team
ADL 'E' Team
OC, 66 Group, FC
2904 CLU

1. The advent of bad weather has so aggravated the poor condition of the boots issued to personnel of Italian Par Units that a serious loss of manpower is threatened.
2. Everything possible to minimise the effects of the lack of serviceable boots has been done by local Pioneer units but the position is now such that the military labour required in this District can be supplied only if an immediate issue of boots is made.
3. Requirements are widespread, as the following figures of boots required indicate:-

(a)	Units in 56 Area	1000 pairs
(b)	" " 54 "	750 "
(c)	" " 52 "	500 "
(d)	" " 94 Sub Area	500 "
4. It is understood that issues are restricted on account of an imminent call-up but it cannot be too strongly emphasised that without boots the men at present in Pioneer units are ineffective.
5. May strong representations please be made to highest authority for the immediate issue of boots as shown in para 3.

FWET/30

W. F. D. Strenthell
(W. F. D. STRENGTHELL) Colonel,
DDL.

Strong representations are being made **392**

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DESTINER

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13 (6)

94. SUB AREA:

MOVIT:

HERE AREA (G3 DRIT):

copy to:- Q: LAB: MEDIA LO:

SD 80 (.) REINFORCED (.) 503 Italian smoke coy str pers offers 7 tons 19/4
stores 12 tons will move by rail on 16 Jan or soonest after under arrangements
MOVIT from PORTERAGHARD to artillery barracks MOBE (.) adv party pers 20
soonest reporting ABL MOBE (.) on arrival comes under local MOBE Area

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Subject:- Certificate of non-availability.

3DIO/6
12 Jan 45.


ADL 'D' Lab Team.

Copy: MMIA.

It is certified that the following articles are NOT immediately available from Italian Army sources.

Buckets, Latrine.

Towels.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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DISTANCE

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209 SUB AREA: MOV POGGIA:

54 AREA: 210 SUB AREA: DISTANCE EAST:
MOVET:
copy to: Q LAB AREA 104

SD 55 (.) REFERENCED (.) 142 Italian per copy will move southeast from
ORTONA to CASPOMARINO near TR MOLI as follows (.) mob party by road under
unit arrangements (.) non mob portion str pers offra 6 ORS 196 stores 12 tons
by rail under arrangements MOV POGGIA (.) on arrival report OG 123 MI (.)
come under aka comd 54 Area for 210 sub area remains op comd this HQ

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SUBJECT: G 1098 Eqpt - Italian Units.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/16/1
3 January 1945.

TO : Ministry of War.

177/182 Italian P.L. Coys.
143, 145 & 146 I.P. Coys.

1. The attached eqpt lists in respect of the a/m Coys are forwarded to you for necessary release action.
2. Deficiencies in items of Italian origin should be met from available stocks as quickly as possible.
3. Please advise this Hq. of any item you are unable to supply.


F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

FAC/ag

Copy to: MMIA LO Three Dist. (Your 3 DLO/6 of 30 Dec. refers).

Subject : Indents for G 1098 Stores - Italian Army.

3DLO/6
30 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
M M I A ,
R O M E .

are/
The att/copies of lists of holdings and deficiencies of G 1098 equipment for Italian Army units under comd "D" Lab Team /have been submitted by the coys concerned to the Ministry of War.
which

May releases be granted for those items available from Italian Army stocks (giving location of depot from which items may be collected).

May also aertificated of non-availability be given in respect of those items not available from Italian sources, please.

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Major,
mmialo,
3 District.


SUBJECT: Accommodation Stores.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I.A.)
R O M B
AQ/12/1
28 December 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

182 Compagnia L. P. Sezione Aniasi.

1. The attached request for barrack tables and forms received through 227 Division from the a/m unit is passed to you for necessary action.
2. Items called for are not controlled and may be issued from Italian Sources.


F.A. COLE, Major
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

FAC/ag

Copy to: MMIA LO Three District.

Tables + forms NOT controlled

Amend
Subject: Clothing.

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12 (6)
A.D.L., "D" Team (Labour).
Ref: ADL/Q/300 B
Date. 28 Dec 44.

To: H.Q. 227 Italian Div.

Ref. this office letter ADL/Q/294 B dated 26 Dec 44, para 2.

The Overcoats were handed over by No. 180 I.P. Coy to No. 146 I.P. Coy and not as stated.

Please amend your copy accordingly.

PS/HP

J. B. Pope Smith
(J.B. Pope Smith) Lieut.-colonel,
ADL, "D" Team (Labour).

Copy to: M.M.I.A., L.O., 3 District
L.O. 146 I.P. Coy
L.O. 180 I.P. Coy.

Subject: Stores for RHPI Units.

3DLO/6
27 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, AC,
M. M. I. A.
R C M E .

ADD "D" Lab Team.
Lab

Will you please fwd a certificate to the effect that the following items are not available from Italian Army sources:

- Bags, Shoemakers, filled
- Grindery
- Capes, anti-gas
- Ground-sheets.

This will allow ADL "D" Lab Team to obtain the a/m articles from Brit Ord sources against the G 1098 allotment for the lab coys under his comd, indents for which are now in course of preparation. These articles are, however, urgently needed.

Att at App "A" is a consolidated indent for tent-pieces as submitted to War Ministry by lab units in "D" Lab Team. Every effort has been made both by the lab team and by the OSG coys to cut down the demand as much as possible.

App "B" Gives details of strengths and requirements of each coy and the reason for which the tents are required.

As there are only 1000 tent pieces in 227 Div Clothing Sub Depot it will not be possible to issue the full requirements from there, if approved by you, neither is it desirable to deplete the stock to such an extent.

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- Ground-sheets.

This will allow ADL "D" Lab Team to obtain the a/m articles from Brit Ord sources against the G 1098 allotment for the lab coys under his comd, indents for which are now in course of preparation. These articles are, however, urgently needed.

Att at App "A" is a consolidated indent for tent-pieces as submitted to War Ministry by lab units in "D" Lab Team. Every effort has been made both by the lab team and by the OsG coys to cut down the demand as much as possible.

App "E" gives details of strengths and requirements of each coy and the reason for which the tents are required.

As there are only 1000 tent pieces in 227 Div Clothing Sub Depot it will not be possible to issue the full requirements from there, if approved by you, neither is it desirable to deplete the stock to such an extent as to prevent other BRITI units in 227 Div from obtaining their share.

May I have your instructions on the above, please.

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WGA
Major,
MIALC,
3 District.

Unit Piece - Requirements

Qty	No. Required		
143 Pl.	39	39 Deft	
145 Pl.	120	120 Deft	
146 Pl.	110 ⁵²	110 Deft + 32 J/s	
177 Pl.	200	200 J/s.	
178 Pl.	166	166 J/s.	
179 Pl.	154	154 J/s.	
180 Pl.	40	40 Deft	
181 Pl.	144	144 Deft	Def
182 Pl.	209	209 Deft	Def
506(S)	120	120 J/s.	J/s
6 Qty 513.	110	70 Deft 40 J/s	
547 S Bk	126	62 Deft 64 J/s	
586 ..	103	63 J/s	383

827
979
1806

~~1806~~ 1806 Def 180 + 102 Releases

Prints	WE
160	214
150	214
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220	214
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ADL 28/12/6

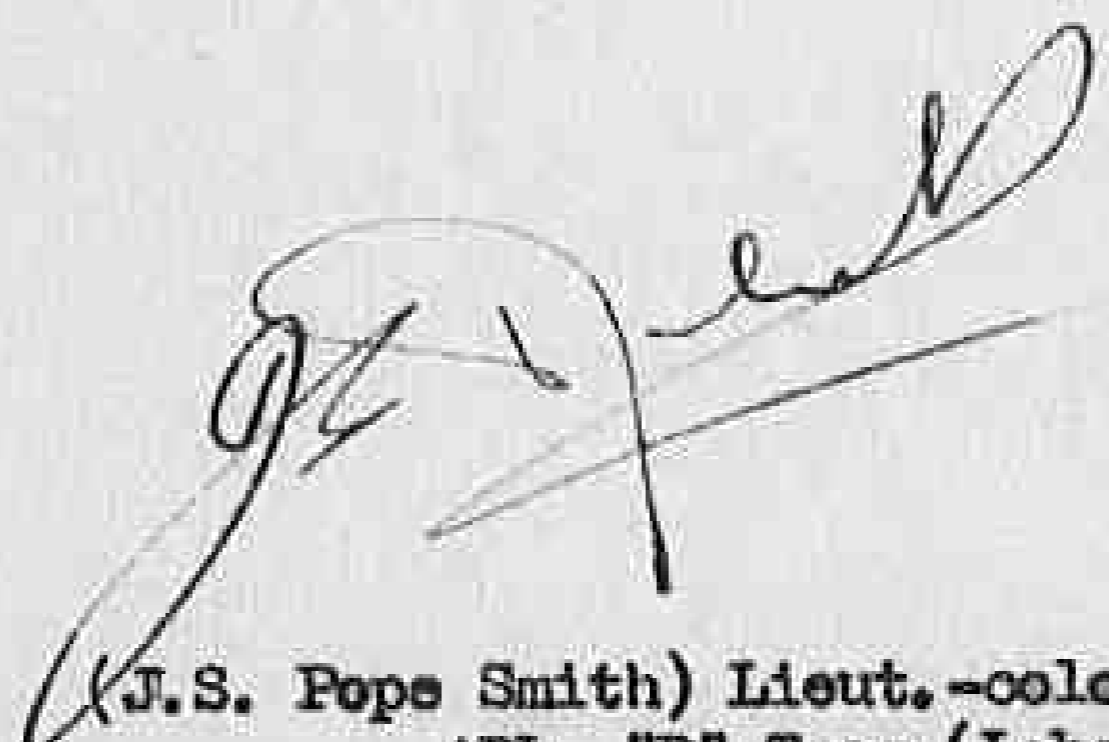
Subject: Clothing.

A.D.L., "D" Team (Labour).
Ref: ADL/Q/294B
Date. 26 Dec 44

To: H.Q. 227 Italian Div.

For your information the following transfer of
Clothing has taken place.

199 Overcoats, held surplus by No. 146 I.P. Coy
have been handed over to No. 180 I.P. Coy who were deficient.



PS/HP

(J.S. Pope Smith) Lieut.-colonel,
ADL, "D" Team (Labour).

- Copy to: (1) M.M.I.A., L.O., 3 District.
(2) L.O. 146 I.P. Coy.
(3) L.O. 180 I.P. Coy.

MEMO

1800

PERCOUTH FOR MIA LO

DISTRESS FOR MIA LO
MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1992

RESTRICTED

Ministry of War report 209 Med personnel now being employed in lab units
227 Div (.) These men are being transferred to Combat Gps as med rfts (.)
AFRASCIA will provide 209 E D replacements as and when available on request
227 Div.

As. Med.
SD/30 (2)
SD/19
SD/12 (file)

all 4 of them lab

MEMORANDUM

3 District
701, BETHLEHEM ST
JULY 26, 1954
11 Dec 54

Subject: Italian Pioneer Company - Blankets

CG 56 Group HQ
ASL 3rd Team
ASL 1st Team
2004 030

DA & (S)
MIA LG
LADDER DIRECTORATE, AMM

1. With reference to yesterday's telephonic instructions, (Maj HAYWARD to write addressed) the position is that the MIA LG District has received orders from H. H. H. to arrange the withdrawal of all blankets held by Italian units in excess of two per man. The date by which the withdrawal is to be completed is 21 Dec 54. The blankets that withdrawn will be made available for use newly called up.

2. The very serious consequences of a reduction in the number of blankets, particularly in the case of units under cover, are fully appreciated, and the strongest representations for a cancellation, or at least a modification of the MIA orders have been made from this H. through both staff and service channels.

3. It is hoped that consideration may possibly be given to these representations. Whilst, therefore, this letter should in no way be taken as a cancellation of the MIA instructions, or an attempt to obstruct the LG in the execution of his orders, it is considered that surplus blankets should not be burned in before 18 Dec 54, by which date a modification of the order may have been agreed upon.

4. Should it so be that no further instructions on this subject are received by you from this branch before 18 Dec 54, then all surplus blankets will be handed in on the following day, as directed by the MIA LG.

ALGERIA 004

1. With reference to yesterday's telegraphic instructions, (203) HQ has received orders from HQ, USA to arrange the withdrawal of all blankets held by 7th Army units in excess of two per man. The date by which this withdrawal is to be completed is 20 Dec 44. The blankets then withdrawn will be made available for use as early as possible.

2. The very serious consequences of a reduction in the number of blankets, particularly in the case of units under command, are fully appreciated, and the strongest representations for a cancellation, or at least a modification of the HQ orders have been made from this HQ through both staff and service channels.

3. It is hoped that consideration may possibly be given to these representations. Whilst, therefore, this letter should in no way be taken as a cancellation of the HQ instructions, or an attempt to divert the HQ in the execution of his orders, it is considered that surplus blankets should not be marked in before 18 Dec 44, by which date a modification of the order may have been agreed upon.

4. Should it so be that no further instructions on this subject are received by you from this branch before 18 Dec 44, then all surplus blankets will be marked in on the following day, as directed by the HQ LO.

5. APPROVAL SIGNATURE

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J.D. M.../...

(S. B. ...) Colonel, USA

DATE/94

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2156

FROM (A)	Originator DISTRICT	Office Date Stamp Date & Time 12 16 50 A
	For Action	

TO	SE MMIA	Message Instrs GR
	(W) For Information (INFO)	
	52 AREA 54 AREA 56 AREA DISTRICT EAST AMIO(G-3) ORG ERIT)	
	MMIA NAPLES MMIA BARI	
	copy to A Q E LAB MMIA LO	

Originator's Number :- SD 615
 BARI/ REPERICHO (.) ref your SD 1906 of 10 Dec NOT to all (.) disposal personnel at
 paras 3 and 5 as follows (.) first (.) engrs (.) request they remain TRANI
 pending further screening by Lt col BLANCO 75 Italian increment to CE 3 District (.)
 second (.) lab (.) 225 to FUGLIE Bks for 66 Cp Pnr Corps ((.) 125 to TARANTO for
 ALL B Team Pnr Corps (.) 122 to CANCELLO for ALL D Team

This message may be sent
 by any means except
 Wireless

Originator's Instrs
 Degree of Priority

Time System Op

THI or TOR

Signed

M. J. ...

IMPORTANT

Time cleared

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AV C2136

FROM: **WESTERN** **ORIGINATOR** **Date & Time** **Office Date Stamp**
 (A) **WESTERN** **ORIGINATOR** **08:17 24 A**

TO: **5th AREA** **MOV BARI** **FOR ACTION** **Message Initials** **GR**
 (B) **FOR INFORMATION (INFO)**

5th AREA 208 SUB AREA DISTRICT EAST MOVEMENT
MOV BRINDISI AFHQ G3 ORG BRIT G(SD) AAI ROMA
DISTRONE
COPY TO :- G Lab MOV LD ROMA IO

Originators Number: **SD 508**
 RESTRICTED (.) HQ ? Bn 403 Italian Par Regt and 129 to 134 par coys incl str offt
 33 ORG 1258 stores 62 tons will move from BARI to MACONA as follows (.) adv party
 by rd under unit arrangements reporting 19 Gp Par Corps by 12 Dec (.) main party
 by rail to BRINDISI under arrangements MOV BARI and thence to ARSONA by sea on
 Navy priority 430 (.) on arrival unit comes under op comd AAI adm comd (District
 (.) AFHQ WX 61769 of 7 Dec refers

Originators Instructions **Time System** **OP**
Degree of Priority **THU or**
IMMEDIATE **TOR**
378 **Time cleared**

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 EXCEPT } wireless
 Sgt. *[Signature]*

[Handwritten marks]
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SUBJECT :- Reinforcements - Ital Pnr Coys

3 District
Ext 98
3015/262/L
4 Dec 44

ADM 'D' Team

MMIA LO —
Italian Liaison Officer

1. It is reported that there are 59 Italian ORs of 407 Regt at AFRAGLIA.
2. Will you please arrange to move them to GANCIELLO.
3. A request has been made by MMIA that in future all men of Ital Pnr Units discharged from hospital or returning from leave or absence report to GANCIELLO.
4. Will you please instruct the Regt Commander, 407 Regt to ensure that this is done.
5. Will Italian LO please request HQ 227 Division to issue instructions to this effect.

PMS/pt

C.R.B. Knight
(C.R.B. KNIGHT) / Colonel,
DOL.

M-MIA-LO

3 Dist

Subject: Change of Location

SECRET

A.D.L., 56 Area
Ref: AM/2/3/951A
Date: 24 Nov 44

To: Labour Directorate, A.F.L.O.

