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Guards + GD BNS

1st Cover

Aug. 1944 - Feb. 1945

27 FEB Recd

I LO 3 DISTRICT HQ

C / IB

Subject : 504 Gd Bn.

G (O)

G (3D)

MEMO LO /

27 Feb 49

1. GMR in letter I0534/ord dated 3 Feb state that for no reason at all shall the ration str of Gd Bn exceed their WE strength (500 men). They therefore order that adjustment of str between various Bns be made at once in order to remove eventual surpluses.

2. Consequently it is necessary that the present situation of 504 Gd Bn (str IIII men) should be settled.

3. Considering that :-

- (a) the increase of the strength of 504 Gd Bn beyond its WE is the consequence of the absorption into 504 Bn of 520 Gd Coy (the present 2 Coy of the said Bn), according to year 340/G of IB Dec 44.
- (b) said increase had been both foreseen and authorized by you (Para 4 of a/m letter 340/G).
- (c) the posting away of 513 Gd Bn has caused all the present personnel of 504 Gd Bn to be wholly employed in gd duties.

the HQ of 227 Div wishes you either to give the necessary authority for the retention of the whole personnel of 504 Gd Bn with their present strength, or to issue such provisions as you consider suitable in this connection, in the view of assuring the carrying out of the gd duties.

4362
J.A. ILLIOT, Lt Col
Chief I LO

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Subject:- Vehicles - Italian Gd Bns.

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

3DLO/4
22 Feb 45.

Ref your Sig SF/1303/501 of 19 Feb 45.
Herewith information in respect of 504 Gd Bn.
Remainder are dealt with as in my Sig HC 224
of 22 Feb 45.

#25
Major;
NMIA LO,
3 District.

4461

20 FEB 1968

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205413

MEZY V MBZX 20076/77 QVR 3 - 4
FROM DISTONE 201240 A
TO DISTWO 59 AREA
INFO DISTHREE DISTHREE FOR MMIALO MMIA EPNSOUTH FOR MMIAL
QQY GR/88 51 .

BT
SD 4 CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING SIGNAL HG 216 OF 19 FEB RECEIVED FROM
MMIALO DISTHREE (.) QUOTE (.) HQ 1 ITALIAN GD REFT STRENGTH 9 OFKRS
31 ORS 2 TONS STORES 5 HEAVY VEHS 2 LIGHT VEHS 2 MC'S DEP NAPLE
BY ROAD 19 (.) REPORTING ~~TOWN~~ MAJOR SIENA FOR ONWARD ROUTING
(.) ETA SIENA PM 21 (.) UNQUOTE .

BT
SENT 1340 JG AR
IMI WA REPORTING 4H LINE

TOWN
RD MR 76/77 1340 NB BBB

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205419

NMIA. LO

3 DIST

302412

722101
20 FEB Recd

1945524

MEBY V LROF NR 2643 (IMPORTANT)

FROM (A) M.M.I.A. 191425 A

TO (FOR ACTION) 3 DISTRICT

GR ----- BT

ST/1303/501 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOR MMIA LO (.) NOTIFY SOONEST
PARTICULARS OF ALL ITI REPEAT ITI

VEHS HELD BY 501 - 504 - 510 - 513 - 514 - 515 - 520 GUARD ENS (.)
51 52 54 55

TARGO// TARGA NOS (.) STATE OF EFFICIENCY (.) TYPE OF FUEL USED EACH VEH-
ICLE (.) FIGURES TO INCLUDE M/C (.)

BT

SENT NR 2643 (DML) (1930) (AR) (R)

ST-HQ 3 DISTRICT

20 FEB 1945

File No.

RD NR 2643 TPF 1934 EBBB

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ST.

ST. NO. 3 DISTRICT

30 FEB 1945

THE NO.

194557

MMIA LO DISTHREE

191915 A

MMIA

HG 219 (;) your ST/1302/1 RGT of 15 reached here too late to ascertain TARGA Nos of 2 vehs and WC originally held by HQ 1 GD REGT as already dep (.). Nos for fresh vehs drawn are quoted in MMIA NAFB33 letter STN/15/A of 16

4458

IMPORTANT

4

MMIALO DISTHRE

191800 A

DISTONE

MMIA DISTHRE

MMIALO DISTONE PENNSOUTH for MMIALO

HQ 216 (.) SECRET (.) HQ 1 Italian GD REGT etr 9 offrs
31 ORs 2 tons stores 5 hy vehs 2 lt vehs & 2 HC dep NAPLES by rd
19 (.) reporting TOWN MAJOR SIENA for onward routing (.) ETA
SIENA pm 21

4457

IMPORTANT

Subject:- Movement Order.

3DLO/4
18 Feb 45.

O.C. HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt.

HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt (strength 9 officers and 31 ORs) will proceed by road on 19 Feb 45 to SIENA in domestic vehs and vehs to be provided by 1 Italian GT Coy.

On arrival at SIENA you will report to Town Major for onward routing to HQ 1 District where you will be issued with further orders.

Route:- NAPLES-Route 6- ROME - VITERBO - SIENA.

Travelling rations for 3 days will be taken.

Authority for move AFHQ FX26715 CITE FHGCT of 14 Feb.


Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4456

18 FEB Recd

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A)	Originator DISTREE	Date & Time 17 1750 A	Office Date Stamp
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For ACTION

MMLA NAPLES

TO

Message Instrs

GR

For INFORMATION

56 AREA: KOVWIT: MMLA

copy:- A: Q: MMLA LO

SD 577 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref this HQ SD 546 of 16 feb and MMLA SD 2301 of 16 feb NOT to all (.) four lorries of 1 ITALIAN gen cpt coy leave ROME 18 feb for ANFRAGOLA for move of 1 gl regt HQ (.) request you issue dtrs with necessary instrs (.) conversation THRUFP - CLARK this date refers

This message may be
sent as written except
by WIRELESS

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

THI

TOR

Sgd..... *W. A. H. May*

Time cleared

4455

(4)

17 FEB Recd

SUBJECT: - General - Italian Ten Sicily

REF: (25-ORG-FOOTING)

NOTE (Your 3/0/33 of 11 Feb 45 para 3(5) refers)

20th Sub Area

UNIT: HQ

SECRET

3 District

Ext 8

112/0

17 Dec 45.

1. As a result of the recent disturbances in SICILY, it has been suggested that some clarification is needed to set the status and functions of the 20th Sub Area and Italian Territorial HQ PAIDRO regarding control of Italian troops in SICILY.

2. Originally the SABAUDIA division under command of this HQ, and certain of its troops were engaged in commitments. With the subsequent transfer of the SABAUDIA and AOSTA IS Divs, it appears that no specific orders were issued stating that the IS Divs, less those troops engaged in Allied commitments, were to remain on command of this HQ to maintain territorial HQ PAIDRO.

3. To regularize the position, it is requested that the following Italian troops of SABAUDIA and AOSTA IS Divs be placed under command HQ 20th Sub Area:

Unit

AOSTA Div

3 Inf Regt

6 Inf Regt

Remarks

For gk duties etc

PAIDRO area

SABAUDIA Div

Three Inf Cys

For gk duties Eastern SICILY.

4. Whilst the terms of reference as quoted in Appx 'A' below define responsibilities for local and ground defence, it is considered that a general ruling should be given on the following points:-

- (a) In the event of Allied troops being required to assist Italian troops NOT under Allied command in quelling disturbances, will local Allied Command automatically assume command of such Italian troops?
- (b) Except as visualized in (a) above, has local Allied Command any control or responsibilities in respect of dispositions, movements and troops of IS Divs?

1. As a result of the recent disturbances in Sicily, it has been suggested that some clarification is needed to set the status and functions of HQ 204 Sub Area and Italian Territorial HQ (MAGP) regarding control of Italian troops in Sicily.

2. Originally the MAGP Div was under op com of this HQ, and certain of its troops were engaged in combat. With the subsequent transfer of the MAGP Div and MAGP Divs, it appears that no specific orders were issued stating that the 13 Div, less those troops in Allied commitments, passed from op com of this HQ to under op com of Territorial HQ Palermo.

3. To regularise the com, it is requested that the following Italian troops of MAGP and MAGP IS (can be placed under op com of 204 Sub Area:-

Unit: Comments

MAGP Div

5 Inf Regt

6 Inf Regt

} Not op com etc
PALERMO area

MAGP Div

Three Inf Coys

For op com Eastern Sicily.

4. Whilst the terms of reference as quoted in para 1 below define responsibility for local and ground defence, it is considered that a general ruling should be given on the following points:-

- In the event of Allied troops being required to assist Italian troops under Allied op com in quelling disturbances, will Local Allied Com automatically assume com of such Italian troops?
- Except as visualised in (a) above, has local Allied Com any control or responsibility in respect of dispositions, ops and trg of 13 Div?

RHS/DB.

MP
Lt Col,
Gen,
Comd.
4554
(C.F. HHS).

APPENDIX 1A

Serial	References	Subjects
1	AFHQ Adm Memo No. 57 of 11 Dec 44	Forms and Rights of Allied Forces in Italian Govt Territory
2	AFHQ Letter No. 370 of 6 Jan 45	Local Defence Plans
3	AFHQ Op Memo No. 65 of 6 Jan 45	Responsibility for the Ground Defence Mediterranean Theatre
4	AFHQ Letter No. 9/12 of 26 Dec 44	AFHQ defines functions Italian Territorial HQ

17 FEB Recd

QVR 235

CIPHER

SECRET

IMPORTANT BRITISH ARMY CIPHER MESSAGE "IN" SIGS SERIAL 1678577

IMPORTANT

FROM MMIA

161830 A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR ~~SECRET~~ DISTHREE DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
INFO AFHQ FENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO DISTWO FIFTH ARMY BRIT INC FOR MMIA LO
SECRET. SD 2301 FOR MINISTRY OF WAR. DESPATCH 4 LORRIES ~~OF~~ NUMBER 1 COY GT
FROM ROME 18th FEB TO AFRAGOLA FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING NUMBER 1 REGT
HQ 40 ORS 2 TON STORES TO SIENA ~~TO~~ UNDER COMD DISTWO . FOR DISTHREE. PLEASE
ISSUE FURTHER ORDERS TO DRIVERS AT AFRAGOLA . AFHQ PX 26715 CITE FHGCT OF
14 FEB REFERS

4453

17 FEB Recd

Subject: Release of Vehicles.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAFLER
STN/15/E

16 February 1945.

10th Raggruppamento Autieri

Copies to: Direzione, Automobilistica, Comando Territoriale, Napoli
No. 1 Regtl. Guard HQ, Napoli
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Com. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
3 District.

1. Authority is given for the release of the u/m vehicles now in Park
No. 2, Fuorigrotta to No. 1 Regtl. Guard HQ.

SPA	38R	60489
"	"	130611
"	"	68492
"	"	123316
"	"	123323

Also one good Motor-cycle.

2. Please confirm when above vehicles have been collected.

for *George D. Smith, Jr*
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

JSC/jlm

unit to collect

*- Did not collect 17 but had 4452
spanners put on 18 when with
have necessary extra for in AFK.*

16 FEB Recd

In lieu of AF C 2136

FROM: ORIGINATOR: Date & Time
(A) DISTHREE 16 1045 A Office Date Stamp

FOR ACTION

TO: 26 AREA: MMIA NAPLES: Message Instrs: CR
FOR INFORMATION

AFHQ (G3 ORG FOR): NEWITE: DESTVC:

copy: Q: MMIA LO ✓

SD 546 (.) RESTRICTED (.) HQ 1 ITALIAN gt regt str personnel 40 stores
2 tons will move soonest after completion formation from NAPLES to SIENA
by rd in unit tpt plus vels to be provided by 1 ITALIAN gen tpt coy under
arrangements MMIA NAPLES (.) on arrival will come under comd 2 Jist (.)
AFHQ FX 26715 of 14 feb NOT to all refers

This message may be sent
as WRITTEN by any means
except WIRELESS

Originator's
Instructions
Degree of Priority

THL.....

TOR.....

Time cleared

Sgd: *H. W. M. H.*
Sgd:*Phy Tony*

4451

19 FEB Recd

Subject:- Italian Army MT for 1 Rgt. Guard HQ

ST/1302/1 Rgt.

15 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).,
ROME.

tel: Rome 489081 EXT 526.

To: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).,
Naples.

Copies: L.O. Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).,
3 District
Ufficio Automobilismo, S.M.R.E.

1. Confirming telephone Capt Freeland - Major Papineau on 15 Feb 45.
2. MMIA LO, Naples is requested to select and make ready 1 Motorcycle and 5 Loadcarriers ex vehicles arrived from Sardinia.
3. When ready, MMIA LO 3 District should be notified and arrangements made for these vehicles to be handed over to 1 Rgt. Guard HQ now being formed in Naples.
4. Information has been received that the latter unit already holds 1 Staff Car, 1 Autocarretta (runabout), 1 Motorcycle.
5. The additional vehicles now assigned will bring the unit up to W/E less 1 Staff Car which will be provided as soon as possible.
6. MMIA LO 3 District is requested to notify this HQ of the Targa Nos of all vehicles in possession of this unit on completion of the above transactions.