1. Designation of Unit: 143 Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.
2. New Location: ROZZOLI, Br Naples.
Map Ref N. 099483.
3. Date of Arrival: 16 Nov 44.
4. Unit Mob. Serial No.: -
5. Vehicle Marking No.: I.P.L.
6. War Establishment: A1/2/1 (British)
A1/11/1 (Italian)

1. Designation: 145 Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.
2. New Location: GAMBELLO,
Map Ref N. 395636.
3. Date of Arrival: 15 Nov 44.
4. Unit Mob. Serial No.: -
5. Vehicle Marking No.: I.P.L.
6. War Establishment: A1/2/1 (British)
A1/11/1 (Italian)

1. Designation of Unit: 146 Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.
2. New Location: GAMBELLO, c/o 114 I.L., RAF.
Map Ref. N. 357652
3. Date of Arrival: 16 Nov 44.
4. Unit Mob Serial No.: -
5. Vehicle Marking No.: I.P.L.
6. War Establishment: A1/2/1 (British)
A1/11/1 (Italian)

5. Vehicle Marking No.: L.P.L.

6. War Establishment: A1/2/1 (British)
A1/11/1 (Italian)

1. Designation: 415 Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.

2. New Location: GARGHIA,
Map Ref W. 355656.

3. Date of Arrival: 15 Nov 44.

4. Unit Mob. Serial No.: -

5. Vehicle Marking No.: L.P.L.

6. War Establishment: A1/2/1 (British)
A1/11/1 (Italian)

1. Designation of Unit: 416 Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.

2. New Location: GARGHIA, c/o 114 M.U., RAF,
Map Ref. W. 357652

3. Date of Arrival: 16 Nov 44.

4. Unit Mob. Serial No.: -

5. Vehicle Marking No.: L.P.L.

6. War Establishment: A1/2/1 (British)
A1/11/1 (Italian).

J.P. Smith 376

(Lt. J.P. Smith) Lt. Colonel,
ADM, 7th Team (Labour).

RS/HAF.

Copy to: G1 (Dr) A.S. F.H.O.
A.P.H. O. G3 (Ops).
D.D.L. 3 District.
D.D.L., MIA,
D.D.L., H), MIA,
1st Branch, HQ 56 Area.

TRANSLATION COPY 23 NOV 1944

Subject:- Captain Artillery DE PASQUALE Guiseppe.
(Following letter K.1522 dated 24 Oct.1944).

Capt. DE PASQUALE Guiseppe, with letter E.8342 from the War Minstry has been transferred from the 141 Coy. 404 Pioneer Labour Regiment in ORTONA, to the 152 Artillery Regiment at the "PICENO" Combat Group.

The transfer should have taken place on the 15 Oct. but has not been effected because it has not as yet been sanctioned

You are kindly requested to give such sanction which has already been asked for with the a/m letter.

IL COLONNELLO DI ARTIGLIERIA
(Giacomo Sicardi)

Subject:- Transfer of Italian Officer.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.A.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CLF.
MF/102

21 NOV 44

HQ. No.3 District.

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Ref above copy translation of letter from
Comando Militare PUGLIA e LUCANIA.

May the transfer of the a/m Officer be sanctioned.

Authorized by Sent
27 NOV
C.F. Murcell Maj G.S. Major
Senior M.A.I. 3750.
C/o 54 Area.

/smr

Subject: - Deserters - Italian Army

CONFIDENTIAL

2903 GIB
2904 "
2905 "
2910 "
2915 "
2916 "

3 District
Ext 30
3014/256/L
23 Nov 44

A (ref your 30A/1A of 16 Nov)
ADL 'D' Team
ADL 'E' Team
66 Group HQ
MIRA LG ✓

1. Herewith five copies of a list of deserters of 227 Division of the Italian Army, whose families are domiciled in the area under your control.
2. Please ensure that none of these personnel are employed either at present or in the future by the SD.
3. Any who can be traced in employment or who make application must be handed over to the CARABINIERI or Italian Military authorities.

K.R. Hayward

Man 374

(G.R.B. ENGINE) Colonel
III

ME/CRF

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C1736 (Small) Register No. _____

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

(6)

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator DISTHREE	Date-Time of Origin 25 / 2 0 0 A
TO ADL 'D' TEAM ADL 'E' TEAM OG 66 GROUP, PG EXEX	
G (By Hand) (W) For Information (INFO) MMIA LO (By Hand) ✓ Italian LO (By Hand) MMIA LO 54 Area	

OFFICE DATE STAMP _____

Message Instructions GR _____

Originator's No. **L 317 (.)**

CONFIDENTIAL (.) following Italian personnel required from IPL units as muleteers (.) to be ready to move 28 Nov (.) ADL 'D' Team 100 (.) 2904 CLU 100 (.) ADL 'E' Team 125 (.) 66 Group 225 (.) signal this HQ immediately locations of these personnel giving approx nos each location

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">373</div>									
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DISTHREE

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56 AREA MOVWIT

AFHQ(G3 ORG BRIT) MMIA NAPLES FIFTH ARMY(BRIT INCOR)
Copy to Q Lab Mov LO MMIA LO

SD 180

RESTRICTED (.) ref ay SD 145 of 13 nov (.) destination now changed to PRATO (.)
adv party to report ahead to 2 gp pnr corps PRATO (.) advise unit accordingly

*Prato
Reg*

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Subject : Fuel for Italian units.

3DLO/6
18 Nov 44

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

1. Many Italian units on the British Order of Battle are living under very difficult conditions which often have an adverse effect on their work output.

2. May I therefore be informed if there is any way in which BRITI units may obtain oil for space heating and lighting purposes.

Hell Knight

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[Signature]
Major,
MMIAIO,
3 District.

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Subject:- Issues - IPL Units

MMIA LO

3 District
Ext 98
3Dis/265/L
/6 Nov 44

1. May this office please be informed if it is possible to obtain an issue of oil for Italian Par Lab Units for the following purposes:-

- (a) For cooking
- (b) For lighting and heating.

C.R.B. Knight

(C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel
DDL

FWPT/ORF

DISPATCH

15 15 A

52 AREA

DISPATCH PAGE 25 AA 100
COPY TO LAB AREA 10

ED 17A (.) DISPATCHED (.) and a note to AREA EX 51732 of 12 nov
portion 508 Italian per copy formerly carrying out areas duties for
25 AA 100 is placed at your disposal for lab duties under AIR. B. (.)
along with usually with 25 AA 100

H.F.S.

(6)

It seems to be pretty well established that no special unit is necessary for additional indents to clothe it. It looks as if, in the future Apropria will hold a stock (from 227 Div Sub Dept) & all its will be automatically clothed there before being posted to units — a much more workmanlike ~~of~~ scheme.

In Adm Inst No 17 it makes it quite clear that you will be screening the indents when the new drill comes into force! (although who "the MMIA LO at the Italian formation HQ" might be, is not clear) 368 See para

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12 Nov 44

H.F.S.
13/11.

H.F.S.

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CAPT. THRUAPP (6) $\frac{10}{11}$
Vic,

My opinion is that, as often they are clothed automatically when they are taken on the strength of their new unit. I know of no special authority being necessary for this. Deserters are, anyway, looked upon as a dead loss.

You being the focal hub in Brit clothing, perhaps you could state — ?

No special authority necessary. S.

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TR

6
Subject : - Clothing Releases - IFL and Italian (S) Coys

3 District
Ext 98
3Dis/266/L
9 Nov 44

MEMO LO

1. From reports received from ADSL and Group Commanders it appears that a certain amount of confusion exists over the question of indenting for clothing for rfts.
2. This is especially so when rfts are received for units depleted by desertions, as the full initial issue of clothing has been made and indents for clothing for the rfts are regarded as additional to that issue.
3. There is some doubt whether special authy is necessary for these additional indents and your advice would be appreciated.

FWPT/sjh

M. Stinson Capt
or
(C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel,
DCL.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

MMIA LO
3 District

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DISCLOSE

13 2248

56 AREA ISMIA NAPLES MOVIT

AMIC (AS COM: BRIT) FIFTH ARMY (BRIT INCP)
Copy to G MOV LO Lab ISMIA LO

EN 145(.) RESTRICTED(.) ref AAX 1518 of 11 nov NOT to all(.) 50% Italian smoke
coy will move 20 nov or after from NAPLES to ALBIGNA E 7157 for onward routing
to BOSCO SAN LORENZO G 9189(.) str brit offr 1 BOE 1 Italian offrs 4 Italian OFs
264 stores 10 tons(.) move by rail under orders MOVIT(.) unit will take G 1098
supp complete incl telephones and sig cable but less smoke generators(.) adv
party by rd 3 days ahead to HQ 46 87 par corps BOSCO SAN LORENZO(.) on arrival
will come under comd FIFTH ARMY

Winston Neg

Lab 3D letter (6)

3Dis/266/L of
9 Nov sent-

to Vic on $\frac{10}{4}$

in answer -
"clothing of rfts"

See Suppliers — sys/11/11/11
ka/10/11 —
Discont. to cancel phone
m/11 to 22) + issue this ^{of} m
m/3h.

DISTRICT

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1055-A

56 AREA

AFHQ (G3 Org BRIT) G(SD) AAI FIFTH ARMY (HEAD QTR)
NSIA MOVIT Copy to Q Lab NSIA LD Nov LD

SD 900

CONFIDENTIAL (.) HQ 412 Italian par Lab regt str 9 offra 27 ORs 2 tons stores will
move by rail 29 oct or earliest after from NAPLES to COLLE SALERNO (.) thence by rd
to PRATO under arrangements Lab main AAI who are requested to notify main FIFTH ARMY
NSIA (.) unit comes under comd main FIFTH ARMY (.) AFHQ PX 44329 of 26 oct NET to all
refers

DISPATCH

*H. H. ...
Capt*

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DISTIRRE

28 1851 A

54 Area MMIA LO BARI

DISTIRRE EAST

Copy to: Lab MMIA LO

SD 890(.) RESTRICTED(.) authority is given for move of Hq 18 Gp par Corps from MIGNOVIRO to BARI (SANTA CHIARA and GIORBANO barracks) under unit arrangements on or after 27 Oct(.) for Maj MINCELL(.) ensure that Italian lab rfts are routed accordingly

Subject:- Move

~~ACTION~~

3 District
Ext 98
3Dis/82/L
27 Oct 44

'G'
MMIA LO

'Q'

1. HQ 18 Group EC will move under unit arrangements from MINERVINO to SANTA CHIARA and GIORDANO Barracks BARI soonest after 27 Oct 44.
2. May Major PURCELL please be requested that all Italian Pioneer reinforcements be routed from MINERVINO to new location.

W. Thomas Coy
(C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel
DDL

FWRP/crf

Copy forwarded to MMIA LO,
BARI & NAPLES 28 Oct 44

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(initials)

Subject : - Discipline - Italian Army

3 District
Ext 97
146/1
22 Oct 44

GOC
227 Italian Div

HQ 186IA
186IA LO 3 Dist

The attached copy of a report from COO 16 IAD is forwarded with the request that you will give the matter referred to therein your immediate personal attention and will report to this HQ the action taken against the officer and men concerned.

CRUK/sjh

Manie St
Maj-Gen
Genl

Subject : - Mishandling of Ammunition

D 1/9/1.

CC

203 Italian Smoke Company

1. On the 16th October at approximately 1400 - 1500 hrs, Lorries Nos. 1832 and 1455 were off-loading 6 pdr. 7 cwt ammunition on N/1A (Strada Militaire) Road in No 1 Sub-Depot.
2. The drivers of the lorries backed into the ditch, and the lorry crew, which consisted entirely of Italian Military personnel from your Company proceeded to throw the ammunition off the lorry onto the ground.
3. When told, by the Italian Military Storeman to off-load the ammunition in a proper manner and to stack it in accordance with Depot Regulations, the crew refused to do so, and threatened the Italian Storeman, using foul language.
4. When these facts were reported to the Officer in charge of the Depot, he went to the spot with the IOO and inspected the ammunition. A number of loose rounds were found scattered on the ground, having fallen from their boxes, and a number of boxes were badly damaged. All this ammunition was a new receipt from the Depot and had just arrived from the UK in perfect condition.
5. Disciplinary action is being taken against the two lorry drivers concerned by the GC 422 Arty Coy, RASC for disobedience of Depot Regulations concerning the positioning of lorries on this road.
6. The following names have been obtained of men of your Company who are known to have been on these lorries at the time : -

Lorry No 1822	MAURA	Lorry No 1855	BIRO
	BERNARDINO		VINCHI
	VASARI		
	ZANCA		
	GAETANO		
7. It has not been possible to obtain the names of all the men concerned nor further identification details of the seven named above, since the Italian Officer with the Company has been completely obstructive and has flatly refused to do anything to help in identifying the men, in fact he has gone out of his way to prevent my Officers and NCOs from identifying them.
8. On the same day (16 Oct 44) at PALMA railhead, the soldiers named below were instructed to load a lorry with ammunition from a railway truck. Instead of stacking it correctly in the lorry, they threw it in, damaging a number of boxes. A British Private Storeman Checker tried to prevent this, but the man refused to take any notice of him, and it was not until

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6. The following names have been obtained of men of your Company who are known to have been on these lorries at the time :-

Lorry No 1822	MARERA	Lorry No 1855	PIZZO
	BENEVENTO		VENURI
	VENURI		
	ZEGGA		
	GAMFANO		

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9. The men were :-

Cpl Major.	PASQUALE OUTREFFA
Soldas.	SPINAGGI BIASIO
	STRANIELLO DOMENICO
	GAVONE GIOVANNI
	FILIZZO DOMENICO
	BOCCALI LUIGI

10. On 18 October on M/C road, an unidentified lorry was off-loading 4.5m mortar, with an Italian Military crew from your Company. The crew again threw the ammunition off the lorry and refused to pay any attention to the representatives of the Italian Military Storesman Checker. On this occasion, the Italian Civilian Capo Squadra of the Civilian Labour Gang working in the vicinity also joined with the Checker in an attempt to stop this mis-handling of ammunition, but was threatened. The report instructions were read out in Italian to this gang, but no notice was taken. Again many boxes of ammunition were damaged beyond repair.

11. I am trying to obtain further details of the lorry number and names of the men concerned on this last occasion, but they are not at present available.

12. This mis-handling of ammunition by the soldiers of your Company is a daily occurrence and the three instances I have quoted above are only a few of the worst which have been brought to my notice.

13. There have recently been complaints from the troops in forward fighting areas that quantities of ammunition are being received in an unserviceable condition due to the fact that the boxes have been damaged in transit, and the ammunition has become wetted and useless.

14. Very strenuous efforts have been made in this Depot to reduce the bad handling of ammunition to a minimum. Any British soldier who permits ammunition to be mis-handled is severely punished. Any Italian Civilian Capo Squadra whose gang mis-handled ammunition is immediately dismissed, and black-listed. Any Italian civilian who mis-handles ammunition is punished by a heavy fine on the first occasion, and is dismissed, forfeiting all arrears of pay, and black-listed on any second occasion.

15. My efforts to reduce this gross-mis-handling of ammunition are being completely frustrated by the flagrant conduct of the Italian Military personnel of your Company. Their behaviour has scandalised the lowest paid civilian labourer who works on my ammunition lines, and there have been many complaints from the labourers about their conduct.

16. This mis-handling of ammunition by your men amounts to sabotage.

17. I want you to have the men whose names I have given listed immediately under arrest and brought to trial in accordance with your procedure on a charge of sabotage. I want the most drastic punishment to be inflicted upon these men, and I will supply all witnesses and samples of damaged boxes as evidence at the trial.

18. You will note that I am sending a copy of this letter to higher authorities and it is certain that they will require to know exactly what is being done to bring home to these men and to all others in your Company that conduct of this sort will not be tolerated.

In the Field,

(Sgd) L. S. Hall, Lt Col.,
Chief Ordnance Officer, No. 90

...handling of ammunition by the soldiers of your Company is a daily occurrence and the three instances I have quoted above are only a few of the worst which have been brought to my notice.

- 13. There have recently been complaints from the troops in forward fighting areas that quantities of ammunition are being received in an unserviceable condition due to the fact that the boxes have been damaged in transit, and the ammunition has become rotted and useless.
- 14. Very strenuous efforts have been made in this Depot to reduce the bad handling of ammunition to a minimum. Any British soldier who permits ammunition to be mis-handled is severely punished. Any Italian civilian Capo Squadra whose gang mis-handled ammunition is immediately dismissed, and black-listed. Any Italian civilian who mis-handles ammunition is punished by a heavy fine on the first occasion, and is dismissed, forfeiting all arrears of pay, and black-listed on any second occasion.
- 15. My efforts to reduce this gross-mis-handling of ammunition are being completely frustrated by the disgraceful conduct of the Italian military personnel of your Company. Their behaviour has scandalised the lowest paid civilian labourer who works on my ammunition lines, and there have been many comments from the labourers about their conduct.
- 16. This mis-handling of ammunition by your men amounts to sabotage.
- 17. I want you to have the men whose names I have given above immediately under arrest and brought to trial in accordance with your procedure on a charge of sabotage. I want the most drastic punishment to be inflicted upon these men, and I will supply all witnesses and copies of damaged boxes as evidence at the trial.
- 18. You will note that I am sending a copy of this letter to higher authorities and it is certain that they will require to know exactly what is being done to bring home to these men and to all others in your Company that conduct of this sort will not be tolerated.