Adelineau
(O.C. PAPINEAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).

CCP/JMD

Internal: G(SD)
AQ

4450

15 FEB Recd

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF 62136

FILE	Originator	Date & Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
(A)	DISPATCH	15 11 20 A	

For ACTION

52 AREA: 54 AREA: DISPATCH: MOVEMENT: MOV BRITISH
Message Centre

GE

For INFORMATION

FOR 52 AREA: 227 DIV: DISPATCH EAST: 4000 (65 ORG UNIT)
MAIN DISPATCH: 65 AREA: MOVEMENT:

Copy - 3: 227 DIV TO: INDIA TO ✓

TO 527 (A) DISPATCH (A) ref by 52 526 of 14 Feb (A) may 523 DISPATCH go to destination
127 120 of 14 Feb (A) will now be routed by 52720 127 120 (A) for DISPATCH (A) this
agrees your 22 17 of 14 Feb (A) for 12720 (A) spoke WALTON - LEXTER this date

This message may be sent by ROUTING by any means except AIRMAIL	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	TIME OF DAY Time cleared
	IMPORTANT to all concerned	

52720 127 120

4449

15 FEB Recd

513

FIVE (4)

MESSAGE FORM

In Use of AF 62155

FROM	ORIGINATOR	Date & Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
(A)	DISTANCE	M. 12/20	

FOR ACTION

52 AREA: 56 AREA: DISTANCE: MOVWET: MAY BRINDIST: Message Instrs CR

FOR INFORMATION:

208 SUB AREA: 227 DIV: DISTANCE EAST: AFHQ (63 ORG BRIT)
 MAIN EIGHTH ARMY: 61 AREA: MOVWET:

copy 1- Q: 227 DIV 101: WMA 102 ✓

SD 528 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref this HQ SD 371 of 1 Feb and 394 of 2 Feb and
 EIGHTH ARMY SD 2115 of 13 Feb none to all (.) destination 515 ITALIAN gd bn
 ref as follows (.) one copy to 127 MAC at Q 95386, rep to 13 corps (.) one
 copy to PESARO and one copy to CATANIA rep to 207 sub area PESARO (.) one
 copy to RIGIONE rep to Team Major RIGIONE (.) for DISTANCE (.) request you
 arrange onward routing from ANCONA accordingly (.) for 56 AREA (.) copy by
 ref to 61 area ANCONA at least 48 hours ahead

This message may be
 sent as RESTRICTED
 by any means except
 WIRELESS

Originator's
 Instructions
 Degree of Priority

TUE or TUE

Time Cleared

[Signature]
 Signature of Originator

4448

Subject:- 510 Italian Gd Bn.

3DLO/4A
14 Feb 45.

MMIA LO Bari.

Herewith passed to you for such action as you consider necessary, two letters from Comd Train & Ry Gds, Italy and a copy of this office 3DLO/4 dated 26 Jan 45.

It is regretted that the matter was not referred to you in the first place.

HS

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4447

Subject:- 510 Italian Gd Bn.

3DLC/4
14 Feb 45.

O.C. Train & Ry Gds, Italy.

Copy: MMIA LO
c/o 54 Sub Area.

Ref your letters R/4/123 of 9 Feb 45 and
R/4/123 of 8 Feb 45.

Since both the above letters affect units
on the Eastern side of Italy the matter has been
passed to the local MMIA LO to whom all such matters
within 54 Area should be referred *in future*

Address:-

Major J.G. Bird,
MMIA LO
161, Via Vittoria Emanuele
B A R I.

Tel. 11458.

PR
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4446

Subject:- Equipment - H.Q. 1 Gd Regt.

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

3DLO/4
10 Feb 45.

Herewith 5 copies of an indent for stores submitted to War Ministry by H.Q. 1 Gd Regt on 11 Jan 45.

This indent was returned to the unit on 9 Feb by the War Ministry with instructions that all such indents should be submitted through this office to MMIA only.

This is not the first occasion upon which indents of this nature have been returned though nothing is known in this office of any change in the system of indenting for stores from Italian stocks.

The indent is therefore sent to you herewith for forwarding to War Ministry and to avoid any further delays since the unit is scheduled to leave this area as soon as it is properly equipped.

As regards clothing, the unit was yesterday equipped from 227 Sub Depot in accordance with the instructions contained in your AQ/15/1 of 4 Feb.

ALS REC-13 TEND

4- 4413

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4445

Major,
MMIA LO;
3 District.

9 FEB Recd

COPY

FROM: MMIA 071020A
TO: AFHQ
INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP DISTONE DISTWO DISTTHREE

PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

SD 2247. CONFIDENTIAL. GUARD REGIMENTAL HQ FOR 502 503 and 519 ITALIAN GUARD
BNS HAS NOW BEEN FORMED AT NAPLES. UNIT DESIGNATION IS HQ FIRST GUARD REGIMENT
STRENGTH IS FORTY ALL RANKS. YOUR FX 86693 AND FX 57624 REFER. PRESUME YOU WILL
ORDER UNIT FWD WHEN NEEDED

TO: MMIA LO: 227 DIV LO:
FROM: G(SD)

08

A

4444

(JP WATSON) Major
for Lt Col

6/2
SUBJECT: HQ 1st Guard Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/1
4 February 1945.

moving at 39 Front
TO : MMIA LO 3 District.

1. Attached is a copy of translation of a letter received from the Ministry of War in regards to the above subject unit.
2. Under the recent announced policy, all ITI-ITI Units (especially Guard Bns and Guard Hq. Regts) working for British Formations are to be supplied from the Sub Depots set up for administering BR-ITIS. The HQ 1st Guard Regt. is at the present time located in Naples under the control of 3 District. It is scheduled to move under the control of 2 District on or about 20th of February.
3. It is desired that it be equipped prior to movement to 2 District's control. Will you, therefore, contact the unit and instruct them to immediately place an indent for items required to equip to scale, and then arrange for issue of same through 227 Div. Sub Depot.
4. An indent already received from the Unit direct, for a quantity of Paillasses, is being approved on the grounds that this item maynot be available for 227 Div. Stocks.
5. Will you please take prompt action on this matter, and advise when arrangements have been completed.

GEO. A. Shipley
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, (Lt. Col.
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission.

GAS/ag

Copy to:

Letter to be put in rack
MMIA LO Naples.

*Ufficio Probabilità zone 12 4443
Regt HQ to send unit to me
for them to 7/2*

C O P Y

TRANSLATION

FROM: SMRE

REF: 10443/ORD

TO : MMIA

DATE: 31 Jan. 45

SUBJECT: HQ 1st Guard Regt.

Ref. SD/18 dated 19th inst.

With tele. 3/1282 mob. dated Jan. 29, the NAPLES
TERRITORIAL HQ has reported that the HQ 1st Guard Regiment is
up to strength.

Therefore, it awaits MMIA's Authorization for issue of
of the materials.

(Sgd) GEN. SANTI

4442

3/2

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF 6213

FROM: Headquarters DISKONE Date & Time: 02 1 11 A Office Date Recd: 02 1 11 A

FOR ACTION

56 ARMA

MOVIE

Message Index

IN

FOR INFORMATION

227 ITALIAN DIV

REQ(US) ORG FOR

DISKONE

Q(3D) MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

copy/USIA FOR

227 DIV LG

2

SP 324 (.) RESTRICTED (.) issued by SP 371 of 1 Feb 1951 to all as follows (.)
513 ITALIAN 3d Div on arrival. They will come under main EIGHTH ARMY FOR 1 day (.)
511 info

This message may be sent
as written by any means
except WIRELESS

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time System Op

THI or TOR

Time of day

Signed

W. T. ...

C. Ament

4441

1/2
DISTHREE

1/2 A

56 AREA: 94 Sub Area.

INFO: RE: MMIA LO (by hand)

GO 376 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref our GO 318 of 28 Jan para 2 (.)
FIRST (.) pl from 504. It Gd bn not required (.) SECOND (.)
RE this HQ confirm gas on power stas for which pl was intended
NOT essential (.) for RE BRUGDAJ - SPRAY spoke

R Spray
Brugday

4449

1/2

Feb 1 (4)

DISPATCH

01 1150 A

56 AREA:

MOVIT:

227 ITALIAN DIV: AMHQ (3 CIG FOR): DISTONB:
copy: Q1 MEDIA LO: 227 DIV LO:

SD 371 (.) REPHOTOED (.) ref AMHQ FA 17563 of 30 Jan 1947 to all (.) 513 ITALIAN
56 in approx str 25 of 900 ORs will move 15 feb or soonest after under orders
MOVIT from NAPLES to 806 ITALIAN transit camp IERI (.) rep 48 hrs ahead (.)
on arrival will come under comd 8 Army for all purposes

comd 8 Army

1/2
1/2

See SD 294
of 2. Feb.

4439

MESSAGE FORM (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 4

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

FMIA LO DISTREE

01 0900 A

For Action

FMIA LO 54 AREA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

HQ 179 (.) request you instruct 501 GP BR to
indent for clothing to equip to scale on HQ 230 Div

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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THI or TOR

Time cleared

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6/1
prot.n. 139 /Ann.

OGGETTO: Esolamenti (indennità di manovalanza).

Bari, li 31 gennaio 1945

AL COMANDO 30 SOMERSET L.I.
(rif. R/4/81 data 28 genn. 45)

C. N. F.

ALLA M.H.I.A. 3° DISTRICT

B A R I

(rif. 3/DLO/4 data 26 genn. 45)

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE - Uff. Operazioni

B A R I

AL COMANDO 403° REGGIMENTO P.I.

B A R I

(rif. 3087/M6 data 22/12/44)

Oggi ho ricevuto dal Comando 30 Somerset L.I. per conoscenza il foglio 3 D.L.O./4 della M.H.I.A. indirizzato al Comando Territoriale - Bari -.

Prego prendere nota che il Comando Territoriale - Bari -, alla richiesta 1059/Ann. di questo Comando ha risposto che non riteneva opportuno estendere l'indennità di manovalanza (L.20 giornaliera) anche ai militari di questo Btg..

Il foglio che allago qui in copia ritengo che il Comando del 30° Somerset L.I. non l'abbia ricevuto.

IL COMANDANTE DEL BATTAGLIONE
(Magg. Morelli Giuseppe)

4437

Morelli

COPIA

COMANDO MILITARE DELL'APUGLIA E LUCANIA - VV.S.M. Uff. Operazioni
n° 9759/cp. di prot.

Bari, li 15 dicembre 1944

..... indirizzi omessi

OCCASIONE: Indennità di manovalanza. =

Riferimento foglio n° 152/Op. in data 7 corrente.

Questo Comando disenta di quanto proposto da suddetto nel capo 3) proposta 2°) del foglio in riferimento.

Estendere l'indennità di manovalanza a tutti i militari che comunque prestano servizio presso le A.A., varrebbe a creare una sperequazione di trattamento che provocherebbe sicuro malcontento fra coloro che materialmente svolgono il servizio di manovalanza.

Comunque tale estensione indurrebbe chi è sicuro di ricevere comunque l'indennità a sottrarsi ai servizi più gravosi, la qual cosa potrebbe anche nuocere alla disciplina dei reparti.

d'ordine IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M. f/to: Giuseppe Piazza

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COMANDO 510° BATTAGLIONE GUARDIE FERROVIARIE

prot. n. 1275/D.R.

Bari, li 24/12/1944

AL COMANDO DEI REPARTI DIPENDENTI

LEGO ENDI

A COMANDO 30 SQUADRE L.I.

G. N. F.

(a seguito nostro foglio 1220/amm. - 2/dic/1944)

LAUREA P.C.C. ... per conoscenza. =

DELLA ...

... (Luciano)

Stu. - Stua

4436

IL COMANDANTE DEL BATTAGLIONE

f/to Magg. Moralli Giuseppe

4/2
81
Subject:- Clothing.

2 Co. 504 It. Cd. Bn.

4
2 R/4/A/6
31 Jan 45.

On instructions from M.M.I.A., 3 District, you will prepare a fresh indent for all outstanding clothing and boots.

This indent should be taken direct to 227 Div. for countersignature and then to M.M.I.A., who will, if in order, approve the issue and you will be able to draw the articles the same day.

CHP
TR/VG

Lo. W. T. Reath Lt. Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gns, Italy.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A., 3 District. —
H.Q. 227 It. Div.
504 It. Cd. Bn.

H.Q. Mov. West Italy reference my R/4/84 dated
30 Jan 45.

This has already been done
by the O.C. Bn.

4435

Subject:- 501 Gd Bn.

G(O)

3DLO/4
31 Jan 45.

Ref your Memo, serial 4.

(a) A new WE for vehicles for Gd Bns has today been approved. This will consist of:-

- 1 - Staff car.
- 5 - MC.
- 5 - Load-carriers.

501 Gd Bn will be the first bn to be equipped to scale. Vehs should be ready for collection from NAPLES in 2- days time.

(b) *(is being instructed)*
~~Instruct~~ 501 Gd Bn to indent for clothing on H.Q. 230 Div.