(sgd) H. W. HALL, Lt Col.
Chief Ordnance Officer, No 338.

In the Field,
19 Oct 44.
LWH/AA P

Copy to FOUJ
ADJ Gd' Gen
ADCS 26 Area
DCS 5 District
DCS L of C GCP
DCS (Att and A) AFHQ

SUBJECT - Tpt - Smoke Coys

3 District
Bat 113
651/8 Q
21 Oct 44

MIA

Lab
MIA LO ---

Ref your AG/5 of 18 Oct 44 and AMBQ letter AG091.
711/011 GCI-0 of 21 Sep 44.

1. On reorganisation of Italian Smoke Coys the establishment of vehs was reduced to one lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS per Coy, NOT amended to an additional lorry 3 ton per Coy.
2. At the same time, all lorries held surplus on loan were withdrawn, and the Companies now each hold only the one lorry 3 ton GS authorised on WB.

WIC/ofs

W. Carli
Thal
+ Maj Gen
Comd

COPY

TO : ROO BARLETTA 18 PNR GP OC TRAIN MOV BRINDISI 85 GRN
MOV BARI ROO BARI
LAC : 54 AREA 240 TOWN MAJOR MOVET DISTHREE DISTHREE EAST
DETRAMILS SOPEMERSCIO TRANSPORT

FROM : MOV BARLETTA

MOV/C/327 18

CONFIDENTIAL (.) 180 181 182 184 ITA PNR LAB COY 4 BR OFFRS
8 BR OR 28 ITA OFFRS 885 ITA CFS 20 TONS BAGGAGE MOVE BY RAIL IN
SE BOX 88 FROM MINERVINO TO BRINDISI 18 OCT FOR ONWARD JOURNEY BY
SEA (.) MINERVINO DEP IN 0800 1655 HRS BARLETTA ARR 1759 DEP IN
8459 1808 BARI ARR 2056 DEP IN 2455 2800 HRS BRINDISI ARR 170416
(.) AUSEY MOVET VERBAL

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LRNE V LZEE NR13
QVR 1-4

J. H. [unclear]

FROM LAEE 112046A
TO DISTHREE
INFO DISTHREE EAST , MMIA, MMIA LO DISTHREE

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QOX GR 70 BT

REF DISTWO QS 746 OF 8 OCT NOT TO DISTHREE OR DISTHREE EAST

~~RE~~ REQUESTING THAT ALL FURTHER MOVES ITALIAN
MILITARY LABOUR TO MINERVINO BE STOPPED IN VIEW

MMIAS ACTION STOPPING RELEASES

CLOTHING AND EQPT BRITISH. FX37516 SIGNED SACHED CITE FHQCT:

THIS NOT NECESSARY AS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR CLOTHING
TO BE DRAWN FROM MMIA DEBITS ~~OR~~ OR SURPLUS STOCKS MADE

AVAILABLE BY MMIA FOR BRIT-ITIS
BT

[Handwritten signature]

SENT NR 13 12 120150A JAB

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MMIA LO

Important

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IMPORTANT

FROM : MOVWIT 081926 A

TO: DETRAMILES BARI SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI MMIA MOV BARI

MOV BARLETTA MOV FUGGIA MOVWIT DISTHREE MOV DISTHREE MOV VAIRANO
54 AREA 69 GRM 64 GRM 56 AREA DETRAMILES NAPLES AFHQ CITE FIGDM

MOV/1/1953 RESTRICTED (.) ITALIAN MOVE (.) 860 BRITISH AND ITALIAN ALL
RANKS OF 150 TO 155 ILP COYS OF 403 ITALIAN PNR LAB REGT WITH 40 TONS OF
BAGGAGE WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM BARI TO AQUINA IN 50 BOX 9 OCT (.) DEP
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CERVANO 1915 (.) STA AQUINA LATE PM 10 OCT (.) AUTHY AFHQ VERBAL

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FROM AFHQ

TO MOVWIT - DISTHREE

INFO DISTWO MOBEIT - MAIN AAI - MMIA → PBS NAPLES - DMRS ROME

CLEARANCE OF ITALIAN LABOUR REINFORCEMENTS FROM AFRAGOLA STAGING CAMP TO MINERVINO IS SUBJECT (.) FX35175 CITE PHGDM SIGNED SACMED (.) ACTION DISTHREE FOR MMIA LIAISON OFFICER INFO DISTWO FOR MMIA LIAISON OFFICER (.) THIS FX 33945 DATED 2 Oct REFERS (.) ONE FURTHER SPECIAL TRAIN LIFTING APPROX 1000 PERSONNEL WILL BE RUN FROM CASORIA TO MINERVINO ON 9 OCT (.) DETAILS OF ROLLING STOCK AND DEPARTURE TIMINGS WILL BE ARRANGED BY MOVWIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH MMIA LIAISON OFFICER THREE DISTRICT (.)

To MMIA LO
C
Mov LO

Q437/63A

From Q

352 7 Oct 44

Subject: Fuel for Heating - It. Pnr Lab Coys.

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3DLO/6
8 Oct 44

HQ 3 District.

Ref your 310 Q dated 5 Oct 44 and
att letter.

The personnel in question are
BRITIS. Therefore, in accordance with AFHQ
letter AG 400/105 D-0 (para 7c (1)) dated
22 Sep 44; the matter in question is your
responsibility.



Major,
MIALO,
3 District.

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TO

SUBJECT:- Fuel for Heating - Ital Pnr Lab Coys

3 District
Tel Ext 82
310 Q

MMA IO

5 Oct 44

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Lab

Ref 2904/66 dated 28 Sep 44, copy attached.

The question of fuel for Italian Units for space heating is one for MMA.

Please take this up.

EACG/rm

E.A.H. Goodwin
9 Col
DA & QMG
(E.A.H. GOODWIN)

COPY

Subject:- Ital Pnr Lab Coys - Winter Accn

2904/66

DDL 3 District

1. Requirements of Winter heating apparatus for 183 - 186 Ital Pnr Lab Coys at La Picciola and 187 - 188 Coys at Pontecagnano have been submitted to HQ 94 Sub Area. The type of heating stoves that will be authorised will be oil and water burning.
2. The difficulty arises over authority to draw crude (fuel) oil from British DIDs. It is not available from Italian sources.
3. Could it please be arranged that HQ 94 Sub Area receive the necessary authority ?

Field
28 Sep 44

(Sgd) ? ? ? Maj
DADL 94 Sub Area.

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for

INQUIRY

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OF AREA

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6 Feb MILANO NOV 10 (by hand)

Q 0414 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) following from AMIC ref FX 51882
of 18 added MOVET NOV 10001A info MOTO MESSINE
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Italian Smoke Coy will move by rail from LANFRANCONIA to CASERLO
on 8 Oct (.) cite FIBER signed SAKED (.) strength approximately
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unit arrangements (.) UNQUOTE

6 Lab MEMO NOV 10 (by hand)

Q 8434 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) following from AFHQ ref PX 8088
of 80 added MOVIE NOV 1951A info MEMO DISBURSE
MAIL AAI HALLS HOME MOVIE records (.) SOURCE (.) NOS
Italian movie copy will move by rail from BALTIMORE to CAMBRIDGE
on 8 Oct (.) site FARM signed SIGNED (.) strength approximately
8 office ONE ONE with 20 tons stores (.) vhs will move under
visit arrangements (.) UNCLAS

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Thomas A. C. C.

SUBJECT : Clothing releases.


3 DLO/6

27 September 1944

TO : ADL "D" Team (Lab)
57 Area.

Ministry of War have received from M.M.I.A. a release for clothing for 501 smoke Coy at Pozzuoli.

The clothing may be obtained by sending a rep of the unit to M.M.I.A. - Naples Office to collect a release form with which the clothing may be drawn from a stock designated by the a/m office. *u*


Major.
M.M.I.A. LO.
3 District.

HET/mf

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Subject: Formation of Italian Units

3 District
Ext 98
301/291/L
26 Sep 44

'A' (2)

LABOUR Directorate, AFHQ
G (10)
V (AS)
MIA 10

Ref to: ASI letter 309/15/A(0) (Mar. 01/7) dated
13 Sep 44 and your letter 101/291/L of 13 Sep 44.

1. The following report is submitted on 417 Italian War
Labour Regt.

2. PERSONNEL

The formation of the Regt on ME's AI/13/1, AI/14/1
and AI/11/1 is completed. Regt HQ, Co HQs and all Coys are up
to strength.

3. TRANSPORT

Transport has been supplied to scale with the exception
of cars & seating 4 x 2 for Regt and Co HQs.

Authority has been obtained for the issue of 3 trucks
15 cwt GS in lieu.

4. CLOTHING

All personnel have been clothed. Blankets have been
issued to the scale of 1 per man and incidents have been resubmitted
to complete to scale.

5. EQUIPMENT

Certain articles of GICM stores have not yet been
released.

L. M. Douglas
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(O.R.B. ~~RELEAS~~) Colonel,
HQ.

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FROM : MOVWIT 251930

TO ACTION : MOV FOGGIA MOV ORTONA MOV ANCONA MOV DISTONE
INFO : DISTHREE 57 AREA 64 GRN DISTONE 61 AREA 67 GRN
69 GRN MAIN 8 ARMY REAR 8 ARMY AAI 65 ORG BRIT AFHQ
MOVWIT MMIA DISTWO

MOV H 579
CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref AFHQ PK27209 OF 19 DISTWO SD 1/1997 OF 22
AND 1/2008 OF 23 DISTHREE SD 323 OF 23 (.) Convoy 09/NA/027
446 (Pal Apab) Coy RASC 82 vch lifting 4 Coys of 417 It Pnr
Lbr Regt Dep AFRAGOLA for ANCONA via Avellino Foggia S. Severo and KM
Route 16 (.) Halting and staging under unit arrangements off the
road reporting to Movements Foggia for on routing (.)
15 MIN 20 VIN (.) 446 Coy reports POLIGNO on completion

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Copy to :- G Lab MMIA LO (By hand) 26 Sep 44 414/2 Q

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Subject: Clothing indents, 1 Bn 417 Par Lab Regt.
505 Smoke Coy.

3DIO/6
26 Sep 44

ADL 'D' Team (Lab),
57 Area.

Herewith returned clothing indents from 1 Bn 417 Par Lab Regt and 505 Smoke Coy.

These are wrongly compiled and should be submitted on a pre-forma as at App 'C' to MMIA Adm Instr No. 5 (S/AQ/5 dated 19 June 44) in which is incl provision for info not contained in the att indents and which it is necessary to have before release can be authorized by MMIA.

Most of the units under your comd have submitted indents in the correct manner of which it would appear that the a/m units are not aware. Could they please be informed in order to avoid future delays.

Those copies of indents you sent to me which were correctly compiled I have sent up to MMIA to speed up release.

Ref your ADL/Q/24a of 24 Sep, this has been forwarded to MMIA for a decision.

MMIALO 3 District.

HWS Major.

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Subject: Italian Indents

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A. D. L. 57 Area
Ref: 18/10/73
Date: 14 Sept. 74

To:- Major Thrupp,
L. C., MIA, H. Q. No. 3 District (via D. D. L. No. 3 District)

Ref. 3 District letter 3Dis/268/L dated 13 Sept. 74.

Attached please find copies of indents covering requirements of the following Companies.

- 1 No. 1 Battrn., 417 Regt., I.P.L.
- 2 506 Italian Smoke Coy.
- 3 504 " " "

Certificates are held at this H. Q. to the effect that two copies of the a/m indents were sent today direct to SIRM ROBE.

PS/EST

(J. S. POPE SMITH) Lieut-Col.,
A. D. L. 'D' Team, (Labour) 57 Area.

1) sent back to R Smith for
re submission on correct form
2+3) sent up to MIA

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Manpower and Labour Conference at NWIA.

20 Sep 44

Col Kerr, Col Laurie, Lt Col Noakes, Lt Col Ingledew, Col Knight,
Major Suys, Major Thrupp, Present

Call-ups.

- New call up to be held in provinces around Rome. 14,000 bods expected
- These will not go to Italians but will be earmarked by AAI for form of new units on allied programme and will be allotted as follows/ 1/3 to Britys, 1/3 to Usitys and 1/3 to Ititys. (Combat)
- Whole Italian Army will later be distributed on th/is basis.

Pfts ex Sardinia.

- In 3 weeks' time no more formed units will arrive ex Sardinia, only odd bodies. These, together with the proceeds of the callups will be allotted to various units on an AAI (NWIA) priority list.
- District will be asked to establish a camp for these in the vicinity of Naples to hold about 4,500. (only Britys).
- There is still a total of 22,000 bods to come out of Sardinia by which time the island will be stripped of Itys.
- Though NWIA will allot all bodies ex Sardinia and from the new call up the machinery for their distribution and despatch will have to be done by 3 District, aided by NWIAIO Naples.
- Sea tpt ex Sardinia at present only limiting factor to the arrival of bods. Postn should soon improve when, as max, lifts may arrive as follows: Cruiser: 1000 }
Liberty: 2300 } Every 2 days.

Clothing and equiping.

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Clothing and equiping.

- Proposed that 3 Dist establish, for their labunits, a clothing store to hold about 2,500 sets so as to equip their pers going ³⁴² the necessary bulk issue and that this is kept up to "strength". 3D will be responsible for issue accountability and will submit consolidated returns to MMA. Sug stes that this store be in the bldg once occupied by 42 Par Bp so as to be as near to the Afragola ~~lab~~ camp as possible.
- Italian C 1008 stores are spread out all over Italy and are ^{collect} difficult to sell-up quickly. Mov wont give any priority to Italian ry tpt bids. Suggested that 3 District put up bids and hand them over to Italian Army for this purpose.

2.

- Policy for clothing pers in the future 3 District rfts camp (as opposed to ready-alloted lab pers) is that all those pers destined for units in 3 District should be clothed whilst actually at the camp and those goig to other fms should be clothed on arrival at their destination. This is to obviate the losses incurred ^{through} ~~on~~ desertions en route.

Discipline (desertions, absenteeism, punishment)

- Necessity of ensuring rapid turn-over in Afragola camp (subject to speeding-up arrangements as mentioned above) in order to minimise rate of desertions.
- A Regt comd can give up to 21 days detention followed by a period of CB. Junior Comds can give up to 15 days detention followed by 30 days CB. The above are summary awards.
- There is no objection to unit stockades (Texan for detention cells) being set up in units or camps for the summary punishment of apprehended deserters etc.
- After a period of 30 days absence/^{WOL} ~~WOL~~ is automatically struck off the str of ^{the Army} ~~his~~ unit and his name handed in to the Military Tribunal in Rome. After 30 days imprisonment an apprehended defaulter reverts to civilian status and serves the balance of his sentence in a civilian prison.
- In the same way a man in hospital for 30 days or over is lost to the Army.

Specialists.

- There is a grave shortage of these now in the Army and only very few can be expected from future call-ups if the present exemptions from mil service are allowed to continue (Note that PBS allows none). Those that are forthcoming will be alloted to units etc on the 3/3 basis as detailed above.

Officers

- If it is desired to change an offr application ^{Should} ~~to~~ be made to MMIA

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DISTRESS 23 124 3 A
57 AREA HOWIT MIA LO NAPLES (6) 23
G-3 ORG BRIT AFHQ
Copy to A C Lab MIA LO 227 Div LO 9

SD 353

RESTRICTED (.) ref DISTRESS SD 295 of 19 and SD 302 of 20 sep (.) 417 Italian
par regt will now move from AFRAGOLA to ARDONG in accordance with DISTRESS
H Q 2288 of 22 sep to 57 area only

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FROM : MOVWIT 221130

TI INFO : DISTURBE

MOV 904

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING UNITS MOVE 23 SEP IN ONE SPECIAL TRAIN FROM CASORIA VIA BENEVENTO (.) FIRST TO BARI FOR DISTWO 404 ITAL ORD MT STORES 158 ALL RANKS 1 TON 405 ITAL ORD TECH STORES COY 100 ALL RANKS 1 TON 418 ITAL RET STORES COY 163 ALL RANKS 1 TON ALL IN 16 BOX CARS (.) FREEDOM FX 28470 OF 21 SEP NOT TO ALL REFERS (.) SECOND ITAL PNR LAB PERSONNEL TO MINERVINO MURGE FOR 403 ITAL PNR LAB RENT (.) CMD GP 9 OFFRS 51 ORS CAGLIARI PG 4 OFFRS 249 ORS IN 14 BOX (.) AAI SD 1794 OF 19 SEP NOT TO ALL REFERS (.) THIRD COMMENCE LOADING STORES 0700 PERSONNEL ENTRAIN 1400 DEP 1600 ETA CERVARO 240100 DESINS AM 24 SEP (.) HALTS BENEVENTO 232100 to 2200 FOR MEAL UNDER UNIT ARMOYS RTO ARRANGE HOT WATER (.) FULL WATER BOTTLS THREE DAYS RATIONS WILL BE TAKEN (.) ALL INFM

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Copy to :- G Lab WHIA LO from Q 23 Sep 44 457/108 Q

COPY

TO : MOV FOGGIA MOV BARLETTA MOVET KOO BARI
INFO : 57 AREA PBS FOR MMIA LO DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI
MILITARI NAPLES G 5 ORG BRIT AFHQ MMIA DISTWO PBS DISTHREE

TO 828 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF OUR 823 OF 19 (.) DEPARTED CASORIA
802105 TO MINERVINO MURGE VIA BENEVENTO 25 CARS ITALIAN GRUPPO
LAVORATORI SASSORI 16 OPF 821 ORS 2 CARS 15 TONS BAGGAGE (.) ALL ENEM

RESTRICTED

Copy to :- G MMIA LO

from Q 31 Sep 44 437/ Q

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IMPORTANT

FROM : MOVWIT 191700

TO : 57 AREA PBS FOR MMIA LO 701 KY GD DIV MOVEIT MOV BARLETTA
RTO BARI MOV FOGGIA RTO CASORIA DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI
NAPLES

INFO : G3 ORG BRIT AFHQ MMIA DISTWO PBS DISTHREE RTO CASERTA
RTO BENEVENTO

MOV 893

RESTRICTED . ITALIAN GRUPPO LAVORATORI SASORI 14 OFFRS 711 ORS
15 TONS EQUIPT MOVE BY RAIL 20 SEP CASORIA TO MINERVINO MURGE VIA
BENEVENTO . 2 BOX CARS FOR LOADING STORES PLACES 200700 FURTHER 35
BOX FOR PERSONNEL AT 1400 ALL DEP 1500 ETA CERVARO 210300 MINERVINO
PM 21 SEP . FULL WATER BOTTLES THREE DAYS RATIONS WILL TAKEN .
DISTHREE SDE54 OF 18 SEP NOT TO ALL REFERS

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Copy to :- G ~~MM~~ MMIA LO from Q 20 Sep 44 437/88 Q

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DEFENSE

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57 ABIA MOVWET ABIA IO NAPLES

0-3 (RG BRIT AFHQ) COPY to A Q Lab ABIA IO 227 DIV IO

SD 302

RESTRICTED (.) ref by SD 295 dated 19 sep (.) move of 1:17 Italian par
lab regt less 2 in postpone till further notice

IMMEDIATE

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SECRET

Military Mission to
the Italian Army

R O M E

SD/19
17 Sep 44

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SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units

For Ministry

Copy to:- Hq 2 District
MIA LO Hq 2 District
Hq 3 District
MIA LO Hq 3 District
Hqs for MIA LO

1. Herewith (a) copy of AAI letter 3097/15/A(O) of 19 Sep.

(b) copies of WE's AI/14/1
AI/14/1

2. Please instruct 227 Div Hq and MIA Hq APULIA that they, in conjunction with Hq's 3 and 2 Districts respectively are responsible for supervising the formation of the units detailed in Annex 'A' to above AAI letter.

[Handwritten Signature]
Major General
M I A

ABC

Copy to:- A/G (copies of above WE's are in file SD/17
DAML has 0.1593's)

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(b) copies of HQ's AI/11/1
AI/11/1

2. Please instruct 227 Div HQ and AI HQ AP/ELIA that they, in conjunction with HQ's 3 and 2 Districts respectively are responsible for supervising the formation of the units detailed in APMX "A" to above AI letters.

ASG

W.P. Hatcher
for

Major General
M H I A

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DAML has G.1098's)

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HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Ref: MILPOT 206

3097/25/A(0) (Ser 0137)

13 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units.

Italian Pioneer Labour Regt Headquarters
Italian Pioneer Labour Regts.
Italian Pioneer Labour Coys.

1. INFORMATION

Formation of the units, detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter, will be supervised as above.

Copies of WEs are attached for addressees as applicable.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided by disbandment of the following units:-

- (a) 417 Regiment (Italian) including reinforcements (45 oftrs 2112 OR)
- (b) HQ 418 Regt (Italian) (9 oftrs, 17 OR)
- (c) Italian units allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No. 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (150 oftrs 3350 ORs)
- (d) Part of Italian unit allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (27 oftrs 1542 ORs).

3. TRANSPORT

Vehicles will be provided on release by 3 (AI) HQ A/I when stocks permit.

4. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be issued by Districts concerned in conjunction with Army Sub Commission (AS) in accordance with provisional A/S 61098 issued by this HQ under following references:-

- 3453/44/A(AS) for Regt HQ
- 3453/44/A(AS) for Bn HQ
- 3453/44/A(AS) for Coys.

Orders for equipment will be forwarded by 400 and 402 Regts to HQ 9 Italian Corps (copy to Army Sub Commission) and by 417 Regt to HQ 227 Italian Division (Sub Commission).

composition of the units, detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter, will be supervised as shown.

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- (d) Part of Italian unit allotted against Serial 55 Priority List No 7 arriving in this theatre from Sardinia between 4 and 10 Sep 44 (27 officers 1642 ORs).

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- 3453/4A/3(AE) for Regt HQ
- 3453/4/3(AE) for 3rd Bn HQ
- 3453/4/3(AE) for Coys.

Indents for equipment will be forwarded by HQ 9 Italian Corps (copy to Army Sub Commission) and by 417 Regt to HQ 227 Italian Division (copy to Army Sub Commission).

5. NOTIFICATION

Notification will be completed within 21 days of effective date, when a report will be sent to this HQ.

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A. C. C.
General,
for Commander-in-Chief.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO 3098/15/A(O) (Ser 0137) dated Sep 44

Regt HQ on WE A1/13/1	Bn HQ on WE A1/14/1	Coys on WE A1/11/1	Supervising Authority
400 Italian Pnr Labour Regt HQ	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 400 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 93 to 104 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 2 District in conjunction with HQ 9 Italian Corps
402 -do-	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 402 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 117 to 128 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	- do -
417 -do-	Nos 1 and 2 Bns, 417 Italian Pnr Lab Regt	Nos 297 to 308 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 3 District in conjunction with HQ 227 Italian Division.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO 3098/15/A(O) (Ser 0137) dated Sep 44

<u>4/1</u>	<u>Coys on WE A1/11/1</u>	<u>Supervising Authority</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
2 Bns, 400 r Lab Regt	Nos 95 to 104 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 2 Dist 1st Div in conjunction with HQ 9 Italian Corps	10 Sep 44
2 Bns, 402 r Lab Regt	Nos 117 to 128 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	- do -	- do -
2 Bns, 417 r Lab Regt	Nos 297 to 308 Italian Pnr Lab Coys	HQ 3 District in conjunction with HQ 227 Italian Division.	- do -

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SECTION

57 Area NORTH H-2A TO H-2B

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8095
WATERGATE (.) BUREAU (.) 447 Station your next lead in will come from WASHINGTON to
WATERGATE by mail as follows approx 630 21 sep approx 630 23 sep (.) BUREAU (.)
on arrival will come under cover list

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TO : MOV ROME MOV VAIRANO MOV WESTRAIL
INFO : MMIA ROME AREA DES THREE MOV AAI MOV DISTONE
BR INCR 5 ARMY FOR MOV 57 AREA
FROM : MOVWIT TO 274

CONFIDENTIAL • DEP CASORIA 1500 18 SEPT 2 BN 417 ITAL LAB REGT
17 OFFRS 645 ORS 2 OPFS 4 ORS BRITISH 25 BOX CARS 5 CARS BAGGAGE
AREZZO OUR MOV 873 16 SEPT REFERS • DEP MARCIANISE 1105 18 SEPT
ITAL ENG REFS 200 ALL RANKS 7 BOX CARS ROME OUR MOV 877 17 SEPT NOT
TO ALL REFERS

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6 Lab MMIA 10
Copy to :-/ 19 Sep 44 437/83 Q

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Subject : Clothing & Equipment - Italian Military.

Major Thrupp,
10 MIA, HQ 3 District.

Ret 17/9 2904/56

1. Attached are copies of outstanding indents for war equipment and clothing for HQ 407 It. Par Lab Regt, HQ 2 Bn 407 Ital Par Lab Regt and 183, 184; 185, 186; 187, 188 Ital Par Lab Coys.

Field,
16 Sep 44.

Bundy Major,
DADL, 94 Sub Area.

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Subject : Clothing & Equipment - Italian Military.

2904/66.

DADL,
WHIA.

1. The following consolidated indent for clothing for 2 Bn (182, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188 Coys) 407 Pnr Lab Regt and for Regt HQ has been submitted by HQ 407 Regt through Italian channels.

Jackets Battle Dress	215
Trousers Battle Dress	215
Boots pairs	785
Shirts	1055
Caps	275
Drawers	1390
Vests	1620
Socks	2659
Belts	953

Winter clothing.

Greatcoat	740
Pullover	244

2. May release please be expedited and this Office notified ?

Field,
14 Sep 44.

Bundy Major,
DADL, 94 Sub Area.

Subject : Equipment - Italian Military.

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Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito Rome (2 copies)
Ministero della Guerra Rome
HQ 227 Italian Division
DADL, MMIA

1. Attached at Appendix "A" and "B" are indents to bring up to scale war equipment of HQ 407 I-ol Par Regt and HQ 2 Bn 407 Regt respectively.
2. Will DADL MMIA please notify this Office of release of equipment ?

Field,
14 Sep 44.

Bandy Major,
DADL 94 Sub Area.

Appx A

Indent for equipment for HQ Italian Pioneer Labour Regiment

Regiment : HQ 407 Ital Pnr Lab Regt

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Deficient</u>	<u>Required</u>
<u>Sect CC</u>				
Gloves MT pairs	1	-	1	1
Goggles ME Pairs	1	-	1	1
<u>Sect CJ</u>				
Capes AG	36	-	36	36
<u>Sect IV6 MTL</u>				
Extinguishers fire	1	-	1	1
<u>Sect J1</u>				
Picks 4 lbs	1	-	1	1
Axes felling	1	-	1	1
Hammers hand	1	-	1	1
Shovels 3S	2	-	2	2
Sheets ground	36	9	27	27
<u>Sect KF</u>				
Ladies cook 5S	2	1	1	1
Bowls hand	2	1	1	1
Knives cook 6"	2	1	1	1
Knives opening tin	2	-	2	2
Steels butchering	2	-	2	2
Kettles camp	4	1	3	3
Spoons gravy	3	-	3	3
<u>Sect J2</u>				
Containers cooking 6 galls	3	-	3	3
" water 14 litre	3	-	3	3
" " 6 litre	3	2	1	1
Stoves soyer complete	1	-	1	1
Tent pieces	27	20	7	7
Pepe tent	54	-	54	54
Poles wood	54	-	54	54
Tents 16C lbs	6	-	6	6
Mallets	9	-	9	9
Buckets 13"	4	-	4	4
<u>Sect K</u>				
Lamps hurricane	4	2	2	2
<u>Sect #2</u>				
Torches hand	2	-	2	2
Wick 5/8 flat feet	3	-	3	3
Brush SHU	4	-	4	4
Cotton wastes	5	-	5	5
Sapp yellow lbs	8	-	8	8
Oil A pints	7	-	7	7
Flannelette verde	8	-	8	8
	27	10	17	17

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<u>Sect</u>	<u>UQ</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Deficient</u>	<u>Required</u>
Sect A1				
Helmet's Steel	36	-	36	36
Pine Mess square	36	-	36	36
Bottles water and sling	36	-	36	36
Haversack	36	-	36	36
Belts with Amn pouches	36	-	36	36
Respirators complete	16	20	16	16
Eyeshields pkts	16	20	16	16
Cintgon AG	72	-	72	72
Cotton waste oze	144	-	144	144
Blankets BD	72	124	-	-

W. W. W. W.
 Major,
 D.D.L., 94 Sub Area.

Field,
12 Sep 44.

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W. W. W.
Major,
DADL, 94 Sub Area.

Field,
12 Sep 44.

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Index for equipment for HQ Italian Pioneer Labour Battalion

Battalion : HQ 2 Bn 407 Itel Pwr Lab Regt

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Deficient</u>	<u>Required</u>
<u>Sect CC</u>				
Gloves MT prs	1	-	1	1
Goggles MT prs	1	-	1	1
<u>Sect CJ</u>				
Capes AG	15	-	15	15
<u>Sect LV6 MTL</u>				
Extinguishers fire	1	-	1	1
<u>Sect J1</u>				
Picks 4 lbs	1	-	1	1
Axes felling	1	-	1	1
Hammers hand	1	-	1	1
Shovels GS	2	-	2	2
Sheets ground	15	-	15	15
<u>Sect KF</u>				
Ladles cook GS	2	-	2	2
Bowls hand	2	-	2	2
Knives cook 6"	2	-	2	2
" opening tins	2	-	2	2
Steels butchering	2	-	2	2
Kettles camp	3	-	3	3
Spoons gravy	3	-	3	3
<u>Sect J2</u>				
Containers cooking 6 gall	3	-	3	3
Containers water 14 litre	3	-	3	3
" "	3	-	3	3
" 6 "	3	-	3	3
Tarts pieces	11	14	-	-
Pegs tent	22	22	-	-
Poles wood	22	22	-	-
Tents 160 lbs	3	-	3	3
Mallets	4	-	4	4
Bucket 1 1/2"	3	-	3	3
<u>Sect K</u>				
Leaps harricene	4	-	4	4
<u>Sect M2</u>				
Torches hand	2	-	2	2
Wick 5/8 flat feet	3	-	3	3
Brush 3HU	2	-	2	2
Cotton waste	2	-	2	2
Sock yellow lbs	4	-	4	4
Cil 4 pints	3	-	3	3
Flannelette yards	4	-	4	4
	11	14	-	-

Hammers hand	1			1
Shovels SS	2			2
Sheets ground	15			15
<u>Sect K7</u>				
Ladles cook SS	2			2
Bowls hand	2			2
Knives cook 6"	2			2
" opening tins	2			2
Steels butchering	2			2
Kettles camp	3			3
Spoons grey	3			3
<u>Sect J2</u>				
Containers cooking 6 gall	3			3
Containers water 14 litre	3			3
" " 6 "	3			3
Tents pieces	11	14		
Pegs tent	22	22		
Poles wood	22	22		
Tents 150 lbs	3			
Mallets	4			
Bucket 1 1/2"	3			
<u>Sect K</u>				
Lamps hurricane	4			
<u>Sect J2</u>				
Torches hand	2			2
Nick 5/8 flat feet	3			3
Brush SHU	3			3
Cotton waste	2			2
Soap yellow lbs	4			4
Oil A pints	3			3
Mantelette yards	4			4
Rifles	11	14		
Pistols	4			
Bayonets	11			11
Scabbards	11			11
Rods cleaning rifle	1			1
" " pistols	1			1
Slings rifle	11			11
Cases pistol	4			4
SAI Italian	550	2256		
SAI 9mm	42			42
Mitragliatrice Breda	1			1
M Machine Breda	10			10
Cables towing	1			1

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Sec 41
 Helmet stvel
 Tins mess square
 Bottles water and sling
 Berseck
 Telte with Ann pouches
 Respirators complete
 Freshfield's pktn
 Ointment 49
 Cotton waste
 Blankets 2D

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Bundy
 Major,
 DADL 94 Sub Area.

Field,
 17 Sep 44.

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body
Maj. J. C. P.
D.D.I. 94 Subm Area.

Field,
12 Sep 44.

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Subject : Clothing and Equipment.

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Hq 407 Par Lab Regt
94 Sub Area.

1. Attached at Appendix A is copy of indent for 153 - 188 Ital Par Lab Coys which was submitted by this Office to SMRE.
2. Attached at Appendix "B" is copy of SMRE letter No.1/3455 of the 31 Aug 1944, stating that certain items of equipment are not available from Italian sources. These non-available items are marked with a "x" on Appendix "A"
3. Will you please arrange to obtain those items available from Italian sources. The non-available items will be obtained by this Office from British sources if they are not of Italian pattern.

Field,
11 Sep 44.

Bundy
Major,
DADL, 94 Sub Area.