Clothing will be issued from BARI Depot.

RS
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4434

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Subject:- Accn - 550 Italian Gd Coy.

3DLO/4
31 Jan 45.

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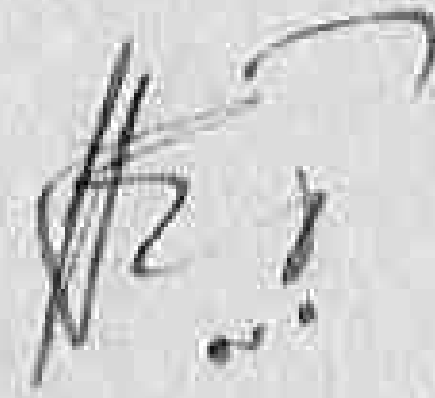
Comd Ry Gds, L of C Area.

Ref your 146 Q dated 9 Dec 44.

A.C. rep at REGGIO states that the 550 Gd Coy had been in occupation of Railway Premises which were needed by the Railway.

Town Major REGGIO moved the Coy into billets 400 yards further away.

No changes in accn are known at either CROTONE or COSENZA.


Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4433

Serial No.	Area	Query Raised	Action by	Action
1	54	Copy required AFHQ AA Conference Minutes regarding V1 and V2. SO PAD states instr received for increasing state PAD readiness	G2(0)	Instrs given 54 task clearly defined. G2 and V2 fwd to 54 and asked to define pol
2		Tpt for gds at BIPOLRO (54 Area 177/3 GS of 18 Jan refers)	G2(0) Q(A8)	
3	RAF	RAF request 3 Dist apply for vacancy on AIR LIAISON course at PSEAN TELVA for Lt Scott (att 30 GH)	G2(0)	Spoke 54 Area. Lt 30 GH. Inf RAF (Cap. HQ until posn clarif
4	52	501 It 6d Rn: (a) hold no vehs against IE (b) are very poorly equipped - boots and clothing particularly bad.	MAIA LO	
5		CO JAFURS has been given to understand that his Bn may be called upon to perform op role in April	G2(0)	This question refer
6	52	PW Corps request that details of PWs recaptured be advised to camps from whom they have escaped	A	
7		GSI(b) have been asked: (a) Are Greek security ins from PATRAS to be rated as PW. (b) Can Russian ex PW write home	GSI	
8		RAFFLE, FREESTONE ACCOMPLISH - what are these ops?	G2(0) G2(AD)	
9		Capt AV SALOMED (Inf Corps) wishes proceed MALTA on leave. Tpt by sea or air difficult unless he is "proceeding on duty". Can this difficulty be overcome?	GSI A	

#25-30 (4)

	Action by	Action Taken
AFHQ AA Conference Minutes regarding SO PAD states instr received for state PAD readiness	G2(O)	Instrs given 54 take no action until policy more clearly defined. Copy AFHQ Conference Minutes on V1 and V2 fwd to 54 and 56 Areas. PAD and CD AFHQ being asked to define policy
at BIVERO (54 Area 177/3 GS of s)	G2(O) Q(AE)	
3 Dist apply for vacancy on AIR at PETAN TIQVA for Lt Scott	G2(O)	Spoke 54 Area. Lt Scott, Welsh Gds is no longer with 30 GI. Inf BAF (Capt Elow) no further action by this HQ until poem clarified.
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Subject:- Carrying of Arms.

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P52
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/6/AQ
30 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA). ROME.

1. Under Ministry of War letter 100650/I
124.1.1
dated 9 Jan 45, Territorial HQ, BARI were informed
that MMIA had given authority for drivers of vehs to
carry arms on condition that prior approval was
obtained from the competent Allied Authorities.
2. This information has not apparently been
received through Allied channels by Areas and Sub-areas,
and authority is always refused.
3. May the question please be taken up with
HQ 3 District with a view to informing all concerned.

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

JGB/jmr

Copy to:- MMIA LO HQ 3 District. -----

4431

30/1

30/1 (4)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM: DISTHREE

30 16 55 A

TO: 52 AREA: 54 AREA.

INFO: AFHQ (G3-Orig-Brit):
DISTHREE East:

MMIA: MMIA LO
ALBAID: 230 It Div.

GO 354 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FIRST (.) X and Y Indep Gd coys now
conc at BARI will revert to 10 days notice for move overseas and will
be prepared to move soonest to 52 Area (.) reph to report to 52 Area
immediately (.) SECOND (.) on arrival 52 Area X and Y Indep gd coys
will relieve two coys 501 Gd bn who are required for train gds (.)
THIRD (.) on completion this relief two coys 501 Gd Bn will conc
in 52 Area and await disposal instrs (.) FOURTH (.) 52 Area will
nominate coys of 501 bn total str approx 250 and state earliest
date available (.) for AFHQ your FX 17434 of 29 Jan refers

This message may be
sent as written by
any means except
WIRELESS

Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

Signed

R. H. H. H.

4439

30/1
C O P Y

Subject:- Italian Train Guards.

Movements,
West Italy.

R.T.O.'s Office
SALERNO Station.
27 Jan 1945.

1. Some difficulty is being experienced with the Italian Train Guards who operate from SALERNO to POTENZA (2 Coy 504 It.Gd.Bn.)
2. Of late it has been difficult to obtain the normal guard from them, after repeated demands one man went on train O.L.12 of 26 Jan to POTENZA, and O.L.7003 this morning was delayed over an hour waiting for them.
3. O.L.19 to POTENZA was ready, and guard called at 1900 hrs 26th. After a 2 Hr.55 min. delay the Italian Guard came for the sheets.
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(Signed) J.C.Aldridge
Captain, RE.
R.T.O. Salerno.

Subject:- Italian Train Guards.

M.M.I.A., 3 District.

R/4/84

30 Jan 45.

I am informed by the Comd. No.2 Coy 504 It.Gd.Bn. that the reason for this is because of the extreme shortage of boots.

Out of the men available for train guard duties at Salerno he has only sufficient boots to equip 10 men. No others can go out on a guard until one or more of the ten return when they exchange boots.

O.C. 504 It.Gd.Bn. letter 2377/E dated 17 Dec. addrd to Ministry of War, and his No.642 dated 24 Jan. refer. The former letter gives a list of the articles required.

Unless these men are properly clothed and equipped they cannot be expected to carry out their duties. May authority please be given for the immediate release of the articles indicated for by

sheets.

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M.M.I.A., 3 District.

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CMEY
TR/VG

4429
Lt. Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gas, Italy.

Copy to:- HQ Mov. West Italy ref. Q(M)R/42 dated 28 Jan 45.
G-4 Mov & Tr. AFHQ.

clothing indented to 2 Coy
agreed 30/1/45

3/1
SUBJECT: Indent 2377/E from 504 Guard Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/11
29 January 1945.

TO : MMIA LO 3 District.

1. Under the recently announced policy, all Guard Bns. working for British Formations are now to draw their clothing and equipment from appropriate BR-ITI Sub Depots. In the instance of the 504 Guard Bn., demands should be made upon the 227 Division. Appended hereto is the 504 Guard Bn. Indent No. 2377/E not dated, which was recently forwarded to us by the Ministry of War. Will you please pass this indent to the 227 Division, and arrange for issue at an early date.

2. Under provisions of the new policy, items issued to the 504 Guard Bn. by the 227 Division will be reported and replaced in kind from ITI-ITI Stocks through the British Base Depot.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission

GAS/ag

Copy to:
MMIA LO Naples.

504 (+ incl 2 cos)
have made from
to Equip to some
227 3/1
- Indent Disturbed)

4428

Subject:- Vehicles for 520 Gd Coy.

3DLO/4
29 Jan 45.

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

Copy: M.M.I.A. Naples.

Further to your ST/1074/92 dated 26 Dec 44.

It is now reported by Comd Train and RV Gds, Italy that the vehicles at the disposal of 520 Gd Coy are still insufficient to fulfill the op requirements of the coy.

504 Gd Bn, to which 520 Gd Coy is now attached has only 3 x 3-ton vehicles out of it's WE of 5 and one of these has recently been rendered VOR through a traffic accident.

May a further vehicle, preferably of a heavy load-carrying type, be assigned to 520 Gd Coy please.

[Handwritten signature]

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4427

(4)

Subject:- POL for 510 Gd. Bn.

3DIO/4
29 Jan 45.

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

510 Italian Gd. Bn. find that they are unable properly to carry out their duties as train and railway guards on their present allocation of POL, which for the months of Dec. 44 and Jan. 45 were as follows:-

<u>Dec 44.</u>	Petrol.	1953 kgs.
	"SEMIDENSO" oil	55 "
<u>Jan 45.</u>	Petrol	1953 "
	"SEMIDENSO" oil	55 "

This claim is supported by Comd Train and Ry. Gds., ITALY under whose op. control 510 Gd. Bn. works.

Is there any possibility of this allotment being increased, please ?

RF
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

4426

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DISPATCH

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A

56 AREA 2. SUB AREA

AREA AMQ (03 ONE ZERO) AREA 10 (by hand)

GO 318 RESTRICTED (.) first (.) 30 HOURS REMAIN (less one day) allotted 56 Area and will relieve 513 It 61 In contact (.) second (.) day 513 In camp in 94 Sub Area will be relieved by one pl 504 It 61 In (.) details will be arranged mutually by 56 Area and 94 Sub Area (.) no data 50 HOURS REMAIN available for this relief (.) third (.) reliefs to be completed by 7 Feb (.) fourth (.) on completion reliefs 513 In will come in 56 Area ready for call Feb after 15 Feb (.) for AMQ your P 1603 of 27 J in report.

IMPORTANT

Rhodes
RA

4425

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

MESSAGE FORM			Register No.
29/1	Srl. No. 12	Priority 235287	Transmission Instructions 29 (4)
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			
FROM	Q 56 AREA	Originator	Date Time of Origin 27 1800 A
For Action		Office Date Stamp	
MMIALO DISTHREE			
(W) For Information (INFO)			
G		Message Instructions 19	
Originator's No. QG 507/15 (.) REF 3/DLO4 DTD 22 () Q DISTHREE STATE NO US GAS CAPES AVAILABLE (.)			
RELEASE SHOULD BE REQUESTED THROUGH AC			
GENERAL STAFF			
File No.			
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS		ORIGINAL OR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	
29 JAN 1945		29 JAN 1945	
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MEDY V LRF NR 3355

~~QVR 2~~ ~~BY LAF~~ ~~QVR 2~~

FROM MMIA 271210 A

TO BENSOUTH 54 AREA DISTONE REAR EIGHT ARMY DISTHREE
FIVE ARMY BR INCREMENT

QQX GR 36 BT

AQ 2675 (.) RESTRICTED (.)

FOR MMIA LO (.) WHEN IN 229/227/223/230/231 DIVISIONAL
AREAS ALL IFT-IFT GUARD ENS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN CLOTH

-ING ETC DIRECT FROM DIV SUB DEPOTS (.) ISSUES WILL BE

SEPERATELY REPORTED AND STOCKS ADJUSTED AT BASE (.)

CONFIRMATION DETAILS FOLLOW

BT

SENT NR 3355 1525 DML BEE

RECD NR 3355 1525 LOCKE KKKK



GENERAL STAFF

File No. 760

28 JAN 1945

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(4)
Subject:- 510 Gd. Bn. -- Emoluments.

3DLO/4
26 Jan 45.

Comando Territoriale,
E A R I.

Copy: Train & Ry Gds, Italy.

On 19 Oct 44 a request (1159/A) was sent to you by HQ 510 Gd Bn for the granting of the additional payment of 20 Lire per man per day on account of the duties performed by this Bn.

NO reply has yet been received by them and it is requested that this matter be given your urgent attention.

It is requested that a further copy of your reply to 510 Gd Bn be sent to this office.


Major,
MMIA IO,
3 District.

4422

24/1
Subject:- P.O.L.
M.M.I.A., 3 District.

[Handwritten initials]
R/4/A/3

(4)
25 Jan 45.

Herewith copy of 510 It.Gd.Bn. letter 168/MTR dated
20 Jan 45, for favour of such action as may be considered necessary.

CMP
HEP/VG

[Signature] Lt.Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

Copy to:- 510 It.Gd.Bn. ref 168/MTR d/ 20 Jan.

4421

C O P Y

510 It. Gds. Bn.

Ref. 168/MTR
20 Jan 45.

Subject:- P.O.L. for Dec and Jan.

To:- C.C. 30 Som.L.I.

This H.Q. has asked for an allotment of:-

1953 Kg. Petrol	-	55 Kg. half dence Oil for Dec 44
1953 " "	-	60 " " " " " Jan 45

The Comando Territoriale BARI divided the a/m quantities communicating that the assignments have been made in proportion to the quantity issued, by Ministry of War.

On our request to increase the fixed quantity of petrol, the Comando Territoriale Bari replied that it was not possible to do so as no more benzine is available.