Appendix "A"
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TRANSPORT

Designation	Quantity	Appendix "A"
Sect CC		
Gloves MT pairs (ITI patt)	6	X
Gc. Gles MT pairs	6	
Sect C3		
Capes AG	1284	X
Sect LV6 MLI		
Extinguishers fire (ITI patt)	6	
Sect J1		
Picks 4 lbs (ITI patt)	-	
Axes felling "	6	
Hammers hand "	12	
Shovels 43 "	-	
Sect KP		
Ladles cook 45	24	X
Bowls hand (ITI patt)	24	
Knives cook 6"	18	
" opening tins	24	
Stools butchering (ITI patt)	12	
Kettles camp	45	
Sect J2		
Containers water 14 litre	50	
" " 6 "	80	
Stoves seyer complete	24	
Tents piece	1090	
Dege tent	2505	
Poles wood	2306	X
Tents 160 lbs	24	X
Mallets	300	
Sect K		
Lamps hurricane	12	X
Sect J2		
Torches hand	12	
Nick 5/8 feet	18	
Brush SHU	48	
Cotton watter (ITI patt)	166	
Sosp yellow lbs (ITI patt)	300	X
Oil A pints	140	
Fiannelaste yards	300	
Rifles (ITI patt)	934	X
Pistols "	22	X
Bayonets (ITI patt G)	1043	X
Sawberda (ITI Patt)	1043	
Knife cleaning rifles	-	
Knife cleaning pistol	6	X

10	"	openin tins	
24		Steels butchering (ITI patt)	
12		Kettles camp	
43		Sect J2	
50		Containers water 14 litre	
80	"	" 6 "	
24		Stoves seyer complete	
1090		Tente piece	
2308		Legs tent	
2508		Poles wood	
24		Tente 160 lbs	x
300		Kalists	x
12		Sect K	
		Lanes hurricane	
12		Sect Y2	
18		Torches hand	
48		Wick 5/8 feet	
168		Brush SHU	
300		Cotton wastes (ITI BATT)	
240		Sesp yellow lbs (ITI BATT)	
300		Oil 1 pint	
934		Flaxnellette yards	
22		Rifles (ITI patt)	x
		Pistols "	x
1043		Bayonets (ITI patt C)	
1043		Bayonets (ITI patt)	
6		Rods cleaning rifles	
1254		Rods cleaning pistol	x
30		Slings rifle	
96648		Gages pistol	x
504		SAA (ITI patt)	
12		SAA 9mm	
300		Mitragliatrice Breda	
2		Magazine Breda	
		Cables towing (ITI patt)	x
		Sect J1	
1284		Sheet ground	x

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Sec A1

Tinplate steel
 Tins mess rectangular
 Bottles water and lining (III Batt)
 Messpack (III Batt)
 Belts with 1mm roughness
 (in lieu of bandoliers)
 Respirators complete (III Batt)
 Eyeshield's pkts (III Batt)
 Ointment AG (III Batt)
 Cotton waste ore (III Batt)
 Minkete BD
Sec K7
 Spoons gray
Sec J2
 Containers cooking 6 cells
 Ductlets 13"

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1017	x
1284	
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5076	
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48	x
48	x

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APPENDIX "B"

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO SERVIZIO
SEZIONE S. M.

No. 1/3455 di erot

PM 151 li 31 Agosto 1944

Oggetto : N 1098 lista di articoli mancanti per 6 compagnie
del 407° Rgt italiano lavoratori

Al : Sottocommissione per l'esercito ACC ROMA
e, per conoscenza :

Al Ministero della Guerra - Gabinetto	Roma
Al Comando 227 ^a Divisione	Cava Tirr
Al Comando 42° Gruppo Artieri Alleato (Transiti MIA)	

Riferimento foglio AQ/15/1 codesto
Sottocommissione data 27 agosto u.s. si comunicano,
nell'annesso allegato, i materiali che per indisponibilità
non possono essere forniti ai reparti in oggetto.

IL GENERALE ADETTO
Alessandro Santi

ELenco c.1098 DEI MATERIALI ARTICOOLI PER SMI COMPANY DEL 407° RTT
ITALIANO LAVORATORI ARMIRI

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Denominazione	1 Comp	6 Comp	Scorte	Differenza richiesta
<u>Sezione CC</u>				
Quartoni da motociclista	1	6	-	6
<u>Sezione Cj</u>				
Mantelline Antigas	214	1284	-	1284
<u>Sezione KE</u>				
Guainette (mod III)	4	24	-	24
<u>Sezione J2</u>				
Tende	4	24	-	24
Martelletti di legno	50	300	-	300
<u>Sezione K</u>				
Lampade "Purvidane"	4	24	12	12
<u>Sezione M2</u>				
Cilic A pinte	40	240	-	240
Pistole	5	30	8	22
Boionette (mod III)	209	1254	211	1045
Bacchette per pulire pistola	1	6	-	6
Fondine per pistola	5	30	-	30
Cavi per rimocchio	1	6	4	2
SAA Gum	84	504	-	504
<u>Sezione JI</u>				
Teli per fasciolo	214	1284	-	1284
<u>Sezione AI</u>				
Unguento antigas (mod III)	425	2568	-	2568
<u>Sezione J2</u>				
Ugioni da cucina 6 gall compl (27 litri ciro)	8	48	-	48
Sacchi da 17 pollici	8	48	-	48
<u>Trasporto</u>				
Autocarro da 3 ton. 4x1 63	1	6	5	6

Sezione K	50	500	500	12	12
Lampade "Hurricane"	4	24			12
<u>Sezione J2</u>					
Olio A pinte	46	240			240
Fistole	3	30		8	22
Balconette (mod III)	409	1254		211	1043
Bucchette per palline pistole	1	6			6
Fondine per pistole	5	30			30
Cavi per sibacchio	1	6		4	2
SAA 9mm	84	504			504
<u>Sezione J1</u>					
Teli per giaciglio	214	1284			1284
<u>Sezione A1</u>					
Unguento entigas (mod III)	428	2568			2568
<u>Sezione J2</u>					
Didoni da cucine 6 gall compi	8	48			48
(27 litri circa)					
Secchi da 13 pollici	6	48			48
<u>Trasporto</u>					
Autocarro da 3 tonn. 4x2 45	1	6		4	6

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IMPORTANT

FROM : MOVWIT 161600

TO ACTION : DIETHREE

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MOV 873

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FURTHER TO OUR MOV 865 OF 14 SEP (.) SECOND PART
2 BN 417 ITALIAN LAB REGT 22 OFFRS 678 ORS 45 TONS EQPT MOVE BY RAIL
18 SEP CASORIA TO AREZZO (.) 5 BOX CARS PLACED FOR STORES 0800 HRS
FURTHER 25 FOR PERSONNEL 1400 HRS ALL DEP 1500 ETA ROME 191500 AREZZO
PM 20 SEP (.) REQUEST MOV ROME ARRANGE HOT WATER AT ROME (.) FULL
WATER BOTTLES FOUR DAYS RATIONS TO BE TAKEN (.) FREEDOM EX 25196 OF
18 SEP NOT TO ALL REFERS (.) ALL INFM

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AREA LG NAPLES - NOV 11

57 AREA 93 ORG UNIT AFHQ DISTRICT

Copy to :- Lab AREA LG

AD 208 RESTRICTED (.) ref my SD 254 of 16 Sep (.) confirming
conversations BAYSON - JOHN and BAYSON - THURST on 16 Sep (.) first
(.) noted that (A) all units para third my above sig and (B) Cyclist
bn ex POMPANO BAGNO have already moved BIRRVINO (.) second (.) unit
para first my above sig namely 400 PAR regt str office 1A ORG 647 is
allotted lab 3 District vice cyclist bn and will RT now move to
BIRRVINO (.) authority AFHQ, verbal

AR 613/63722P 490M (Pds of 100) 5/48 MD 710 (25 5) 6214

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 16

Transmission Instructions

Priority

Srl. No.

Col.

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM

(A)

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Date-Time of Origin.

16 B

Office Day Stamp

For Action.

57 ARSA NOV 17

TO COPY to Lab MIA 10

(V) for Information (INFO)

03 ORG MILIT AFIA MILTO MELA 10 BAFJIS

104 MATONA PERMAN

Originator's No

Message Instructions: GR

RECORDED (.) following Italian units as available on maps and with strengths as shown will more evident than losses to AIRBORNE UNIT ARRANGEMENTS
 1. 10012 (.) first (.) 400 per regt as shown above with 14 cos 617 STAGES
 2. 10013 (.) second (.) 402 per regt (.) 1 (.) as shown above with 5 cos 133 STAGES
 3. 10014 (.) 3 (.) as shown above with 2 cos 134 (.) 0 (.) as shown above
 4. 10015 (.) 703 all units (.) third (.) all as shown above with (.) 1 (.)
 5. 10016 (.) 547 only regt with 9 cos 34 (.) 1 (.) first 10 547 only regt with 16 cos 104 stages 3 cos (.) 0 (.) including 10 cos 2 cos 135 (.) 10017
 6. 10018 (.) 25059 (.) 10 10761 and 101 101 1711 all of 14 and not to all other

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

RECEIVED

Originator's No.

RECEIVED (.) Following Italian units in vicinity of Naples and with strength
 as shown will move without delay to meet the units under circumstances
 shown (.) First (.) 100 per cent on 15th Oct 1943 (.) 100 per cent
 8 tons (.) Second (.) 100 per cent (.) 1 (.) on 15th Oct 1943 (.) 100 per cent
 2 tons (.) 3 (.) on 15th Oct 1943 (.) 100 per cent (.) 1 (.) on 15th Oct
 100 per cent 703 all units (.) Third (.) all as ordered from Naples (.) 1 (.)
 11 547 early regt 2 Oct 31 (.) 3 (.) First 247 100 per cent Oct 1943
 16 Oct 1943 2 tons (.) 1 (.) 100 per cent Oct 1943 (.) 1 (.) 100 per cent
 11 25259 11 25126 11 24764 and 101 101 1711 all of 14 Oct 1943 to all units

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This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except } WIRELESS.

if liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent IN CIPHER.

Time	System
Time Cleared	

Signed.

Signed.

C O P Y
IMMEDIATE

FROM : MOVWIT 131245

TO : DISTHREE

MOV 862

RESTRICTED (.) ITALIAN PIONEER LAB PENL 19 OFFRS 513 ORS 10 TONS
STORES MOVE BY RAIL 14 SEPT CASORIA TO MINERVINO MURGE VIA
BENEVENTO (.) 22 BOX CARS PLACED 141600 DEP 1800 ETA CERVARO
150600 MINERVINO PM 15 SEPT (.) FULL WATER BOTTLES THREE DAYS
RATIONS TO BE TAKEN (.) PARA THREE AAI SIGNAL MOV 3549 OF 06
SEPT NOT TO ALL REFERS (.) ALL INFM

RESTRICTED

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14 Sep 44

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57 AREA MOVWIT

*for 14
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Info G3ORG BRIT AFHQ Brit INCR FIFTH ARMY

Q Lab 101A LO 227 DIV LO

SD 229 RESTRICTED (.) 2 bn 417 Italian Lab Regt will move by rail under arrangements MOVWIT from AFRAGOLA to AREZZO as follows (.) 18 Sep personnel str 600 all ranks stores 15 tons (.) 18 sep personnel 700 all ranks stores 45 tons (.) on arrival will come under comd FIFTH ARMY for all purposes (.) authority AFHQ verbal

IMMEDIATE

*Amelia
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TO INFO : DISSEMINATE

FROM: *M* VWIT

TO 178

CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF OUR MOV 851 DATED 10 (.) DEPARTED MAPLES CENTRAL
121410 TO MINERVINO MURGE VIA BENEVENTO IN 35 BOX 26 OFFRS 986 ORD 8 TONS
BAGGAGE 400 ITAL PNR COY (.) ALL INFM

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from Q

13 Sep 44

437/54 Q

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FROM: MOVWIT 101800

TO : PBS FOR MMIA LO DISHREE 701 RY DG DIV MOV NAPLES
ROO BARI MOVEIT MOV FOGGIA MOV BARLETTA RTO NAPLES CENTRAL
DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES
INFO : FREEDOM CITE PHGDM MMIA SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI
DISTWO 6 BSA DEFRAIL BARI 57 AREA

MOV 851 CONFIDENTIAL .

27 OFFRS 986 ORS 8 TONS 400 ITALIAN PIONEER REGT DISEMBARK NAPLES
11 SEPT UNDER ARGTS PBS FOR MMIA LO AND MOVE BY RAIL SAME DAY
NAPLES CENTRAL TO MINERVINO MURGE VIA BENEVENTO . 35 BOX CARS
POSITIONED NAPLES CENTRAL 111000 DEPART WHEN READY . ETA PM 12
SEPT . FULL WATER BOTTLES AND THREE DAYS RATIONS WILL BE CARRIED .
PARA THREE AAI SIGNAL MOV 3549 OF 06 SEPT NOT TO ALL REFERS

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FROM : MOVWIT 091800

TO : DESMAREE 42 GP PC 701 KY GD DIV MOV ROME PBS RAIL DIV
PBS TH ADV RTO SAN GIOVANNI RTO CASERTA
INFO : FREEDOM CITE PHGDM MOV AAI DGMRS TH 5 ARMY
BR INCR FIFTH ARMY FOR MOV 57 AREA 64 GRN MOV VAIRANO 1CS PC

MOV 842

RESTRICTED (-) FIRST (.) FOLLOWING PNR LABOUR COYS OF 418
ITALIAN LABOUR REGT MOVE BY RAIL 10 SEP TO PIOMBINO FOR ONWARD
ROUTING TO LEGHORN (.) SECOND (.) FROM SAN GIOVANNI 246 COY
(.) THIRD (.) FROM CASERTA 247 COY (.) FOURTH (.) EACH
COY STRENGTH 5 OFFRS 207 GRS 10 TONS STORES (.) FIFTH (.)
11 BOX CARS PLACED SAN GIOVANNI AND CASERTA 100800 DEP 1200 ETA
ROME PM 11 SEP PIOMBINO AM 13 SEP (.) SIXTH (.) REPORTING GP
HQ PC PIOMBINO (.) SEVENTH (.) FULL WATER BOTTLES SEVEN DAYS
RATIONS TO BE TAKEN (.) EIGHT (.) ONE VEH EACH COY BY ROAD UNDER
UNIT ARRGTS (.) AUTHY AAI 3D 1568 OF 7 SEP NOT TO ALL

RESTRICTED

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C O P Y
IMPORTANT

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FROM : 091800

TO : 42 GP FC 57 AREA 701 KY GD DIV MOV ROME MOV WESTRAIL
RTO CASORIA

INFO : FREEDOM CITE PHGEM MOV AAI DGMRS DISTANCE TH FIFTH ARMY
BR INCP FIFTH ARMY FOR MOV MOV DISTONE MOV VAIRANO 64 GP FC
RTO CASERTA

MOV 844

RESTRICTED (.) 248 COY OF 418 ITALIAN PNR LABOUR REGT 5 OFFRS 207
ORS 10 TONS STORES MOVE BY RAIL 10 SEP CASORIA TO AREZZO (.) 11 BOX
CARS PLACED 100800 DEP 1200 ETA ROME PM 11 SEP AREZZO AM 13 SEP (.)
REPORTING 48 GP FC (.) FULL WATER BOTTLES SEVEN DAYS RATIONS TO BE
TAKEN (.) UNIT VEH BY ROAD UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS

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57 AREA

Copy to Lab REGIA 10 ✓ 227 Div 10
SD 136

RESTRICTED (.) under authority AAI SD 1576 of 8 sep following italian units presently
at AFRACOLA staging camp are allotted this HQ for rfts to lab units in existing regts (.)
REGIA bty para 191 (.) SARAJEVO bty para 189 (.) CRISTIANO bty para 204 (.) BORGO bty para
77 (.) URINI bty para 192

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191
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*Will any of these
go to 417 Regt?*

Subject :- Reinforcements - Italian Military

RF $\frac{9}{9}$

3 District
Ext 38
3Din/262/L
9 Sep 44

LABOUR Branch, AAI

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'G'

MMIA LO

LABOUR Directorate, AMHQ
Italian LO

1. It has been reported by Major FIELLON, MMIA LO FRIULI DIV that of the total of 1050 reinforcements allocated for 417 Italian Pioneer Labour Regt only 744 are available.
2. The remainder is composed of men in hospital at BARI or in SARDINIA.
3. The full total of 1050 is urgently required to reinforce 417 Regt which will otherwise have to be brought up to strength by men already earmarked for 3 District Italian Pioneer Labour Units.
4. May steps be taken to obtain the necessary reinforcements.

YWRP/ft

J. A. Wright
(C.R.B. HENT) Colonel,
IDL.

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57 Area Q. Gm

227 Div

MOVIT

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SD 192 RESTRICTED (.) ref my SD 167 of 8 Sep (.) move coys as warned (.)
authority AFHQ FX 93992 of 8 Sep (.) for MOVIT (.) conversation MUTTAL -
AYNES refers

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C 2136

TO : ACTION : (1) MOVWIT (2) DGMRS (3) SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI (4) MOV REGGIO
(5) M M I A

: INFO : (6) 57 AREA (7) DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES (8) MOV A A I

FROM : MOV DISTHREE

22 Aug 44

Originators No. MOV/221900

RESTRICTED (.) FURTHER TO A A I MOV 3156 dated 19 AUG 417 REGT now
required to detrain at CASORIA for AFRAGOLA STAGING CAMP (.)
Agreed LAB

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fall into enemy hands, this message
must be sent in CIPHER

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57 Area 64 Garrison 227 Div MOVWIT

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SD 167

RESTRICTED (.) Warning Order (.) Prepare to move the following under arrangements
MOVWIT on 10 sep to PIOMBINO for onward routing to LEGHORN (.) (A) from NAPLES
246 italian par lab coy (B) from CASERTA 247 Coy (.) both of 412 italian lab regt (.)
on arrival will come under cmd FIFTH ARMY for all purposes reporting to HQ par
corps PIOMBINO (.) str of each coy NOT carried in unit tpt personal 212
all ranks stores 10 tons

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FROM: MOVWTF

TO : DISTHERE

TO 71 . RESTRICTED . 917. REPARTO LAVATORI ARTIERI STRENGHI 4. OFFRS 143 CRE
1 TONS STORES ENTRAIN SANTA MARIA CAPUA VENEZI FOR ARZZO 8 SEP . 6 BOX CARS
PLACED 1000 HRS DEPART WHEN LOADED . 5 DAYS RATIONS . AAL MOV 3476 RIFERS .
ALL INEM

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from Q

6 Sep 44

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57 AREA MOVIT

Copy to :- Q Lab NMIA LO 227 Div LO

RD 118 CONFIDENTIAL (.) move italian personnel ex FRIULI div
str 1050 now alerted at PERSOVENTO to AFRAGOLA soonest (.) on
arrival will come under comd 227 div for 417 Italian Lab Regt (.)
pty will report to Brit LO 417 Regt (.) for MOVIT (.) party are
rfts urgently required by regt moving fwd shortly

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FROM: MOVWIT 070945

TO : DISSEMIN

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CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF MAI MOV 3510 OP 4 SEP NOT TO ALL (.) 400 ITALIAN INF COY 15
OFFRS 803 CRS 12 TONS MOVE BY RAIL CASORIA TO MINERVINO MURGE VIA BENEVENTO 8 SEP (.)
55 BOX CARS PLACED 0800 DEP 1000 MIA CERVARO 2100 MINERVINO AM 9 SEP (.) FULL WATER
BOTTLES 48 HOUR RATIONS TO BE TAKEN (.) ALL INFO

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MESSAGE FORM

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

Transmission Instructions

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FROM

(A) MIALO DISTHREE

Originator

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For Action

MEDIA

TO

(V) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

LAB DISTHREE
PBS for MIALO

Originator's No

HL 5 (.) restricted (.) of 1050 rfts ex over age PRIULI
 personnel destined 417 LAB REGT BR INTR BY PILLMAN only
 744 available save today (.) balance of 302 personnel in
 hosp POGGIA and SARDINIA (.) 1 BN 417 REGT needs 740 rfts
 and 2 BN 120 rfts to bring up to WE before their STD for
 B ARMY on 15 and 13 SEP respectively (.) LAB allocating
 reserves destined bring 407 REGT to WE to fill vacancies
 in 417 REGT but meanwhile urgently need replacements as
 otherwise 407 unable fulfill DISTHREE lab commitments (.)
 signed TRSUTY

restricted (.) of 1030 rfts ex over age PRIULI
 personnel destined 417 LAD RACT an imie by FLEEMAN only
 744 available now today (.) balance of 302 personnel in
 hoap FOSSIA and SARDINIA (.) 1 BN 417 RACT needs 740 rfts
 and 2 BN 120 rfts to bring up to WS before their ETD for
 B ARMY on 15 and 13 SEP respectively (.) LAD allocating
 reserves destined trying 407 RACT to fill vacancies
 in 417 RACT but meanwhile urgently need replacements as
 otherwise 407 unable fulfill ~~MITTRES~~ lab commitments (.)
 signed THRUPE

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	Signed.		Time Cleared	

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FROM MIA

TO AAI

RPTD DISTHREE DISTWO MIALO DISTHREE */* PBO for MIA

SD1365 (*) RESTRICTED Italians request authority and rail
tpt for following personnel of MANROVA DIVISION to move to
NAPLES for 417 Labour Regt (*) from GROFONE 82 org from
CARRO GUENO (CATANZARO) 24 org from CATANZARO MARINA 33 org
from CATANZARO 54 org (*) In view of your sp1364 of 29
August suggest these be routed to MINERVINO for DISTWO labour
units

May be sent as written To be sent in cipher if
except (*) wireless liable to interception

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FROM: MOV REAR EIGHTH ARMY 021815 B

ACTION: CE DISTOIB 71 SUB AREA RTO AREZZO MOV WESTRAIL
INFO: MOV AAI MOVWIT DISTIBRE MOV DISTIBRE MOV VAIRANO 57 AREA
MOV ROME DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES

MOV/021815 . SECRET . REF MOV AAI 3230 ON 22 NOT TO ALL . 52 ARTILLERY COY
STRENGTH 4 OFFICERS 183 ORS WILL MOVE BY RAIL AREZZO TO BENEVENTO FOR SARE
SAN GEORGIO . REP TO REPORT TO RTO AREZZO EARLIEST THIRD SEPT . COY TO
ENTRAIN FOURTH SEPT . DETAILED TIMINGS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV WESTRAIL .

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C O P Y

FROM : AAI 021745 B

TO : MOVVIT DGERS ISIA SUPERMERCATO TRASPORTI
INFO : MOV VAIANO MOV ROLE MOV WESTWALL DISTONE 10418 8 ARMY
DISTANCE 57 AREA PHS FOR ISIA LO 664 ART WKS COY

MOV 3476 RESTRICTED (.) ARRANGE RAIL MOVE 914 REPARATO LAVORTORI ARTIERI 4 OFFRS
148 CRG 1 TONS STORES FROM S MARIA CAPIA VITERBE TO ANREZZO DEPARTING 8 SEP (.)
FOR ATT 664 ART WKS COY AT SAN QUIRICO (.) AAI 39 1347 OF 28 AUG REFERS

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SUBJECT : Lab at AFRAGOLA.

3DIA/6

5 September 1944.

TO : Army Sub Commission AOC
MAIN HQ. (MRIA)
ROME

1. Attention DADL and ref verbal conversation SUYS - TERUPP.
2. I have made enquiries with Lab 3 District and it seems that the statement that 1900 Italian personal have been idle at AFRAGOLA Camp since 4 July is not correct. Lab can trace no such number that have not long since been absorbed into units or otherwise disposed of.
3. Recent movements of large numbers of tps have been, in broad outline, as follows: -
 - (a) One Bn of 412 Regt arrived in mid-July and was sent fwd at beginning August.
 - (b) 1050 rfts arrived mid-August and were absorbed as follows:- 300 to UE units, 200 to 94 Sub Area and the balance to 1 Bn 407 Regt.
 - (c) At end August 2 Bn 417 Regt (strength 1178 all ranks) arrived. These are still at AFRAGOLA but are being formed-up to move fwd in 4 days time.
4. Does this answer your query? *Yes*
5. The release for clothing for 417 has now reached 42 Pnr Gp and there should be no difficulty from that angle.

[Handwritten Signature]
Major.
S. M. M. I. A. 10
3 District

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TO : MOVET DEMRS IMIA SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI
INFO : MOVET NOV POGGIA NOV BARIANTA DISTIERNE 57 AREA DISTWO
DETRAIL BARI PBS FOR IMIA LO

HOW 3510

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ARRANGE RAIL MOVE 400 ITALIAN INF COY 15 OFFRS 303 CES 12
TONS HIGH CASORIA TO MINERVINO MURGE DEPARTING 8 SEP VIA PERGAMINO (.) AAI
ED 1448 OF 3 KEWERS

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DISPATCH

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57 AREA 24 SUB AREA

MOVET

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ED 3313

RESTRICTED (.) det Italian ref in cir 203 all ranks voice nil will move earliest after 30 aug under arrangements MOVET from AFRICA to LA FIDELIA (.) on arrival will come under adn cond 24 sub area

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INFO: 57 Area 6A GARRISON
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SD 3320

RESTRICTED (.) under authority AAI SD 1565 of 29 aug NOT to all 1050 italian personnel
ex FRIULI div pass wef 29 aug to cond this HQ for lab duties (.) will be used first for
completion 417 par lab regt.

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1050 lab regts to 417

SUBJECT:- 417 Pnr Lab Regt.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel FILPOT 73

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1605/50/32/G(SD)1

20 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission ACC

1. On arrival in 3 District, 1 Bn 417 Lab Regt was found to be 2 offrs and 453 ORs short of WE strength 34 offrs and 1265 ORs.

2. Will you please ensure that the balance is supplied as soon as possible, informing this HQ of the location from which they will have to be moved.

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for Lieut General
Chief of General Staff.

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SD 3327

RESTRICTED (.) 29 artieri coy str 100 all ranks baggage 18 tons is moving this date from AREZZO to BENEVENTO for SAN GIORGIO (.) on arrival comes under comd 227 div (.) MIA BENEVENTO 1200 hrs 2 sep (.) on routing to SAN GIORGIO under arrangements 57 area

Maria Ray

IMPORTANT

29 Artieri Coy

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67 AREA 64 GARRISON NOVIT
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SD 3325

RESTRICTED (.) 218 reparto lavoratori artigiani 27y offre 4 GRa 148 ster
1 ton are to move after 8 sep under ordare NOVIT from SANTA MARIA CAPU
VETERE to NAPLES for att. to 258 art was coy (.) on arrival will come
under code 227 div

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915 Rep lav Art (656 AW Coy Re)
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SD 3283

RESTRICTED (.) 13 artieri coy is moving under arrangements MOVBIT 31 sug
from TARANTO to SAN GIORGIO N 2946 (.) str 157 all ranks (.) on arrival
will come under comd 227 div

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TO	(W) For information (INFO) MMIA LO 227 Div LO Lab		

Originator's No. SD 3281

RESTRICTED (.) 5 artieri coy (italian) is moving by rail soonest under orders rear EIGHTH ARMY from ASSISI to SAN GIORGIO (.) on arrival will come under comd 227 div

P.S.S. - As. M. 144 - 100,000 pads 109 444.

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LABOUR BRANCH
HQ 3 DISTRICT
AUGUST 1944

Notes for the guidance of the British Cadre
attached to an Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.

(AMENDED)
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1. The War Establishments of Italian Pioneer Labour Units are as follows :-

Regiment HQ	A1/13/1	Appendix: (A') " (B') " (C')
Battalion HQ	A1/14/1	
Coy HQ & 4 Platoons	A1/11/1	

2. To each company is attached a British Cadre, the War Establishment of which is A1/2/1 (Appendix 'D').

3. These notes are prepared for guidance and must not be accepted as the limitations of the duties of the British Cadre.

4. ORGANISATION

(i) All Italian Pioneer Labour Units in 57 Area and 94 S/Area are administered through HQ 227 Division (Italian) under the command of Lt. Col. Gen S. FOLSI, the chain of command being :-

- MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
- COLONDO MILITARE CAMPANI.
- 227 DIVISION HQ
- REGIMENT HQ
- BATTALION HQ
- COMPANY HQ

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5. AVAILABILITY

(i) To ensure that a high availability of labour is maintained the company must be adequately administered; the standard of discipline must not be lower than that of any other Pioneer Unit.

The British Cadre will advise on this matter and will pay particular attention to medical services available to the Italian personnel, also to hygiene and sanitation within the Unit lines.

Full advantage must be taken of anti-aircraft stores supplied, i.e., Mysel, napalm and Rocqueto Repellent.

(ii) The inefficiency of any Italian officer or NCO will be reported to this office, through Group HQ, by the British Officer.

(iii) The grant of leave will be dependent on the demands for labour for operations and training. When circumstances permit each man should be allowed to be off duty for one day each week. **293**

Privilege leave is at present under discussion and a directive will be issued by HQ A.I. in the near future. In the meantime, short periods, not exceeding five days may be granted and not more than 5% of the total personnel of the unit will be permitted to be away at one time.

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6. G.1098 STORES

(i) Suggested scales of War Equipment have now been approved for

Italian PL Coys
Italian PL Regiments

{ Appendix 'E'
" " 'P' }

(ii) Items of Camp Equipment, Mugs, Emel, and bags shoemakers, fitted, are in very short supply and are only issued to British Units.

(iii) Issue will be made, normally, from Italian stocks but in cases where items are not available from Italian sources, approval has been given for their issue from British stocks. When indenting for issues from British stocks for Italian PL Coys the reference 3465/4/2(AB) will be quoted.

7. CLOTHING & NECESSARIES.

(i) The authorised scale of issue per man from available stocks will not exceed :-

Jackets, Battle Dress, Dyed	{ or Coats Wool	1
Trousers " " "	{ or Trousers Wool	1
Boots, pairs		1
Shirts, wool or cotton		2
Caps, wool		1
Drawers, wool or cotton		2
+Vests, wool or cotton		2
Socks, wool or cotton, pairs		3
Belts, waist, web		1
-Greatcoat, or mackinaw		1
-Pullover		1
Coaferters, (in lieu of 2 blankets)		1

- + One Pullover may be issued in lieu of 2 winter vests.
- = Issued only during winter and to certain approved units.

8. METHOD OF IDENTIFYING

(a) G.1098 Stores

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8. METHOD OF INDENTING

(a) G. 1098 Stores

(i) Each Liaison Officer will submit to HQ Group PC a list of deficiencies of his company.

(ii) HQ Group PC will consolidate the requirements of the coys under its command and will render copies of indents to the following: -

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito,ROME	2 copies
Ministero Della Guerra,ROME	1 copy
HQ 227 Div (Italian), CAVA dei VENEZIANI	1 copy
DIADL, MIL.	1 copy

(iii) DIADL MILA will expedite the release of items that are available from Italian sources and will notify HQ Group PC of those items NOT available.

(iv) HQ Group PC will then indent on ADOS/ADCS for the stores NOT available from Italian sources provided such items are not of Italian pattern - quoting ref 3465/4/9(14). **292**

8. METHOD OF PURCHASING (CONT'D)

(b) Clothing and Necessaries

- (i) Lists of deficiencies will be submitted by the Italian Coy Commander to the Regt HQ, through Battalion HQ.
- (ii) Regt HQ will render a consolidated indent for the requirements of the coys to reach Divisional HQ by the 10th and 25th of each month, for onward transmission to GIRE.
A translation of instructions issued by 227 Divisional HQ is attached hereto for information.
- (iii) To facilitate the release of clothing, each Liaison Officer will forward a copy of the indent submitted by his company to HQ Group PC.
- (iv) HQ Group PC will arrange with Regt HQ to obtain a copy of the consolidated indent and this will be sent direct to DADL MILA, who will notify the Pioneer Group as soon as the release to Regt HQ is authorized.
- (c) Should supplies not be available within a reasonable period a report will be submitted through Group HQ to this office.
- (d) The British Cadre will ensure that all clothing is kept in a good state of repair and will assume responsibility for all documentation in respect of RECEIPTS and ISSUES.

9. RATION SCALES

- (i) A LOW Ration Scale effective from 1 Aug 44 is given below.
RATION SCALE FOR ITALIAN ARMED FORCES
(as quoted in App 'A' to HQ A.I.I letter 1025/1/91 of 23 Jul 44).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SCALE</u>
Flour	12 oss per day
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 "
Canned Meat or Preserved Fish	3 "
Cheese	1 "
Sugar	1 "
Lard/Lard	3 "
Rice	1 "
Beans Dried or Peas Dried	2 "
Tomato Catsup or Ketchup	1 "

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(as quoted in App 'A' to HQ A.I. letter 1025/1/91 of 28 Jul 44).

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SCALE</u>
Flour	12 ozs per day
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 " "
Canned Meat or Preserved Fish	3 " "
Cheese	1 " "
Sugar	1 " "
Macaroni	3 " "
Rice	1 " "
Beans Dried or Peas Dried	2 " "
Tomato Catsup or Pesto	1/4 " "
Coffee	1/2 " "
Pepper	1/200"
Matches (per week)	2 books or 1 box

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Additional items to be procured by the Italian Military at their own expense.

Fruit	4 ozs per day
Fresh Vegetables	8 " "
Olive Oil	1 " "
Nuts	1 " "
Salt	1 " "
Wine	1/2 litre
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NOTE : - The authy for issue of an extra 2 oz of Preserved Meat for heavy workers has now been cancelled.

9. RATION SCALES (CONT'D)

(ii) Supplies are an IGC responsibility and will be drawn from Italian stores, but the British Officer will deal as far as possible with any difficulties that may arise, and will report them, through Group HQ, to this office.

10. PAY

(i) The Italian Military Service is not paid from any British Military source. It is the entire responsibility of the Italian Military Government.

(ii) Pay is drawn every fifteen days by the CC Company through Battalion and Regtl HQ channels and a form of acquittance roll is used.

A supplementary cash allowance of 5 Lire per diem, per head, for local purchase of rations is drawn in the same manner. Cash Ledgers and Receipts for such payments are maintained by the Company HQ and produced on demand to the Administrative Officers of the Battalion or Regimental HQ.

11. TRANSPORT

(i) Each Regtl and Bn HQ is being issued with one car 2-str, and each Coy with one 5 ton truck GS, from British sources.

The vehicles, while for the use of units concerned, will be carried on charge of the British Cadre attached to the Italian Coys, as the complete handing over of British vehicles to Italian Units is not permitted.

In addition, one W/C (solo) will be issued to each British Officer, for his own use.

(ii) The British Cadre, therefore, will assume full responsibility for all transport issued for the use of the Italian Unit and will ensure that :-

(a) All vchs are properly maintained and that necessary repair facilities are available at the nearest IGHM V/Shop.