May authorization be given by you to obtain an increase from Italian Authorities or from Allied Sources.

As reported by letter 125 dated 5 Jan 45 the P.O.L. required is very necessary to carry out duties of this Bn.

(Signed) Morelli Giuseppe Major.
O.C. 510 It. Gds. Bn.

4529

25/

Subject:- Pay - 510 It.Gd.Bn.

M.M.I.A., 3 District.

R/4/67

23 Jan 45.

Men of 510 It.Gd.Bn. receive pay at the rate of 9 Lire per day whereas Italian Traffic Control Personnel, Port Guards and Pioneers receive 29 lire per day. This difference in pay causes dissatisfaction amongst the men concerned.

Application was made by CC 510 Bn. to Comando Artiglieria, Puglia and Lucania under his 1159/A dated 19 Oct 44 for this increase and was informed by him under his No.9528/OP dated 16 Dec 44 that this had been fwd to Comando Militare della Puglia and Lucania.

It is felt certain that this increase in pay will give this Bn. a lift in morale, and will make them less susceptible to bribes to which they are often tempted by persons desirous of pilfering railway wagons. It says much to the credit of one man that he recently refused a bribe of 20,000 lire - a great temptation to a man on 9 lire per day.

This matter having now been outstanding for three months may a ruling be given, please.

GMP.
WR/VG

L.V.T. Renda Lt.Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

Copy to:- G-4 Mov & Tn. AFHQ.

Subject:- Certificate of Non - Availability.

3DLO/4
22 Jan 45.

H.Q. 56 Area.

Ref conversation this morning BEILAMY -
THRUFF concerning clothing for 504 Gd Bn.

It is certified that Capes, anti-gas are
NOT available from Italian Army sources.


Major,
MMIALC,
3 District.

4428

20/1

20 (4)

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A)	Originator	Date & Time	Office Date Stamp
	DISTHREE	20 1305 A	

For Action

TO	54 AREA: MOV BARI	Message Instrs	CR

For Information

DISTHREE EAST: 230 ITAL DIV: AFHQ (G3 ORG FOR):
 G(SD) 15 ARMY GP: DISTONE: MMIA LO BARI:
 MOVEIT: MOVWIT: 25 AREA
 copy to:- Q: MMIA LO

SD 178 (.) RESTRICTED (.) for 54 AREA (.) amend my SD 163 of 18 Jan as follows (.) rd party 502 ITALIAN sl in will report HQ 59 AREA SIENA (NOT PERUGIA) (.) for DISTONE (.) your SD 17 of 19 Jan NOT to all refers (.) all info

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

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time System Op THL or TOR Time cleared

IMPORTANT

Signed.....

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF 02136

FROM (A) Originator: DISTHREE Date & Time: 18 / 630 A Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO 54 AREA: MOV BARI:

For Information

Message Instrs GR

DISTHREE EAST: 230 ITAL DIV: AFHQ(G3 ORG FOR);
 G(SD) 15 ARMY GP: DISTONE: MEDALO BARI:
 MOVKIT: MOVKIT:

Copy to: Q: NMIA LO ✓

SD 163 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref this HQ GO 850 of 28 dec and conversation OLIVER -
 WHITEHEAD 17 Jan (.) 502 ITALIAN gd bn will move soonest after relief from BARI
 to AREZZO as follows (.) rd party 48 hrs ahead under unit arrangements reporting to
 HQ 1 district PERDERA (.) non mob portion str offrs 20 ORa 672 stores 54 tons
 by rail under orders MOV BARI (.) on arrival will come under cmd 1 district for
 all purposes (.) AFHQ FX86693 of 17 NOT to all refers (.) for AFHQ (.) orders for move of
 regt HQ follow

If liable to be intercepted
 or to fall into enemy hands
 this message must be sent in
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Originator's Instrs
 Degree of Priority

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ARMY FORM 62136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

NWIA LO DISTHREE

131000 A

For Action

COND TRAIN & BY GDS ITALY

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

HG 155 (..) clothing for 550 train gi coy may be
drawn depot 591 at NAPLES immediately (..) request you
arrange collection

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

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FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
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3531-CHQP

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Internal Security Bns

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/26
8 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

In reply to SMRE's letter 9787/Ord of 3 Jan.

1. It has been decided that for the present only two Bns shall be allotted to 3 District for CALABRIA and 3 District has agreed that this is sufficient. The formation of a third Bn is therefore NOT authorized.
2. If 3 District give the Bns a task which is considered too great for their capabilities the O.C. Bn concerned should point this out to 3 District or to the Senior Allied Comd who gives them these tasks.

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

MMIA 20 3 Dist. *[initials]*

4424

Subject: Certificates of Non-Availability.

Comd,
Train and Railway Guards, Italy.

Copy: 3 IA.

3010/4

7 Jan 45.

Ref your R/1/169 dated 24 Dec 44 and your
R/1/223 of 30 Dec 44.

It is certified that 20 Capes, anti-gas
are available from Italian Army stocks.

It is suggested that you obtain these
from Brit Ord sources who will issue when items are
certified by CIA as not being available from Italian
Army stocks.

[Signature]
Major,
CIAO,
3 District.

4423

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c/ find neurons ref. to this matter
in file 14 H25 4421

Maps Thumps

Ref to Son LI R/1/268 of 4422

Can you please take immediate
action to get this unit serviced to pt 9

Ref 442207 1

Subject:- Transport.

M.M.I.A., 3 District.

R/1/268

6 Jan 45

Ref my Signal G.25 dated 21 Dec 44.

520 Italian Guard Coy report that "they are unable to carry out their duties because they are very short of transport. At present this coy has only 2 Italian small cars in bad condition without spare wheels and tools. This Coy has not been authorised to draw P.O.L."

CMF
WR/VG

Copy to:- G 3 District
G4 Sub Area
G-4 Mov & Tn AFHQ
320 It. Gd. Coy ref. 1293/1 of 2 Jan 45.
504 It. Gd. Bn.

[Signature]
Lt. Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

4429

8/1
Subject:- Clothing and Equipment.

M.M.I.A., 3 District.

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R/1/267

6 Jan 45

520 Italian Guard Coy.

1. May this Coy please be supplied with 110 Capes A.G. for use of Railway Guards.
2. May this Coy be completed to scale with Greatcoats.
3. Owing to the new organisation whereby this Coy is attached to 504 It.Gd.En., it is understood that the depots from which they previously drew have ceased the assignment of clothing made by you. In consequence the men's boots are in very bad condition and they are deficient of woollen underwear.
4. It is requested therefore that immediate issues be made accordingly.

GME
WR/VS

See Shipley's letter

[Signature]
Lt.Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

Copy to:- 520 It.Gd.Coy who will please re-submit Indent to complete to scale.
504 It.Gd.En.
C-4 (Mov-& Trn) AFHQ.

4428

7/1 0
SUBJECT: - Ab sorption of 114 HQ 1st and 523 2d B.

1
AFHQ (G3-Arg-750)
AFHQ (G4. Div & Tn)
9. Sub Area
30 SON LX
MELA LO —

12-10 (4)
3 Distadot
Ext B
RO/C

6 Jan 45.

Ref this HQ RO/C of 18 Dec 44.

Herewith copy, less appendices, of translation
of letter OI/32 dated 2 Jan 45, received from HQ 227 Inf Div.

R. H. H. H.

Major,
for Maj-Gen.
Genl.

227 REF DIVISION HQ
GENERAL STAFF - 1 Sect.

No. 01/32

2 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Absorption of 114 MG in and 520 Gd in.

For content: 114 Ref 1047 M;
114 MG in 114

INFO : 3 Masterlet in (your 300/4 at 13 100 44. ref) (ref)
Secretariat in Naples
36 Area
227 Ref 1047 M;
1 16 3 Masterlet.

1. 227 in telegram 403/4/1 of 1 Jan 45 has agreed to the requested absorption of the unit in subject, as per 3 Masterlet letter 300 0 of 13 Dec 44.

2. 114 MG in will be received into, and will become an integral cog of 520 Gd in, which will eliminate one of the other cogs.
These instructions will be implemented as follows:

Date of absorption: 1 Jan 1945.
114 MG in becomes and cog of 520 Gd in
520 Gd in will eliminate the existing and cog located at Masterlet.
The personnel of it will be distributed among 1st and 2nd and 4th cogs in order to fill all both their own and existing requirements.
and cog (114 Gd in (i.e. the present 114, 114 MG) will continue effecting all the duties allocated to 114 MG in according to strength all the present personnel. Orders in respect of 114 MG in (114 Gd in, 114 MG in, 114 MG in, 114 MG in) and of temporary units of 114 MG in will be issued.
114 MG in is requested to inform of the status that will prove suitable to the needs of a 520 Gd in.

Appendix 2 shows the new organization of 520 Gd in.
114 MG in is requested to forward the disbandment plan of the in, to be sent to Higher Authorities.

3. 520 Gd in, (which has already taken over from all duties till now carried out by 138 MG in, 114 MG in, 114 MG in) will be absorbed into and will become an integral cog of 520 Gd in. 520 Gd in will absorb one of the existing cogs.

These instructions will be implemented as follows:

Date of absorption: 1 Jan 1945.
520 Gd in becomes the 2nd cog of 520 Gd in.
520 Gd in will absorb the existing and cog located at Masterlet, the personnel of which will be distributed among the 1st, 2nd and 4th cogs.

[illegible]

3. \$20 M. cap. (which has already been over tendered at auction till now carried out by J.S. Ind. Dist. Corp.) will be absorbed into our till become an interval cap of \$M. M. M. \$M. (d) In till. Interval cap of \$M. M. M. \$M.

Note of emergency 2 Jan 1940.
 920 Ad Coy becomes the 2nd Coy of 5th Ad Bn
 9th. Ad Bn will disband the existing Ad Coy located in 8th Bn, and
 the personnel of which will be distributed among the 1st, 2nd
 and 4th Coy's.
 2nd Coy of 5th Ad Bn (i.e., the present 920 Ad Coy) continues
 carrying/transfer all actions allotted to 920 Ad Coy and those of
 strength all the present personnel/out.
 4th Coy of 9th Ad Bn will take over the action carried out at
 920 Ad Coy by the present 920 Ad Coy and will be purposefully reinforced.
 All the (other) Incl 20 of 920 Ad Coy will be transferred to
 the 1st and 2nd Coy of 5th Ad Bn.

1950

1990-1991
 (1990-1991)

Subject:- Protective Clothing for Train Guards.

M.M.I.A. 3 District.

R/1/223

30 Dec 44.

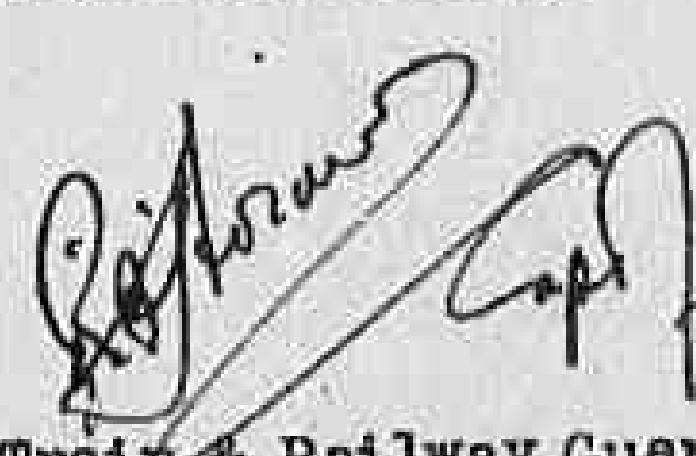
Ref my R/1/169. Herewith copy of letter HQ Mov. East Italy Mov3/330A dated 24 Dec 44 for your information.

" 1. For your information the following reply has been received from MMIA LO C/o 54 Area to our Mov 3/330A of 21 Dec:-

"At present there is no supply of protective clothing available in local Italian Military Depots, and it is not known when such material will be available."

2. The situation would appear to be rather unsatisfactory."

CMF
HEP/JN.


Lt. Col.
Commanding Train & Railway Guards, Italy.

Copy to: H. Q. Movements, East Italy.
(ref his Mov3/330A dated 24 Dec 44)

4426

Subject:- Capes, A.G.
M.M.I.A., 3 District.

THRU PD
BIRD

R/1/169

24 Dec 44.

May authority please be given for the issue from British sources of 200 Capes A.G. for the use of 510 It.Gd.En., who are employed on Railway Guard Duties, East Italy.

CMF
WJ/VG.

W. H. T. Rawn Lt. Col.
Comd Train & Rly Gds Italy.

Copy to: 510 It.Gd.En.
M.M.I.A., L.O. 54 Area ref his SD/9 of 20 Dec.
H.C.Mov. East Italy ref Mov3/330A dated 21 Dec.

I have a copy thanks! I feel this has been sent to you for action as being with DISTAREE. My letter told them that Gas Capes were NOT on the scale, therefore they must apply through B4425 channels. In spirit I can't help further. 30/12 J. Bird

Subject:- Clothing Indents. 550 Train Guard Coy.