(b) Necessary documentation is carried out.

10.

PAY

(i) The Italian Military Service is not paid from any British Military source. It is the entire responsibility of the Italian Military Government.

(ii) Pay is drawn every fifteen days by the CC Company through Battalion and Regt HQ channels and a form of acquittance roll is used.

A supplementary cash allowance of 5 Lire per diem, per

head, for local purchase of rations is drawn in the same manner. Cash Ledgers and Receipts for such payments are maintained by the Company HQ and produced on demand to the administrative Officers of the Battalion or Regimental HQ.

11.

TRANSPORT

(i) Each Regt and Bu HQ is being issued with one car 2-str, and each Coy with one 3 ton truck GS, from British sources.

The vehicles, while for the use of units concerned, will be carried on charge of the British Cadre attached to the Italian Coys, on the complete handing over of British vehicles to Italian Units is not permitted.

In addition, one M/C (solo) will be issued to each British Officer, for his own use.

(ii) The British Cadre, therefore, will assume full responsibility for all transport issued for the use of the Italian Unit and will ensure that :-

(a) All vohs are properly maintained and that necessary repair facilities are available at the nearest RUCB W/Shops.

(b) Necessary documentation is carried out.

(c) WD Vohs supplied are not misused.

(iii) POL will be drawn from WD sources for journeys authorised by the British Officer, on production of JF G/918 and J3 412. A return of the total quantity of POL drawn each month will be submitted to this office through Group HQ.

(iv) All WD vohs supplied for the use of Italian Units will bear the formation sign shown at Appendix 'C'.

12.

DISCIPLINE

(i) The British Officer will liaise between the Coy, employing Sergeant, Pioneer Group HQ and the Italian HQ concerning the Coy.

(ii) The Coys are required to attain the high standard of discipline set out in the above. The British Officer will ensure that all respects for this, which rests with the British Officer attached to the unit. It will assist considerably to bring about a mutual understanding between the Italian Coy -Officers and the British Officers if they share the same Mess. 290

5.

12. LLAISON (CONT'D)

(iii) The British Officer will ensure that orders and instructions in respect of Italian Military are implemented. All Routine Order 159/44 is repeated for information.

159. Italian MF Companies

Traffic accidents and claims other than those arising from traffic accidents.

1. The traffic accident and claims procedure laid down in GROS 96 & 97 of 1944 will apply to Italian MF Companies, which have been formed on British War Establishments.

2. OSG Units will, therefore, ensure that every Italian service driver is thoroughly conversant with the action he must take in the event of a traffic accident.

(2163/Q2)

(iv) All orders to Italian personnel will be given through an Italian Officer by the British Officer and not by the British MOOs.

13. RETURNS

(i) Regarding returns the Italian Unit will be treated in the same way as an equivalent British Unit.

(ii) A General Report will be submitted, through Group HQ, to this office, on the 1st day of each month.

This report will include :-

- (a) nominal roll of British personnel with comments.
- (b) Administration of Unit.
- (c) Discipline.
- (d) Leave.
- (e) Transport, (including POL returns, see para 5).
- (f) Clothing.
- (g) Difficulties encountered during the preceding month.

14. BRITISH PAYMENTS

(i) The British Officer will pay attention to the welfare of the British and make his command.

(ii) Pay will be drawn from the nearest Interest holder.

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2. Q&D Units will, therefore, ensure that every Italian service driver is thoroughly conversant with the action he must take in the event of a traffic accident.

(2163/Q2)

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- (d) Leave.
- (e) Transport. (including POL return, see para 2).
- (f) Clothing.
- (g) Miscellaneous encountered during the preceding month.

14. BRITISH EMPLOYMENT

(i) The British Officer will pay attention to the welfare of the British GAC under his command.

(ii) Pay will be drawn from the nearest Imperial holder.

John H. ...

(C.R.E. (R.I.C.H.T.)) Colonel,
D.D.L.

15 Aug 44
GEN/SJH

APPENDIX 'A'

31/13/1

Effective Date 13 Jul 14

REVISOR

HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

LABOUR PLACEMENT

MAC BSAVALISHAWNI

(1) Personnel

ADT NO.	
DATE	9
OTOMS	27
O. P. S.	36
TOTAL	-
V.C.S.	1
VEHICLES	-
TRAILERS	-

DETAILED	Officers	arrant Officers Class I	arrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance Corporals	Privates	Total
Commanding Officer (Colonel)	1								1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1								1
Staff Officer (a)	1								1
Rations Officer (a)	1								1
Legal Officer (a)	1								1
Pay Officer (a)	1								1
Administration Officer (a)	1								1
Medical Officer (Surgeon) (a)	1								1
U.S. Platoon									
Platoon Officer (Lieutenant)	1								1
Regimental Sergeant Major		1							1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant				1					1
Clerks (includes one Lance Sergeant)						2		2	4
Postal M.C.O.						1			1
M.C.O. i/c Pay (b)						1(b)			1
M.C.O. i/c Hygiene (b)						1(b)			1
Orderly (Office)								1	1
Drivers i/c (c)								4(c)	4
Cyclists								2	2
Batmen								4	4
Cooks								2	2
General Butcher								5	5
Total U.S. Platoon	1	1		1		5		20	28

Italian

DETAIL

(1) Personnel

	Officers	Platoon Officers	Class I	Platoon Officers	Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance Corporals	Privates	Total
Commanding Officer (Colonel)	1										1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1										1
Staff Officer (a)	1										1
Battalion Officer (a)	1										1
Legal Officer (a)	1										1
Pay Officer (a)	1										1
Administration Officer (a)	1										1
Medical Officer (Surgeon) (a)	1										1
<u>H.Q. Platoon</u>											
Platoon Officer (Lieutenant)	1										1
Regimental Sergeant Major		1									1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant						1					1
Clerks (includes one Lance Serjeant)								2		2	1
Postal N.C.O.								1			1
H.C.O. i/c Pay (b)								1 (b)			1
H.C.O. i/c Hygiene (b)								1 (b)			1
Orderly (Office)										1	1
Drivers i/c (c)										4	4
Cyclists										2	2
Patmen										4	4
Cooks										2	2
General Dutymen										5	5
Total H.Q. Platoon	1	1				1		5		20	28
Total Headquarters Italian Pioneer Labour Regiment	9	1				1		5		20	36

(II) Transport

- Bicycles 2
- Car, 4-str, 4 x 2 1
- (a) Captain or Lieutenant.
- (b) May be Lance Serjeant.
- (c) 5 for animal transport.

This Headquarters is intended to command two Battalion Headquarters on
 with 10/4/41 and twelve Pioneer Labour Companies on 11/1/41. A.I./11/1.
 (16/135)

APPENDIX 'B'

Effective Date 15 Jul 44 AI/11/41

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS INDIAN PIONEER

LABOUR BATTALION

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

ADDT NO	:	:
DATE	:	:
OFFRS	:	4
O.Rs.	:	11
TOTAL.	:	15
L.Cs.	:	-
VEHICLES	:	1
TRAILERS	:	-

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers	Class I	Warrant Officers	Class II	Staff-Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Large-Corporals	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (lieut colonel or major)	1										1
Adjutant (capt or lieut)	1										1
Lieutenant	1										1
Medical Officer	1										1
Warrant Officer Class II				1				1(a)			1
Clerks										2	2
Cyclist (orderlies)										2	2
Cook										1	1
Batmen										2	2
Drivers IC (b)										2	2
Total, Headquarters It- alian Par Labour Bn.	4							1		9	15

(ii) Transport

Bicycles 2
Car, 4 str 4x2 1

(i) Personnel. : : TRAILERS : : : : : : : :

	Officers	Warrant Officers	Class I	Warrant Officers	Class II	Staff-Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (lieut colonel or major)	1										1
Adjutant (capt or lieut)	1										1
Lieutenant	1										1
Medical Officer	1										1
Warrant Officer Class II			1					1(a)			3
Clerks										2	2
Cyclist (orderlies)										1	1
Cook										2	2
Batmen										1	1
Drivers IC (b)										2	2
Total, Headquarters Italian Pnr Labour Bn.	4							1		9	15

(ii) Transport

- Bicycles 2
- Car, 4 str 4x2 1
- (a) May be lance-corporant
- (b) One for animal transport.

This Headquarters is designed to command and administer up to six Italian Pioneer Labour Companies on VE AI/11/1.

File 1701/53/G(SD2).

(16/136)

	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Privates	Total
Officer Commanding (Captain or Major)	1							1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant								1
Corporal (for pay duties) (a)								1
Trameters								1
Orderly (office)								1
Orderly (cyclist)								1
Battain								1
Drivers I. O.								1
Total, Headquarters Italian Pioneer Labour Company:	1		1	1	1	1	7	10
<u>Platoon (each)</u>								
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1							1
M.C.Os.								4
Privates						3(a)	45	45
Battain							1	1
Total, each platoon Italian Pioneer Labour Company	1		1			3	46	51
Total, Italian Pioneer Labour Coy.	5		4	1		13	191	214

(ii) Transport

Bicycle 1
Lorry 3-ton 4x2 1
CS 1

(a) May be L/Sjts

File : 1701/53/G(SD2)

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BRITISH CADRE FOR ITALIAN PIONEER
LABOUR COMPANY

RESTRICTED

	AI/2/1	(1 page)
Officers	:	1
ORs	:	2
Total	:	3
M/Cs	:	1
Vehicles	:	-
Trailers	:	-

WAR
ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

Captain	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
Total Officers	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
Company Quartermaster (Serjeant)	-	-	-	-	1
Clerk (Corporal)	-	-	-	-	<u>1</u>
Total Other Ranks	-	-	-	-	<u>2</u>
Total British Cadre for Italian Pioneer Labour Company.	-	-	-	-	3

(ii) Transport

Motor Cycle, solo.	-	-	-	-	1
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NOTE:- This Cadre is intended to be employed with Italian Pioneer Labour Company in forward areas. (5/30)
File: 1713/19/G(SD2)

APPENDIX 'D'

SUGGESTED SCALE OF WAR EQUIPMENT FOR ITALIAN P.I. COYS

STANDARD: - 5 Coffrs 209 C.Rs.

SCALE OF TRANSPORT: Lorry 5-ton - 1

<u>Designation</u>	<u>Qty</u>
<u>Sect. CC.</u>	
Gloves Mtrs (IMI Pattern)	1
Goggles M.	1
<u>Sect. CE</u>	
Capes M.	214
<u>Sect. I V6 IMI</u>	
Extinguishers, Fire (IMI Pattern)	1
<u>Sect. J.L.</u>	
Ficks Lims (IMI Pat)	4
Axes Felling "	2
Hammers Hand "	2
Shovels G.S. "	4
<u>Sect. N.E.</u>	
Ladles, Cook G.S.	4
Bowls, hand (IMI Pat)	4
Knives, cook 6"	3
" opening tin	4
Steels, Butcherings (IMI Pat)	2
Kettles, Camp	8
<u>Sect. J2</u>	
Containers Water 14 Litre	19
" " 6 "	20
Stoves Soyur Complete	4
Tents, Fibres	209 or Tents bivouac - 105
Pegs, tent	418
Poles, wood	418
Tents, 160 lb	4
Mallets	50
<u>Sect. K</u>	
Lamps Hurricane	4
<u>Sect. W2</u>	
Torches hand	2
Wick 3/8" feet	3
Brush S.H.U.	8
Cotton Wastes (Italian)	28
" (Italian)	50

214

Sect L V6 LIII
Extinguishers, Fire (IMI Pattern)

Sect J. I.
Picks 4 lbs (IMI Pat)
Axes Felling " "
Hammers Hand " "
Shovels G.S. " "

Sect K. R.
Ladles, Cook G.B.
Bowls, hand (IMI Pat)
Knives, cook 6"
" opening tin
Steels, Butchering (IMI Pat)
Kettles, Camp

Sect J2
Containers Water 14 Litre
" " 6 "
Stoves Soyer Complete
Tents, Pieces
Pegs, tent
Poles, wood
Tents, 160 lb
Mallets

Sect K
Lamps Hurricane

Sect W2
Torches hand
Wick 3/4" feet
Brush S.H.U.
Cotton Wastes (Italian)
Soap, yellow, lbs (Italian)
Oil 4, pts
Flamelleto, yds
Rifles, (Italian Pat)
Pistols " "
Bayonets (Italian Pat 0)
Scabbards (Italian Pat)
Rods, cleaning, rifles
" " , pistols
Slings Rifle
Cases Pistol
SAA (Italian)
SAA .9mm
Mitragliatrice Breda
Magazine Breda
Cables towing (Italian Pat)

1
4
2
2
4
4
4
3
4
2
8
10
20
4
209 or Tents bivouac - 405
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418
4
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<u>Designation</u>	
<u>Sect J'</u>	
Shells ground	214
<u>Sect K'</u>	
Helmet, steel	214
Tins, mess, rectangular	214
Bottles water & slings, (IMI Pat)	214
Knapsack (IMI Pat)	214
Belts with AM pouches	214
(in lieu of bandoliers)	214
Respirators complete (IMI Pat)	214
Respirator packets (IMI Pat)	426
Ointment 1/3 (IMI Pat)	814
Cotton waste, cans (IMI Pat)	856
Blankets, 10	
<u>Sect K''</u>	
Spoons Gray	5
<u>Sect J2</u>	
Containers Cooking 6 gall	8
Buckets 15"	8

214

Sheets ground

Sect M
 Helmets, steel
 Tins, tins, rectangular
 Bottles water & slings, (IMI Pat)
 Rucksack (IMI Pat)
 Belts with A.M. Pouches
 (in lieu of bandoliers)
 Respirators complete (IMI Pat)
 Eyeshields, pockets (IMI Pat)
 Ointment 1/8 (IMI Pat)
 Cotton Waste, 500 (IMI Pat)
 Blankets, 20

Sect N
 Spoons, Grey

Sect O
 Containers Cooking 6 gall
 Buckets 13"

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APPENDIX 121

SUGGESTED SCALE OF WAR EQUIPMENT FOR HQ

ITALIAN PIONEER LABOUR REGIMENT

STRENGTH : 9 Officers 27 CR.

DATE : 24/12/41.

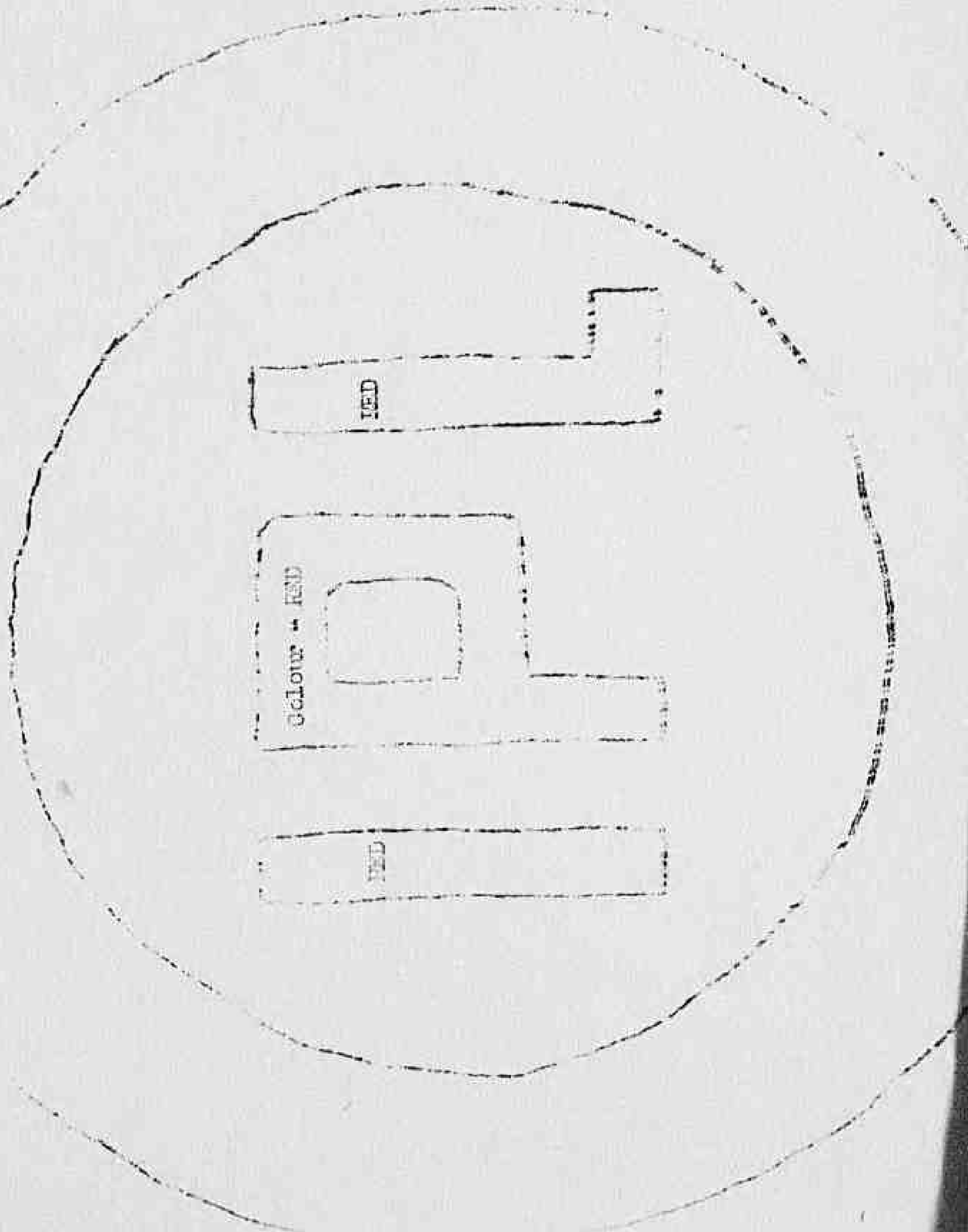
TRANSPORT: Cars, 4-str, 4 x 2 : 1
Bicycles : 2

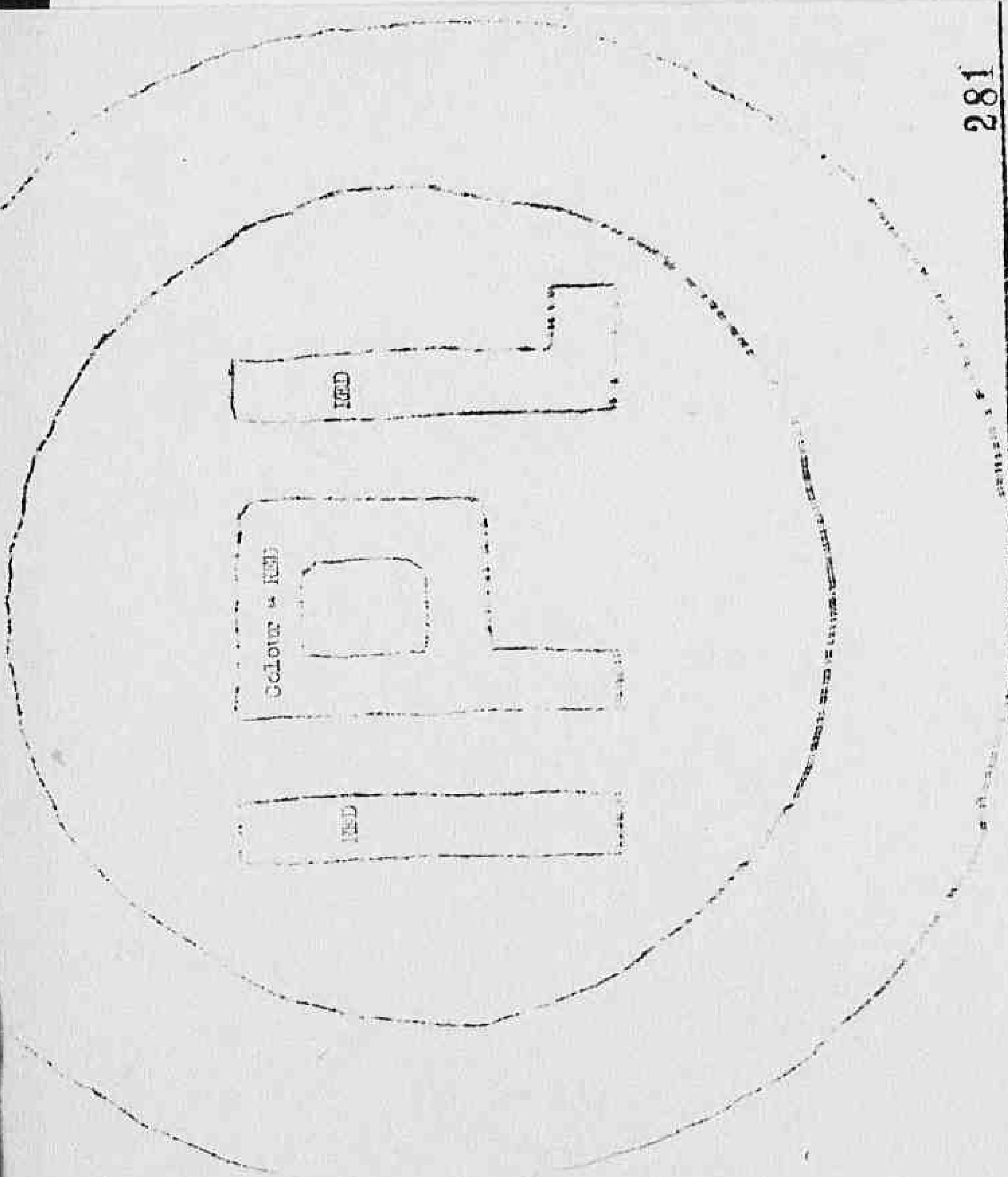
Designation	Qty	Designation	Qty
<u>Sec CC</u> Gloves HT prs (It pat)	1	<u>Sec W2</u> Torches, Hand	2
Goggles HT	1	Wicks 1/2"	3
<u>Sec CV</u> Capes AG	36	Brush S.H.U.	4
<u>Sec L Vó IMI</u> Extinguishers, fire, (It pat)	1	Cotton Waste (It)	5
<u>Sec J.I.</u> Picks, 4-lb (It pat)	1	Soap, yellow (It)	8
Axes, felling (It pat)	1	Oil, ...	7
Hammers Hand { " " }	1	Flannolette	8
Shovels GS { " " }	2	Rifles (It pat)	27
Sheets Ground	36	Pistols { " " }	9
<u>Sec YF</u> Ladles Cook GS	2	Bayonets { " " }	27
Bowls Hand (It pat)	2	Scabbards { " " }	1
Knives Cook 6"	2	Reds cleaning, rifle	1
" Opening Tin	2	" " pistol	1
Stools lurching (It pat)	2	Slings rifle	27
Kettles Camp	2	Cases pistol	9
Spoons Gravy	4	SAM (Italian)	1350
<u>Sec J2</u> Containers, Cooking 6-gall	3	SAM .9mm	42
" Water 14-litre	3	Mitragliatrice Breda	1
" " 6-litre	3	Magazine Breda	10
" " " 6-litre	3	Cables, Towing (It pat)	1
" " " 6-litre	3	<u>Sec M</u> Helmets Steel	36
" " " 6-litre	3	Tins Moss Rectangular	36
" " " 6-litre	3	Bottles Water & Sling (It pat)	36
" " " 6-litre	3	Hardware (It pat)	36
" " " 6-litre	3	Belts with am pouches	36
" " " 6-litre	3	(in lieu of am pouches)	36
" " " 6-litre	3	Respirators complete	36
" " " 6-litre	3	(It pat)	36

Designation	Qty	Designation	Qty
<u>Sec W2</u>		<u>Sec W2</u>	
Gloves LF prs (It pat)	1	Torches, Hand	
Goggles LF	1	Wicks 1/2"	feet
		Brush S.H.U.	
<u>Sec W</u>		Cotton Waste (It)	lbs
Capes AG	36	Soap, yellow (It)	lbs
		Oil, i.	yds
<u>Sec L V6 III</u>		Flannellette	
Extinguishers, fire, (It pat)	1	Rifles (It pat)	27
		Pistols { " }	9
<u>Sec J.I.</u>		Bayonets { " }	27
Picks, 4-lb (It pat)	1	Scabbards { " }	27
Axes, felling (It pat)	1	Rods cleaning, rifle	1
Hammers Hand { " }	1	" " pistol	1
Shovels GS { " }	2	Slings rifle	27
Sheets Ground	36	Cases Pistol	9
		SM (Italian)	1350
<u>Sec III</u>		SAA .9mm	42
Ladles Cook GS	2	Mitragliarico Breda	1
Dovls Hand (It pat)	2	Magazine Breda	10
Knives Cook 6"	2	Cables, Towing (It pat)	1
" Opening Tin	2		
Steels Butchering (It pat)	2	<u>Sec M1</u>	
Kettles Camp	2	Helmet Steel	36
Spears Gravy	4	Tins Tins Rectangular	36
		Bottles Water & Sling (It pat)	36
<u>Sec J2</u>		Haversack (It pat)	36
Containers, Cooking 6-gall	3	Belts with own pouches	36
" Water 14-litre	3	(in lieu of bandoliers)	
" " 6-litre	3	Respirators complete	
Steros, Sawyer, complete	1	(It pat)	36
Tents, pieces	27	Eye Shields pnts (It pat)	36
of Tents, Strouco	14	Ornament AG	72
Pegs Tent	54	Cotton Waste ovs { " }	144
Tables, wood	5	Blankets 30	144
Tents, 160 lb	6		
Mallets	9		
Buckets 12"	4		
<u>Sec II</u>			
Leaps, Hurricane	1		

APPENDIX 'G'

Colour - Green





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SUBJECT: Tent Pieces for ADL "D" Labor Team.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/6
4 January 1945.

TO : MMIA LO 3 District.

Reference Appdx. A to your letter 3 DLO/6
of 27 Dec.

1. The following units for which tent pieces are demanded are not authorized units.

	<u>Strength</u>
a. 6 Coy 513 Regt (should be 6 Coy 515 Regt.)	150
b. 547 Bty.	150
c. 550 Bty.	150
Total -	<u>450</u>

2. These units appear in Category 6 (B) BRI-ITI reinforcements section of MMIA Order of Battle and should be held in Afragola Camp and called forward as replacements as required.

3. It is not understood therefore, why you, as our representative on the spot, should have forwarded this indent to Hq. for approval.

4. Items that are known by you not to be available from stocks under control of this Hq, should not be referred here, but a certificate of non-availability given by you.

F.A. Cole
F.A. COLE, Major
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

FAC/ag

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3000/6 file.*

9/11
 Subject:- Organisation - Italian Military Units

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 106 file*

3 District
 Tel 10923
 Dis/250/L
 8 Jan 45

MGIA LO

1. The following figures for HQ staffs of the u/m units are submitted:-

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>NCOs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
546 Bty	3	3	17
547 Bty	3	3	17
6 Coy 513 Regt	2	2	17

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W. Stretzell Capt
 (E. F. D. STRETTELL) Colonel
 DOL

FWPT/CRF

Walsuplata

1806

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23 FEB Recd

COPY MESSAGE

FROM: DISTONE 221005A
TO 55 AREA 61 AREA
INFO AFHQ CITE PRGCT: DISTHREE: DISTHREE EAST: 54 AREA:
MOVCENT: MOV AREZZO: MOV ANCONA

SD 2 CONFIDENTIAL . UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVCENT MOVE 507 AND 509 ITALIAN SMOKE
COYS FROM UNDER COMD DISTONE AT ANCONA AND AREZZO RESPECTIVELY BY RAIL 24 FEB
TO TRANI. STR EACH COY 180 ALL RANKS 6 TONS STORES. ON ARRIVAL TO ITALIAN
BASE RPT CAMP TRANI UNDER COMD DISTHREE. AUTHY AFHQ FX31130 OF 21 FEB

To:- NMIA IO

From:- G(SD)

611/G

23 Feb 45

W. J. Watson
Capt RA
(JF WATSON) Maj
for Lt Col
G 278

MINIA LO DISTURBS

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DISTONE

HL 223 (.) Restricted (.) 49 BRITI pr rfts departed
AFRAGOLA 19 clothed as follows (.) BD blouses 49 (.) PD trousers
49 (.) Boots 49 (.) socks 49 (.) shirts 49 (.) drawers 49 (.)
vests 49 (.) each man in possession of modified M 1157

R. Shonick

Routine.

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20 FEB Recd

MEMO LROF NR 2501 (ROUTINE) 91M
FROM (C) M.M.I.A. 191230A
TO (FOR INFO) 3 DISTRICT - MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
CR --- BT

Bo 194584
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SD2316 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF MMIA SD/28 OF 17 FEB PARA 2 AND MMIA LO
DISTMREE HL 212 OF 17 FEB (.) SMOKE COYS RFTS WILL BE ALLOTTED AS
FOLLOWS (.) 502 COY BARI 20 (.) 508 COY BRINDISI 52 (.) ALL INFORMED
BT

SENT NR 2501 DML ...DML 1905 (RBB)

RD

251XXXX 2501

1906 MMC B

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

182001

194584

MMIALO

Subject: - rafts - Italian Par Coys
19 FEB Recd

PS 19/2/45

3 District
Baseball 97
3012/262/L
19 Feb 45

D. Labour,
AFHQ.

MEMIA LO

Ref your DL/2/44 dated 16 Feb 45.

1. Herewith copy report from OC 66 Group PG.
2. Ref para 1. Presumably these instructions emanated from MEMIA at AFHQ. Further information is being obtained from OC 66 Gp on this matter.
3. Ref para 4. May this be taken up on this occasion as very serious.
4. Ref para 6. May pressure be brought to bear on MEMIA to release underclothing.
5. Ref para 7. May pressure be brought to ensure some form of military training at these Depots.
6. It is understood that a British Cadre is being established at each of the two Italian Reinforcement Camps at TRANI and APRUGOLA. It is presumed that these Cadres will ensure that the reinforcement drafts sent forward are adequately equipped.

R. S. Strickell
(R. S. STRICKELL) Colonel
DDL

308/GRF

Copy to: File 266/L

C O P Y

Subj: Afts - Italian Pnc Units

Headquarters
66 Group, Pnr Corps
Ref: 66/30

14 Feb 45

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3 District

Herewith report called for in your letter JDis/262/L dated 10 February 45.

1. The 88 Italian CBs despatched from Trani Base Reinforcement Depot to ADL 'G' Team on 5/4 Feb were not clothed or equipped on instructions received from AFHQ who said this reinforcement draft would be clothed and equipped on arrival at destination. This information was given me by Capt. O'DONNELL, MIA LC, Trani Camp and confirmed by Major. BIRD, MIA LC, 5th Area BARI.
2. This Depot consists of a large barracks capable of holding 2,500. Additions are being made and it is hoped to eventually accommodate up to 5,000 personnel.
3. The reinforcements are received by train, often without warnings and conducted to the Barracks where they pass through a system of elementary documentation done by Italian Authorities; sorted into trades declared low category men being kept apart.
4. There is no PMI Inspection on arrival neither are the men given a medical examination whilst in the Depot, or at time of departure.
5. The reinforcements for Pioneer Coys are selected from young fit men who are non-specialists whenever possible, but it was pointed out that this is not always the case.
6. Until the 7th February this Depot had no clothing or equipment of any sort, consequently reinforcements are despatched to units dressed in civilian clothes. The Depot now has an issue of the following clothing items :-

1,000	Shirts
1,000	Battle-Dress (Blouses)
1,000	" (Trousers)
1,000	Boots
1,000	Caps

No underclothing or equipment has been released.

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1,000	Macinaws.
1,000	Wattle-Dress (Blouses)
1,000	" " (Trousers)
1,000	Boots
1,000	Caps

No underwear or equipment has been released.

7. At the moment there is no Training Programme for the men in the Depot. The men remain in the Depot for approx 2 months before MIA LO receives movement orders for despatch of reinforcements, from AFHQ. On receipt of a movement order the reinforcements are entrained to destination, with rations for the journey. If the journey is over 100 miles one blanket is issued. The quality and quantity of rations issued is good.

8. 510 Italian Smoke Coy and British Cadre under command of Capt. G. MACHLE are still in the Depot awaiting instructions to be disbanded. 275

A further report will be submitted on 28 Feb.

MHC/jm

(Sgt) W.S.J. HARVEY CONRY Lt-Col
Commanding 96 Group Pz, Pioneer Corps.

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SUBJECT: Rfts - Italian Smoke Coys.

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

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17 Feb 45.

To : Capt. O'DONNELL, Sign Office BARIETTA.

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MMIA LO 3 Dist: ←
MMIA LO 54 Area.
Ministry of War.
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Ref MMIA LO 3 Dist letter 3 DLO/6 of 11 Feb 45.

1. 507 and 509 Smoke Coys are moving from ANSZZO to TRANI during the week 19-25 Feb under arrangements made by AFHQ.
2. On arrival these coys will be broken up to provide divr trainees and also rfts for Smoke Units as follows: -

502 Smoke Coy	BRINDISI	-	20
508 " "	BARI	-	80

Please arrange local mov as necessary.

3. Rfts for 506 Smoke Coy CANCELLO will be provided from AFRAGOLA as available.

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

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To : MMIA LO NAPLES.

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1. Please screen arrivals for 103 suitable rfts for 506 Smoke Coys CANOELLO and arrange sov on completion with MMIA LO 3 Dist.

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

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From:-- MMIA LO DISTHREE

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To:-- MMIA

Info:-- BARLETTA SIGS OFFICE FOR O'DONNELL.
MMIA LO 54 AREA

HL 212 (.) amend my 3DLO/6 of 11 to read (.) 502 coy
BARI 20 deficiencies (.) 508 coy BRINDISI 52 deficiencies

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