33LO/1
5 Jan. 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC,
K.M.I.A.
R O M B.

Herewith two copies of a translation
of an indent submitted by 550 Train Guard Coy., REGGIO, to
War Ministry.

RT
Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A) Originator
DISTRIB Date and Time
06 17 50 A

ACTION
52 Area Mov TARANTO

TO: INFORMATION
54 Area 230 Italian Div AFHQ (03 Org¹⁰⁰) NMIA
NMIA IO BARI NOVETT ALCOM

Originators Number: SD 951 RESTRICTED (.)

ref AFHQ FX 78286 of 3 Jan DOT to all and conversation SPRAY - DANIELL this date (.)
first (.) coy 2 bn 336 PICENO regt will be relieved soonest from gd duties on
displaced persons camp (.) second (.) coy will move soonest after relief from TARANTO
to BARI to join PICENO div rfts (.) third (.) for NMIA IO BARI (.) request you arrange
soon on arrival (.) fourth (.) personnel are required for immediate use for pack opt

This message may be sent as written
by any means except WIRELESS

Degree of PRIORITY

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IMPORTANT

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Sgt.

Time

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Copies to: A Q NMIA IO ✓

4424

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A)	Originator DISTHREE	Date & Time 04. 1. 47 A	Office Date Stamp
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TO:

54 Area:

For Action

MOV BARI:

For Information

DISTHREE EAST:

AFHQ(G3-ORG BRIT)

MOVEIT:

DISTONE:

G(SD)15 Army Gp

MEMIA 230:DIV

Copy to: G:

MEMIA 10:

227 Div ID

SD 941 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 503 Italian guard in str para 800 stores 10 tons will move by rail on or about after 8 Jan from BARI to AREZZO (.) adv party report 14 tons major army @ SD 1060 of 30 dec refers

This message may be sent
as DIRECTED by any means
except

wireless

Originator Initials
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

to 54 Area MOV BARI:

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4423

Subject: Clothing & Equipment - Italian Soldiers Employed on Train (4)
Guard Duties.

To: NHIA. LO. (2 copies)
3 District.

R/1/228
3 Jan 45

From: ~~30.300.1.1~~. (Comd Train & Railway Gds, Italy.) → MMLP

The attached list of Clothing and Equipment, in duplicate required by 550 Italian Guard Company, are forwarded for necessary action.

It is reported by O.C. 550 Italian Guard Coy: that the list of requirements are being forwarded to O.C. 227 Div, on whom the Company is dependent.

Field.
GWP/---

(ITITI)

L. H. F. Roach 4422 Lt. Col.
Comd: Train and Railway Guards, Italy.
(~~30.300.1.1~~)

SUBJECT:- Italian Gd Bns.

MMIA

MMIA LO

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 9
762/G

30 Dec 44

Ref your SD 2013 of 29 Dec and AFHQ PX 68087 of 13 Dec 44.

1. The disparity in str between Italian Gd Bns on the West and East sides of Italy is accounted for by the arrangements set out in this HQ 340/G of 18 Dec 44. It bears a direct relation to the present and future Allied Gd requirements in these Areas (AFHQ AG 091.711/119 GCT-0 of 24 Dec also refers).

2. It is not, therefore, practicable to effect any immediate re-adjustment of these strengths. It is appreciated that they will, as stated in para 4 of this HQ letter quoted above disappear by normal wastage and that the units at present over strength are not to be reinforced over WE.

3. Your signal under reference suggested action by this HQ and might be regarded as raising a question of guard policy. It is, therefore, felt that it would have been more appropriate for it to have been addressed direct to this HQ rather than to your LO repeated this HQ for information only.

W. Parks

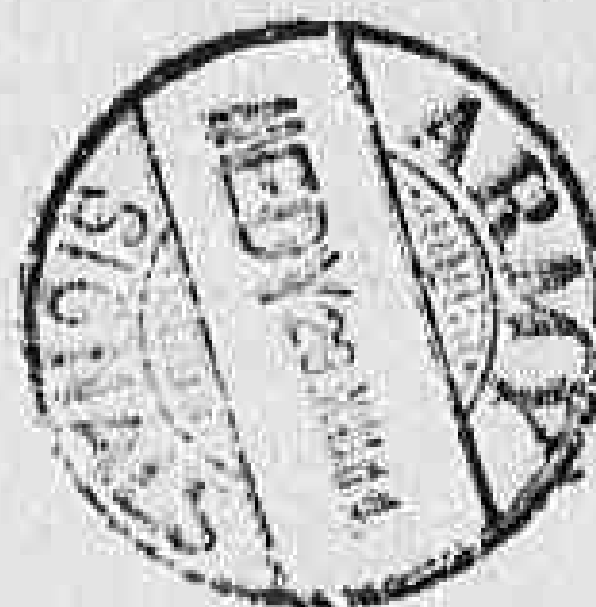
(GP PARKS) Lt col
for Maj Gen
Comd

4421

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MEDY V LROF NR 4134 IMPORTANT
QVR1-2
FROM MMIA 291130A
TO MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
INFO 3 DISTRICT MINISTRY OF WAR
QQX GR104 BT



SD2013 RESTRICTED

SUBJECT IS DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL IN GD BNS U/C 3 DISTRICT (.)
LATEST RETURNS SHOW FOLLOWING GD BNS ARE OVER CEILING STRENGTH OF 800
ALL RANKS (.) 501 GD BN 26 OFFRS 786 ORS TOTAL 812 (.)
503 GD BN 21 OFFRS 803 ORS TOTAL 824 (.) 504 GD BN 20 OFFRS 980
ORS TOTAL 1000 (.) 510 GD BN 39 OFFRS 937 ORS TOTAL 976 (.)
514 GD BN 25 OFFRS 800 ORS TOTAL 825 (.) TOTAL PERSONNEL
OVERSTRENGTH 437 ALL RANKS (.) IF THIS IS CORRECT THIS ~~SUPPLY~~
SURPLUS SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO MAKE UP SHORTAGES IN 502 AND 503 BNS
AND 534 AND 535 SPECIAL GD COYS 518 GD BN ALL OF WHICH ARE
UNDERSTRENGTH (.) INFORM THIS HQ OF LATEST ~~POSITION~~ POSITION AND
~~PROPOSED~~ PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION

BT

SENT 291550A PJB BB KK

RECD 29150 A RMK BBB KKKK

4420

SUBJECT: Clothing - Indents.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/11
24 December 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

520 Autonoma Guard Coy - Salerno.

1. The a/m Guard Coy having been absorbed into 504 Gd Bn. issues of clothing authorized under serial No. AQ/61/625 of 14 Dec. 44 will be cancelled.
2. Deficiencies in clothing have been met by serial No. AQ 61/654 of even date and authorizing issues to 504 Gd. Bn.

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

FAC/ag

Copy to:

MMIA LO Three District
MMIA LO Naples
MMIA ORD.

Is this right?
ask oc 520 Gd Coy -
my letter to Shipley in
file 4 giving details of
clothing in 504 Gd Bn
- CRANAGE

Subject :- Vehicles for 520 Guard Coy.

ST/1024/~~92~~/92

26 Dec. 44

LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
Tel: 489081 EXT 526

To :- LO Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
3 District.

LO Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
Naples.

SMRE (Ufficio Automobilismo)

1. Confirming telephone Major Thrupp - Major Papineau in 23 Dec. 1944.-
2. Authority is given for assignment of 2 x SPA 39 vehicles ex Fuorigrotta Park to 520 Guard Coy under Command 3 District.-
3. M.M.I.A. LO Naples is requested to carry out this assignment and inform this HQ of the respective Targa Nos. immediately.-

O.C. Papineau
(O.C.PAPINEAU)
Major RASC
for Lt.Col.

OCP/ag.

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

4418

Subject : Accommodation - Italian Guard Coy.

3DLO/4
28 Dec 44.

Comando Militare Calabria.

Copies: 550 Italian Gd Coy
OO 30 Som LI (your R/1/90 dated 16 Dec to HQ
3 District refers)
Town Major, REGGIO.
Tn Sub Commission, AG.

Q. (your 1463 Dated 19 Dec to MRIA refers).
G.

It has been reported that 550 Italian Train Guard Coy at REGGIO CALABRIA have been ordered to vacate their billets near the railway station.

The considerable distance between the company's new accommodation and the station is seriously impairing the efficiency of the company in the execution of their work.

Similar situations are also reported from CROTONE and COSENZA.

Will you please therefore contact the units concerned and, if necessary with the assistance of Town Major, REGGIO, find them more suitable accommodation.


Major,
MRIALO,
3 District.

4417

DISPATCH

28/11/0 A

54 AREA: 209 Sub Area

INFO: THREE Dist EAST: 188A LG att 3 Dist:
188A LG att 54 Area

GO 850 (.) SECRET (.) warning order (.) SPRAY-SAXON-MILES
SPONE 27 Dec (.) first (.) 503 Gd bn required for duty NW
ITALY (.) will be relieved by either 97 Garrison Regt or
R Gm Bn early January (.) relief will NOT take place without
further orders this HQ (.) intended allot one coy relieving
British unit for all gd duties present 209 Sub Area (.)
second (.) withdrawal without relief projected one further
Italian bn from Eastern ITALY (.) 54 Area to nominate (.)
bn to be available for call fwd after 15 Jan (.) third (.)
adv arrangements will be made accordingly.

IMPORTANT

4416

R. H. H. H.
H. H. H.

MMH 20
3 DIST

HEF 264041



DISTRIB

RECEIVED

INFO: RECEIVED

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HEF *28*
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CG 826 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref year SD 13/1 of 21 Dec (.)
release gd sets 120 bn delayed until clothing provided for
relieving sets 504 Bt (.) completion anticipated by 31 Dec (.)
no other MPTCVA personnel employed on gd duties

R Murray
Ray

4415

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

264041

(MMIA LO)



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ARMY FORM C2136 (S)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		214818 (4)
MEDY		OP	22 DEC 1944 QIM		19
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM (A)	Originator	Date/Time of Origin	OFFICE DAY/SECT		
Railway Guards Italy		211830	16		
For Action					
93 District					
(W) For Information (VET)					
MMIA 3 District		34 (Mov and In) AFH			
94 Sub area					
Originator's No.	GVS (Restrict) of your 340/9 of 18 Dec.				
to transport held by 570 94 Coy understood 94					
sub area cannot supply 1200 fifteen cost					
trucks required by 27 Dec to enable unit					
to operate.					
PATTINO 1001 MMIA GENERAL STAFF					
DA 01 1001 4890 5260					
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WILLIAM		IF LEADER TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER		DEGREE OF PRIORITY	
Signed: Leopold HR		Signed: G2 (P)		22 DEC 1944	
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				THI or TOR 1915	
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22 DEC 1944

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214649

MEMO V LRGF NR 2060 (- ROUTINE -)

FROM M.M.I.A. 211440.A.

TO DISTHREE

QX GR 29 (-BT-)

AC 2439 (- RESTRICTED -)



FOR MMIA LO (.) MAKE NECESSARY LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE
DISTHREE 1460 OF 19 DEC (.) UNNECESSARY TO REFER TO MMIA SUCH
MINOR ACCOMMODATION MATTERS WHICH CAN BE SETTLED LOCALLY BY YOU
(-BT-)

550 gr cor Rgr
18 Nov 1944

SENT NR 2060 "SLM" 1833.A/21 (-B-)

Per 20
12 (*33*)
4

Subject:- Acen - 550 Italian Gd Coy

3 District
RAKEMILL 13
1160
19 Dec 44

MEMO

MEMO TO
G

Reference the attached copy letter R/1/90 dated 16
Dec 44 from Comd Train Gdn I. of C.

It is requested that you take such action as is
necessary to provide soon for 550 It Gd Coy from which the
personnel can carry out their duties effectively.

wait for it !!!

HR/SP

K.N. Plater. capt
f Maj Gen
Genl
(K.N. PLATER)

4412

COPY

Subject:- Italian Gd Coy - Acen

R/1/90

16 Dec 44

"G" 3 District

I have been informed that 550 It Gd Coy at Reggio have been ordered to vacate their present acen and to take billets a considerable distance from the Railway Station. They have no transport and it is considered most essential that in order to fulfill their operational role their acen should be in close proximity to their work.

Similar situations also arise at Grotone and Gossana.

It would considerably assist the working efficiency of Rly Guards if this matter could please be taken up by you.

(Sgd)

W GOURI

Major

for Lt Col

Commanding Railway Guards

L of C Area

CRT

RMI/JH

Copy to: AC Tpt Sub-Commission.
550 It Gd Coy.

SUBJECT: - Reorg of Ital Army.

94 Sub Area
30 SOM LI
227 Italian Div
56 Area
AFHQ (G3 Org For)
AFHQ (G4 Tn)
Movements West ITALY
MILIA
MILIA NAPLES
MILIA LO
227 Div LO

SECRET.
3 District
Ext 5
340/G
18 Dec 44

Ref AFHQ signal PX68087 of 13 Dec 44 and this HQ signal SD 582 of 8 Dec 44, neither to all addressees.

1. For 227 Div.
Will you please arrange for reinforcements to bring 519 Italian Gd Bn up to strength to be made available forthwith for despatch to join that Bn with 15 Army Gp. You should report when these rfts are ready to move.
2. Instructions have been received from AFHQ that:-
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 - (b) 520 Italian Gd Coy will take over train guard duties at present carried out by 138 Ind Inf Coy which will take over static guard duties from 520 Gd Coy.
3. These instructions will be implemented as follows:-
 - (a) 520 Gd Coy will be absorbed into, and will become an integral coy of 504 Gd Bn. While detached for train gd duties, however, it will be under the operational command of OC 30 SOMERSET Light Infantry (HQ TORRE ANNUNZIATA).
 - (b) One of the other coys of 504 Gd Bn will be disbanded, and the personnel distributed among the remaining coys.
 - (c) The reliefs of one coy 504 Gd Bn (i.e. the present 520 Gd Coy) and 138 Ind Inf Coy will be arranged between 94 Sub Area, OC 30 SOM LI and 227 Div. OC 30 SOM LI will submit to Movements WESTERN ITALY, the programme of moves required (for which this letter will be the necessary authority), and the completion of the reliefs will be reported to this HQ.
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4. The effect of these arrangements will be that the strength of 504 and 513 Gd Bns will temporarily be increased substantially beyond their WE. No reinforcements will however be posted to these Bns while their strength exceeds WE. Consequently these increases will gradually disappear by normal wastage.
5. 227 Div will issue the necessary internal administrative orders to give effect to these arrangements, with copy to this HQ.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

JPW/ED.

Maj,
for Lt Col,
CS.
(J.P. WATSON).

M. W.

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM (A)	Originator		Date - Time of Origin	OFFICE DATE STAMP
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TO	For Action			
G (SD)				
	(W) For Information (INSEC)		Message Instructions	CR
Originator's No.				

HG 134 ① ref ym 340/G
dated 18 Dec 44 ① ACK

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Subject : Clothing - 504 Gd Bn.

3DLO/4
19 Dec 44

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

Ref your AQ/15/1 dated 10 Dec 44.

I have visited 504 Gd Bn in order to clear up their clothing problems.

Att herewith at App "A" is a copy of an indent submitted by them to the War Ministry today also a copy of an indent (App "B") submitted through the same channels for rfts who have from time to time been posted to the bn in excess of their WE/TO of 800 all ranks.

These two indents hereby cancel any others the bn has submitted since the one you rejected and which forms the subject of your letter under ref.

Ref indent at App "A". The numbers indented for have been modified to equip a total available strength of 800 and takes into consideration all the releases of clothing the bn has received since its inception in Jul 44.

It will be noticed that no demand is made for either shirts cotton or socks both of which items the bn held in excessive quantities. 400 shirts cotton and 450 prs of socks will be handed in by them to 591 Depot before 20 Dec 44.

The bn has received in all 953 each of drawers woodland undershirts wool. The figure of 647 represents the bal to bring, their holding up to two prs per man.

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Towels (if available) represent an initial issue.

App "B" is a separate indent for clothing (an initial issue) for the rfts recently recd by the bn ; these are PW ex France and are dressed in civilian clothing.

In the case of drawers wool and undershirts wool, one pr each per man was issued out of the previous releases to the bn.

At App "C" the rejected indent is returned to you.

HPA

Major,
3 District MMIALO.

SUBJECT: 504 Guard Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/1
10 December 1944.

TO : MMIA LO 3 District.

1. Reference indent placed on the Ministry of War by 504 Guard Bn., their No. 1592/E dated 22 November 1944.
2. The above reference indent is returned to you for proper screening and further check. A substantial quantity of clothing was authorized for issue to this Bn. on 22 September, another lot on 4 October, and another lot on 15 November. The items requested on the above subject indent are definitely excessive, unless they have failed to collect items already authorized.
3. In keeping with instructions issued to you several weeks ago, it is desired to equip all Guard Bns. to scale, and in this connection you have been given the responsibility of determining what items are needed, and of insuring that indents are placed for the proper amounts. The excessive quantities demanded by the above reference indent indicate that proper action has not as yet been taken by you, or for some reason the O.C. Guard Bn. has failed to comply with your instructions.
4. Please consider the indent returned herewith as disallowed; at the same time please secure a new indent for items actually needed to equip the Bn. to scale, and insure that original goes to War Ministry and a copy to HQ MMIA. This action will enable us to immediately release such items that are actually needed, and at the same time prevent over issues.
5. Please consider this as a matter of urgency, and expedite the necessary action.

GEO. A. SHIPLEY
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt. Col.
for Colonel DA & QMG
Land Forces Sub Commission: 4:08

GAS/ag

ARTICLE		amth 22 nd 1958	amth 40 th 1958	amth 15 th Nov 1958	TOTAL ISSUED	NON wanted	GRAND TOTAL	
Blouses	1	—	(120) 80	—	80	250	✓	
Trousers	1	—	(120) 80	—	80	250	✓	
Boots	1	—	(158) 200	—	200	400	✓	already issued
Shirts or	2	779	160	1548	2487	966	NO	already issued
Socks (both)	3	1558	160	1548	3266	966	NO	already issued
Drawers (both)	2	779	(1023) 953	1548	2260	1776	NO	already issued
Caps	1	103	(120) 80	103	206	80	✓	
v/shirt (both)	2	779	(1023) 953	774	2506	2658	NO	already issued
Knickerbockers	1	—	(988) 80	—	80	886	✓	720 1500 already issued
Bed 15	1	220	(268) —	220	440	—	✓	already issued
Combs	1	—	(988) —	—	—	886	NO	already issued
Handkerchiefs	1	—	(886) —	—	—	886	✓	
① Versano 400								
② Versano 450								

arrived at beginning of JULY from 5644071A.

Strength at 10 Dec. — 1007 } (720 on 80)
 1003 }
 1007 to take over

513 — 770 — 800 on Nov 10 — 584

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12
RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: 10 Smoke Bn HQ

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/21
14 Dec 44

TO : HQ 3 DIST

Copy to: WAR MINISTRY
MMIA LO 3 DIST

Ref this HQ letter SD/7 of 29 Sept 44 to War Ministry
copy to you.

1. We are advised that the above HQ will not be needed
after the transfer of Smoke Coys to administrators.
2. Please state the present position and say if you have
alternative employment for this unit or whether it may be placed
at the disposal of Ministry of War.

W. H. M. I. A.
Major General *Caos*
M. M. I. A.

4466

g Subject:- Italian Transport.

'Q' 3 District

Ref your letters 678 Q of 6 Dec to IMA and 54 Coy DLI, not to all info addressees.

1. 70 Garrison Regt RA have now taken over from 54 Coy DLI.
2. You are referred to our Q 506/7 of 28 Nov, in which the conditions under which 54 Coy DLI and subsequently 70 Garrison Regt RA agreed to take these vans on charge are stated. It was also suggested that arrangements should be made for the vans to be issued to the Italian Units and taken on charge by them.
3. May a reply now be given to our a/m letter. In the meantime will you confirm that the responsibility of 70 Gm Regt RA does not extend beyond that envisaged in para 2 of our a/m letter.

In the Field
13 Dec 44.

AME/

Copy to:- RMSE
IMA 3 District
70 Gm Regt RA
Italian Liaison Staff
MMA LO

Brigadier,
Goud 56 Area.

4405

UNIT NOT: - Unit Maint Inspections

70 Cn Regt RA

Q 56 Area
UMI 3 Dist a/o HQ UMI
RECE
MIA 10

3 District
Ret 15
678
15 Dec 44

Ref 56 Area letter Q 506/7 of 28 Nov 44.

1. Copy of this HQ letter 678 Q of 6 Dec 44 and UMI Report on vehs of 513 and 514 Security Gd Bns (IT) are forwarded for your action as the vehs in question are now on your charge.
2. You ~~will~~ ^{will} remain responsible for supervision of the maint of these WD vehs whilst they are on your charge. Experience has shown that with such supervision Italian Units are able to reach a high standard of veh maintenance.

JN/WTB

Ann Marie 4404

Col
DA & JG
(R.B. LEECH)

Copies in loose file

4404

mm1A-LO 4 12 Dec

114 rfts for 119. Gd Bu. to be
withdrawn from units at Iwakoto
under authority FX 6332 + of 5 Dec
AFHQ. Without applying to MM/IA
Rome - spoke Watson - Incent. of
12 die refers. ———

~~yes~~ pro

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Copy to: MMIA LO

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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: Auth: SACMT :
: Initials *AWK* :
: 11 December 1944 :
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11 December 1944

AG 091.711/135 OCT-0

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SUBJECT: Italian Guard Battalions.

TO : President, Allied Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. The plan for the reallocation of guard battalions, as approved by this headquarters, allowed for the withdrawal from Number 3 District of three (3) Italian battalions during November 1944 for duty in the PO valley.
2. Present commitments in Number 3 District permit the immediate withdrawal of the 519 Guard Battalion, but the release of two (2) more battalions would prejudice the security of the large number of installations remaining in Number 3 District as a result of the temporary slowing down of operations.
3. It is recommended that you should arrange to supply the equivalent of two (2) additional guard battalions from the Italian Army personnel now collecting at TARANTO. These will be formed into battalions under Number 3 District, who will then release two (2) existing trained battalions.
4. Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy have requested earliest provision of three (3) guard battalions, to be trained in internal security duties for northwest Italy. Report by 15 December on the suitability of personnel at TARANTO. Number 3 District will release these two (2) new battalions early in 1945, when they will be available as reinforcements for combat or service units.

By command of General WILSON:

Albert W. Karr
ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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Goody. Goody - two more

4402

S. SECRET

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

C O P Y
P P

FROM : AFHQ 072004 A

TO : MOVWIT 701 HY GRAND DIV

INFO : MAIN AAI AMIA DISTHREE 56 AREA DISTONE DEARS ROME MOV ROME

CONFIDENTIAL FX 64842

519 ITALIAN GUARD BN STRENGTH 800 ALL RANKS WITH 10 TONS STORES WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM CASORIA TO SPOLETO ON 10 DEC PD CITE FHGDM SIGNED SACRED PD DETAILS OF ROLLING STOCK AND DEPARTURE TIMINGS UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVWIT

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy to :- AMIA LO

from Q

9 Dec 44

437/109 Q

4401

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A)	Originator DISTURKE	Date & Time 07 18 15 A
For Action		

Office Date Stamp

TO 56 AREA MOVWIT

Message Instrs GR

(W) For Information (INFO)

AMHQ (G-3 ORG & FOREIGN) MMIA NAPLES 54. ISLU
copy to Q MOV LO MMIA LO

Originator's Number :- SD 567

R. SANCHEZ (.) spoke WATSON - BELLAMY 5 dec (.) 120 MANROVA Bn will be relieved of g3 duties under your arrangements soonest and will move under orders MOVWIT from present loc to SAN GIORGIO near BENEVENTO for MANROVA GIAPPPO reporting 54. ISLU (.) for 56 Area (.) notify MOVWIT rptd this HQ date unit ready to move

This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
EXCEPT Wireless

Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

Time System Op

THI or TOR

Time cleared

Signed

M. J. ...
11-1

4:09

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

Office Date Stamp

ORIGINATOR	ORIGINATOR	DATE & TIME
(A)	DISTONE	07 081455A

For Action

56 AREA MOVWIT 227 ITALIAN DIV
TO

Message Instrs GR

(W) For Information (INFO)

AMHQ (G3 ORG BRIT) NMIA NAPLES DISTONE
71 SUB AREA Copy to Q MOV LO NMIA LO

Originators No. SD 582

RESTRICTED (.) further my SD 543 of 6 dec and 559 of 7 dec (.) 519 italian gd bn will be prepared to move on orders MOVWIT on 10 NOV 11 dec (.) for 227 div (.) report immediately whether you can make up strength of this bn to 800 for move 10 dec (.) if NOT balance will move soonest after 11 dec under orders MOVWIT (.)

for 56 Area is report NATION - INGHAM this date

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AS WRITTEN by any means
EXCEPT } Wireless

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Instrs Degree
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present strength 450 cannot touch
114 mg bn or 520 gdcn

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136
Office Dte StampFROM
(A)Originator
DISTHREE

Date & Time

71450 A

For Action

56 AREA

227 DIV

MOVWLT

71 SUB AREA

TO

Message Instrs GR

(W) For Information (INFO)

AREA NAPLES

AFHQ(C-3 CIG UNIT)

C(SD) AAI

DISTONE

copy to :-

Q

MOV LO

MELA LO

227 DIV LO

Originator's Number :- SD 559

INSTRUCTED (.) amend my SD 543 of 6 Dec NOT to all as follows (.) destination 519
 Italian CG Bn FOLIGNO NOT SPOLTERO (.) small adv party will move forthwith to
 FOLIGNO reporting Town Major

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 EXCEPT Wireless

Originator's Instrs
 Degree of Priority

Time System Op

THI or TOR

Time cleared

Signed

Wm. A. M.
 11/1

4398

File 7-12 (4)

MESSAGE FROM		In Lieu of AF 32156
		Office Date Stamp
FROM	Originator's DISTRICT	Date & Time
()		05 10 A
		1930
For Action		
TO	122 DIV	Message Centre CR
(1) For Dist action (122)		
122A 122B	122C (G-3) 122D (122E)	122F (122G)
copy to	122H 122I	122J 122K
Originator's Remarks: 122A 122B 122C 122D 122E 122F 122G 122H 122I 122J 122K 122L 122M 122N 122O 122P 122Q 122R 122S 122T 122U 122V 122W 122X 122Y 122Z		
This message may be sent as written by any means except wireless		
Originator's Dist Instructions of Priority		Time taken to clear
Signed <i>[Signature]</i>		

Subject:- Transport.

S.R.I.A., A.C., Bari.

24/2/1/276

16 Dec 45.

(4)

The provision of a car for the use of the Officer Commanding
910 It.Gd.Bn. to enable him to visit his detachments in East Italy is
absolutely essential in the interests of railway working.

It is requested therefore that one be issued to him forthwith.

GM
24/2/45.

Copy to:- C-in-Chief & 2nd ADG.
H.Q. East Italy.
S.R.I.A. 3 District.
910 It.Gd.Bn.

L.H.F. Routh Lt. Col.
Commanding Railway Guards.
L of C Area.

4396

SUBJECT: Equipment - Italian Personnel.

4 507/1

1. District

1. The following IRI-ITI units are at present att to 227 Div and are performing functions exactly similar to those of IRI-ITM.

504.01 Bn
513 Inf Regt
519 Inf Regt

2. Your 385 Q of 17 Nov lays down a procedure for equipping and supplying IRI-ITM. The system of supply for IRI-ITM remains the same as that in force for some time but has been unsatisfactory and has involved considerable delays in obtaining requirements.

3. It is suggested that IRI-ITI units att to Italian HQ and performing functions similar to those undertaken by IRI-ITI units should be supplied and equipped, and in general treated in exactly the same way as IRI-ITI units. This would obviate the present serious differences in the conditions under which these two types of units at present have to operate.

4. Att copy of C minute 9/3/1(G) sets out the difficulties at present being experienced by one of these units.

In the Field

28 Nov 44

M. C. C.
Brigadier,
Cmd 56 Area.

Copy to:- HQIA LG
Cdr
Italian Liaison Staff
G

4395

SUBJECT: - Unit Maint Inspections

3 District
Ext 113
678
6 Dec 44

24 Coy DMI

Q 56 Area
UNIT 3 Dist c/o HQ DMI
RME
MMIA 10

Ref the Unit Maintenance Inspection of your vehs on 15 Nov 44.

1. It is noted that the state of maintenance of vehs assigned to 513 and 504 Security Guards Bns (It) and held on your charge, is most unsatisfactory.
2. The report shows that all drivers were completely ignorant of the elements of veh maintenance, and that supervision has been very lax.
3. Sufficient copies of "Inspection Maintenance and Care of Army Vehicles" in Italian have been given to the Sgt Offrs of both Bns and the rudiments of the Task System explained.
4. Immediate steps will be taken to ensure that the Task System is put into practice, and all veh maintenance given regular and careful supervision.
5. Instructions have been issued for these vehs to have a further inspection in one month's time, and it is fully expected that a considerable improvement in maintenance will be shown.

CMB/WTB

Laure
Col
DA & QMG
(I. LAURIE)

4394

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT:- Rfts for Gd Bns

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MIA)
SD/18/1

25 Nov 44

MIA LO 3 District

Reference your letter 3DLO/4 of 19 Nov.

The situation of rfts for gd bns is under consideration as many of the other bns present the same problem as the 510 Gd Bn.

Due to the nature of the duties done by the Bn in question, a high priority for the furnishing of rfts can be assured.

Please pass the information on to the OC the Bn.

ABC
3.c

Henry J. Pacini, Capt
for Major General
MIA

4393

Subject : Rfts for Gd Bns.

3DLO/4
27 Nov 44

OC 30 Som LI,
Ry Gds I of C Area.

Ref your 24/2/A/204 dated 18 Nov 44.

1. I am informed by MMIA that the situation for rfts of gd bns is under consideration as many of the other bns present the same problem as 510 Gd Bn.
2. Due to the nature of the duties performed by the bn in question a high/ priority for the furnishing of rfts can be assured.
3. Ref your 11/QM/118 dated 26 Nov 44 + I have forwarded the indent to HQ MMIA for the necessary certificate of non-availability from Italian Army sources and approval.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

4392

Subject:- Clothing - 510 It.Gd.Bn.

M.M.I.A., 3 District.

21/2/1/226

23 Nov 44.

Ref copy of Mov 3/306/1A dated 8 Nov attached.

May I please be informed when this Bn will be completed to scale as it is quite unreasonable to expect men to carry out their duties on the clothing quoted in para 3 of the a/q letter.

CMF
WR/JN.

W. H. F. Routh

Lt.Col.

30 Som.L.I.

Comd.Rly.Gds L of C Area

Copy to: H.Q.Mov. East Italy.
M.M.I.A., L.C., 52 Area.
M.M.I.A., L.C., 54 Area.

now clothed - CPM has acted -

COPY.

SUBJECT:- 510 It.Gd.Bn -Clothing.

H. Q. Movements,
BRINDISI
Ref:-Mov 3/306/1A.
8 Nov 44.

To:- C.O. 30 Som.L.I. C.M.F.

Copy to:- HQ Movements, Eastern Italy.
M.M.I.A., LO 54 Area.
M.M.I.A., LO 52 Area.

1. It has been represented by C.C. Coy to this H.Q. that lack of clothing is affecting the operational efficiency of No.4 Coy based at Brindisi.
2. It is understood Bn.H.Q. is well aware of the position but is apparently unable to remedy.
3. At the moment the Coy. has a strength of 3 officers 154 ORs, of these only 72 ORs have one complete outfit comprising one uniform, one set of underclothes and one pair of socks and boots.
4. It is considered reasonable that in addition to the 82 uniforms required to complete a scale of one per man, each man should have as a minimum another pair of boots and a second set of socks and underclothes.
5. Of the 3 officers one is minus uniform jacket and one is without trousers.
6. Can you please indicate what is the prospect of an early improvement in supply.

EDB/E.



(Sgd) E.D. Bailey, Major.
D. A. Q.M.G. (M).
HQ. Movements, Brindisi.

Vivent les Sans-Calotte!

Subject : 510 It. Gd. Battalion.

To : C.O., 30 Som. L.I.

Copy to : MMIA LO 3 District.
MMIA LO 54 Area.
MMIA LO 52 Area.

H.Q., Movements,
Eastern Italy.
Ref : MOV3/330A.
21 Nov. 1944.

1. This H.Q. is informed that No. 4 Coy 510 It. Gd. Bn. at Brindisi has been ordered to take on attachment approx. 200 Italian O.Rs. who are at present dispersed over the Brindisi area performing various guard duties not necessarily connected with rail movement.

2. In view of the extra work involved and as the Officer strength of this Coy. is only three, the possibility that it may be reduced to two (your 24/2/A/204 of 18 Nov) is viewed with dismay. It is strongly urged that an increase rather than a decrease of officers is required to enable this unit to carry out its function in a satisfactory manner.

B A Coulson
Major, R.E.,
(B.A. COULSON).
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).
H.Q., Movements, Eastern Italy.
for Col. Q(M).

BAG/CO

Subject:- Movements of Officers.

M.M.I.A., L.O.
3 District.

24/2/A/204

18 Nov 44.

Ref my 24/2/A/126 dated 27 Oct 44 addsd "A" Branch, and sub-joined translated copy of 510 It.Gd.Bn letter No.2687/PM dated 14 Nov 44.

It is requested that immediate action be taken to bring this unit up to strength.

CMF
NR/JN.

Copy to: H.C. Movements. E. Italy.
510 It. Gd. Bn.

L. H. T. Rault
Lt. Col.
30 Som. L.I.
Comd. Fly Gds L of C Area.

COPY.

Sheet No 2687/PM. Italian Train Guard Bn. Bari Nov 14th/44.

Subject:- Movements of Officers.

To the Control Office of the Working Class and for knowledge.

To the Commanding Officer 30 Somerset Light Infantry.

This Command to-day has received the sheet which the Military detachment of Trecasa sent, the Ministry order 22/170/L dated 21st Oct 44 which the following officers

Lieut Gerosa Desiderio
Sub " Rottoli. Roaul
" " Persini. Donato.

were posted to this command when I asked for 15 officers. This order states that the a/n Officers are to be transferred to the 210th Div. The Military Det. of Trecasa gave these names to the Ministry of War notwithstanding the a/n officers were assigned to this Bn. by the Military order of Puglia and Lucania as established in letter 23776/1 dated 18th Oct/ 44. Will you communicate to the Ministry of War the necessity of the a/n Officers remaining with this Bn, as I previously asked for 15 officers and only received 3. We are very short of Officers and cannot carry on with same. This Bn. can carry on with the intelligence of a few Sub Officers with the help of other Officers. If the a/n Officers are taken away the very important stations of Taranto and Brindisi will remain without officers to control them. We cannot give you security for the happenings of these stations to the Allied Command. Could you write to the Ministry of War asking if we can keep the a/n offrs and if the officers of the A.A. Ground Defence are being disbanded could 12 of these be posted to us.

For signature of the Battalion.

Copy to: H.C. Movements. E. Italy.

510 It. Cd. Bn.

Comd. Fly Gds L of C Area.

30 Som. L.I.

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The Commandante of the Battalion.
(Magg. Morelli Giuseppe).

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19 NOV 1944

24/A/204

Subject: Movements of Officers.

M.I.A., L.O.
3 District.

18 Nov 44.

Ref my 24/2/A/126 dated 27 Oct 44 addsd "A" Branch, and sub-joined translated copy of 510 It. Cd. Bn letter No. 2687/PM dated 14 Nov 44.

It is requested that immediate action be taken to bring this unit up to strength.

CMF
MR/JN.

Asst. V. Rault Lt. Col.
30 Som. L.I.
Comd. PLY Gds L of G Area.

Copy to: H.C. Movements, B. Italy.
510 It. Cd. Bn.

COPY.

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NR/JN.

Copy to: H.C. Movements. B. Italy.
510 It. Cd. Bn.
Comd. Ply Gds I of C Area.

COPY.

Sheet No 2637/PM. Italian Train Guard Bn. Bari Nov 14th/44.

Subject:- Movements of Officers.

To the Control Office of the Working Class and for knowledge.

To the Commanding Officer 30 Somerset Light Infantry.

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The Commandante of the Battalion.
(Magg. Morelli Giuseppe).

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15 + 94.

Subject : Rfts for gd bns. 4.

3DLO/4
19 Nov 44

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

510 Gd Bn (Italian), now working
with 30th Bn Som LI as train gds, state they are 12 offrs and
94 OFs under strength.

On 21 Oct 44, though 15 offrs
had been applied for, only 3 were posted to the bn. Since then
none have been posted and the bn comd states that, as a result,
the unit is not in a position to carry out its duties effec-
tively.

May action please be taken to
bring this bn up to strength.

Rd.
Major,
MMIALO,
3 District. 4387

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DISPATCH

DISPATCH EAST 52 AREA 52 AREA 210 SUB AREA MOVING
APIN(C-3 ORG UNIT) copy to DISPATCH 10

SD 251 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref DISPATCH SD 1767 of 11 nov and this Hq SD 167
of 14 nov both NOT to all (.) first (.) this Hq above sig has been
cancelled (.) second (.) 52 spec coy 518 gd bn is now ~~assigned~~
deployed on gd duties in 52 area (.) NOT available for gd ~~assigned~~ (.)
third (.) proposed to retain coy 2 bn 336 regt until completion
commitment

Handwritten signature

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DISTURB

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209 SUB AREA MOV FOGGIA

54 AREA DISTURB RAMP MOVET AREA LO RARI
MOV RARI copy to AREA LO

SD 252 (.) REVERTED (.) one coy 503 Italian gd bn will move
soonest under orders MOV FOGGIA from 209 sub area to RARI (.)
on arrival come under op coord 34 area for gd dtocs

Handwritten signature

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18
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In lieu of AF 02:36

2004
(10)

Date: 2/2/19

17. $10^3 \times 10^3 = 10^6$ A

66 APR 1967

(V) For Information (Info)

INSTANT PAGE 12 AREA 203 SUB A1 A (late 65 CANTONMENT)
 NOV 1967 NOV INSTANT AMM(C-3 COM BRPT) 1014 IMPRES
 copy to Q NOV 19 1141 10

11/10/50 (.) ref 11/10/50 11/10/50 of 15 nov (NOT received as this 12) 11/10/50
of 15 nov and 11/10/50 of 16 nov none to all (.) confirming conversation
11/10/50 - 11/10/50 in this date (.) arrange move 516 Italian go on and det (str 200)
11/10/50 go on then 11/10/50 to 11/10/50 for onward routing to 11/10/50 (.) 11/10/50
for 11/10/50 (.) 11/10/50 of those moves in order

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SUBJECT: Policy - Italian Gd Bus

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3 District
Ext 7
762/G

18 Nov 44

52 Area (5)
54 Area (6)
56 Area (5)
50 SSM LT

Copy to :- 94 Sub Area
200 Sub Area
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Att are copies as above of AFHQ letter HQ 091.711/119 GDS-G dated 5 Nov 44.

Will action addressees please examine this agreed standard WG and forward any comments they may have to make as soon as possible and at latest to reach this HQ by 30 Nov 44.

V. H. [Signature]

[Signature]
(J1 WATSON) Major
for Lt Col
CS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/115 GGT-0

5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Guard Battalions

TO : All Concerned

1. In order to regularize the composition, and facilitate the reinforcement of the twenty-two (22) Italian Guard Battalions formed in Italy, a standard War Establishment - Table of Organization has been agreed. All the battalions will be formed into this organization. A copy of the agreed War Establishment - Table of Organization is at Appendix "A".

2. The supply of all arms, vehicles and equipment for the battalions will be the responsibility of the Italian Army. Occasions may arise, however, when the Italian Army is unable to provide sufficient vehicles to meet all requirements. Under such circumstances, the formations, under whose command the battalions are operating at the time, are authorized to provide the minimum transport required on temporary loan, from within the formation's own resources.

3. As the Guard Battalions do not form part of either the British Order of Battle, or the United States Troop List, it is not possible to form the battalions under standard War Establishments or Tables of Organization, but the organization agreed at Appendix "A" was designed to fit, as nearly as possible, the normal Italian organization. At the same time it provides the maximum numbers possible for actual guard duties, and a small percentage only on purely administrative work.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Fries
R. H. FRIES
Captain, AG
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
WE-T/O for Italian
Guard Battalion

DISTRIBUTION:

10 - Hq AAI	1 - Hq No 3 Dist
1 - Hq AC	1 - G-1 (B)
5 - Land Forces Sub-Com (Hq LA)	1 - G-1 (A)
1 - Rome Area	5 - G-3
1 - PMS	1 - G-4 (A)
1 - COMZONES, MTOUSA	1 - G-4 (B)
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APPENDIX "A"

ORGANISATION OF ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION

Comprises:- Bn H. Q.
4 GUARD COYS

Bn H. Q.

Includes:

C.O. and H.Q. Officers

One HQ Platoon

C. O. and HQ Officers

C. O. (Lt Col or Major)
Adjutant (Subaltern)
Officer i/c Supplies (Subaltern)
Officer i/c Adm (Subaltern)
Medical Officer (Subaltern)

TOTAL.....

HQ PLATOON

S/Sjt or W/Sjt

Clerks - typists :

Sjt or L/Sjt
Cpl or L/Cpl
Ptes

Medical Orderly
Bicycle Messenger
Batmen (of which two Batmen Drivers)
Cooks and Officers Mess Waiters
Lorry Drivers

TOTAL - HQ PLATOON

TOTAL - BN H. Q.....

PERSONNEL						T P T	
Officers	Senior N.C.O's	Junior N.C.O's and Troops	Automatic Rifles	L.M.C.	Bicycles	Cars	Lorries
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APPENDIX "A" (Cont'd)

GUARD COY

Comprises:- Coy H.Q.
4 Platoons

COY H.Q.

O.C. (Capt or Lieut)
O.C. (Senior N.C.O.)
Cpl or L/Cpl Clerk
~~Buglers~~ *Soldiers for Guard Duties (incl. 2 Buglers)*
Batman - orderly
Cyclist Messenger
Cooks
Lorry Drivers

Total, HQ Coy

GUARD PLATOON (2 Secs)

O.C. (Subaltern)
Section Commander (Senior N.C.O.)
Deputy Section Commander (Cpl or L/Cpl)
Cpls
Ptes
Batman - messenger

Total, Guard Platoon

Total, 4 Platoons

Total, Guard Coy

SUMMARY - GUARD BATTALION

Bn H.Q.

4 Guard Coys

Total, Guard Battalion

	PERSONNEL						TPT
	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's and troops	Auto Rifles	L.M.G.	Bicycles	Cars
	1	1	1 3 1 1 2 1			1	1
Total, HQ Coy	1	1	9			1	1
	1	2	2 2 38 1	1 2	2		
Total, Guard Platoon	1	2	43	3	2		
Total, 4 Platoons	4	8	172	12	8		
Total, Guard Coy	5	9	181(a)	12	8	1	1
Bn H.Q.	5	2	13			2	2
4 Guard Coys	20	36	724	48	32	4	4
Total, Guard Battalion	25	38	737	48	32	6	5
		800					

(a) - including 1 - lorry driver - reserve driver for lorry assigned to Coy.

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DISTHREE EAST

52 AREA 54 AREA MOVET 12MIA AFHQ(G-3 ORG BRIT)
copy to 12MIA LO

SD 167 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref 12MIA SD 1767 of 11 nov NOT to all (.)
arrange move of 534 spec coy in relief of coy 2 bn 336 regt as requested
reporting str and completion to 12MIA rptd this HQ (.) ack

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ARMY FORM C. 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator NMIALO DISTHREE For Action	Date-Time of Origin 201253 A	Office Date Stamp
To	NMIA (W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instrns	GR

Originator's No. HG 113 (°) ref your AQ 2233 of 19 (°) 504 instructed collect clothing as per your AQ/61/516 immediately (°) a further indent awaits NMIA approval (°) 513 and 519 indents to complete await NMIA approval (°) have sent for info regarding 518 but none yet recd (°) delay due handover of office and lack of clerk much regretted

This message may be sent
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FROM MMIA 190930A

TO MMIA LO DISTHREE

CCX GR23 BT

AQ2233 RESTRICTED

AN IMMEDIATE REPLY INCLUDING REPORTS AS REQUESTED THERE IN
IS DESIRED TO OUR AQ/15/1 DATED 29 OCTOBER SUBJECT CLOTHING
AND EQUIPMENT ITALIAN GUARD BNS

BT

RPTN ~~127 OF~~ ~~190930~~ ~~23 2233~~ ~~15/1 29~~

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SUBJECT: Clothing/Eqpt Italian Guard Bns

Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E
AC/15/1
29 October 44

TO: MMIA LO Three District

504, 513, 518, 519 Guard Bns

1. It is desired that all Italian Guard Bns should be completely clothed and equipped up to authorized scale. Certain Guard Bns have already been equipped.
2. You will therefore arrange for immediate inspections to be carried out of such Bns in your district/area which are not equipped to scale, and ensure that indents are forwarded covering all deficiencies.
3. Indents will be submitted to Ministry of War forthwith with copy this HQ to enable issue to be expedited.
4. The a/m Guard Bns are Iti-Iti, and will be issued Allied Battle Dress (dyed), from stocks allotted for use of the Iti-Itis.
5. It is understood that 504, 513 and 519 have already been equipped. Please confirm, and report when issues have been completed in respect of 518 Bn.

F.A. Cole
F.A. COLE, Major
for Lt.Col. AA/QMG
Military Mission
Italian Army

Wt 504 Tom del Greco
Wt 513 3 Dist area of Hotel Anzio
Wt 518 S. Severo + C. Basso v/c S. Dist
Wt 519 A. Agosta - etc

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SUBJECT: Clothing/Eqpt Italian Guard Bns

Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E
AQ/15/1
29 October 44

TO: MMIA LO 54 Area

501, 502, 503, 510, 514 Guard Bns.

1. It is desired that all Italian Guard Bns should be completely clothed and equipped up to authorized scale. Certain Guard Bns have already been equipped.
2. You will therefore arrange for immediate inspections to be carried out of such Bns in your district/area which are not equipped to scale, and ensure that indents are forwarded covering all deficiencies.
3. Indents will be submitted to Ministry of War forthwith, with copy this HQ to enable issues to be expedited.
4. The a/m Guard Bns are Iti Iti, and will be issued Allied Battle Dress(dyed), from stocks allotted for use of Iti-Itis.
5. It is understood that 502, 503, 510 Bn have already been equipped. Please confirm, and report when issues have been completed in respect of 501 and 514 Bn.

F.A. Cole
F.A. COLE, Major
for Lt.Col. AA/OMG
Military Mission
Italian Army

Copy to: MMIA LO 3 Dist (2)

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FROM MEMIA

TO 3 DISTRICT

INFO 3 DISTRICT EASTERN DET
MINISTRY OF WAR
AFHQ (ATT G3)
MAI
MAAF
AC
MEMIA TO 3 DISTRICT

SD 1775

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Amend by SD 1767 of 11 para TWO by insertion of word
Request. before words Coy 2 Bn 336 Regt

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

Copy to Spec Sec
SD 1767

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From : MIA
To : 33 DISTRICT
Info : 3 DISTRICT EASTERN DET
MINISTRY OF WAR
AFHQ (ATT G3)
AAJ
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MIA LO 3 DISTRICT

SD 1767

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(RE (.) 534 Spec Coy 518 Cd Bn (ex 107 Btg Territorial) Now
S. SEVERO under cond MAAF is placed at your disposal for purpose
of guard ^{at/} Camp TARANTO in lieu of one coy 2Bn 336 Regt (P1(EN))
(.) Arrange move mutually with 1st HQ (IT) BARI reporting
completion and strength this HQ (.) TWO (.) Coy 2 Bn 336 Regt
will rejoin parent Bn soonest under your arrangements (.) THREE
(.) AFHQ AG 691.711/ OCT-0 of 7 and FX 49938 of 8 not to all referp

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED 15/10/51

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M OVIMENTO = M/72 del 14/11/44

Fonogramma :

DA 3[^] DISTRETTO

A 54 Area - 56 Area-MMIA Napoli - Movimento Est Italia
Movimento Ovest Italia

Inform.: 3[^] Distretto Est - 65 Garrison - 1[^] Distretto -

Copia : Q - Mov.LO - Uff.Colleg.MMIA

SD 967 - RISERVATO - 516 e 517 Batt.Ital.Guardie muove-
ranno da AFRAGOLA ad ANCONA come segue :

La parte mobile raggiungerà BRINDISI per via
ordinaria, secondo gli ordini dei comandi delle
unità, il resto per ferrovia al più presto pos-
sibile sotto ordini Movimento Ovest Italia (.)

Da BRINDISI ad ANCONA via mare, con precedenza
di imbarco 380 e 390 rispettivamente.

Firm. WATSON - Magg.

Il Movimento Ovest Italia ha comunicato che le suddette
Unità devono esser pronte a muovere fra 2 o
tre giorni, dalla data della presente.

UFFICIO ITALIANO COLLEGAM.
CON COMANDO 3[^] DISTRETTO

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56 AREA

REMARKS

ADIR(C-3 GAC BRIT) G(30) AAL DISTANCE AREA
copy to 4 NOV LO AREA LO

SD 117 (.) REPERCUSS (.) spoke WATSON - INCHAM this date (.) confirmed
that 300 miletears will NOT move with 521 italian gr bn (.) my
SD 109 of 10 nov NOT to all refere

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56 AREA MOVWIT

AFHQ (G3 ORG BRIT) G(SD) AAI DISTONE 71 SUB AREA

Copy to :- Q MOV LO 1111A LO

SD 109 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 521 Gd Bn str 32 offrs 777 ORs stores 20 tons will move on 12 NOV by rail under arrangements MOVWIT from CASORIA as follows (.) First (.) bn HQ and one coy to ASSISI for onward move to PERUGIA under arrangements 71 SUB AREA (.) second (.) one coy to POLIGNO (.) third (.) two ~~coys~~ to TERNI (.) notify unit destinations before departure to facilitate detrainment (.) for 56 AREA (.) spoke ELLIOT - INGHAM this date (.) 1 District G 15 of 9 Nov NOT to all refers (.) for MOVWIT (.) your NOV 1153 of 9 Nov refers (.) note new destinations

After unit move

IMPORTANT

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MESSAGE FORMIn lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A)	Originator	Date & Time	Office Date Stamp
	DISTHREE	07/15/81 A	
For Action			
TO	52 AREA	54 AREA	Message Centre GR
(W) For Information (INFO)			

65 GARRISON DISTHREE EAST AREA LO BARI AREA (C-3 ORG BRIT)
 AREA MOVET MOV TARANTO MOV BRINDISI
 copy to A Q MOV LO AREA LO

Originator's Number :-

SD 59 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref para 5 my 17/11/G of 4 nov NOT to all (.) one coy
 2 bn 336 PZENO regt will move on date to be decided by 52 area from present
 locn to TARANTO for gd duties on camp for displaced persons (.) remains under
 secd SURE for all purposes (.) for 52 area (.) 54 area report this bn now conc
 BARLETTA (.) for 54 Area (.) apco WATSON - MILLS this date

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MESSAGE FORM

TO: 56 Area DIA JAMES MOVIE

FROM: (A) DISTRICT

Originator: DISTRICT

Date & Time: 02 JUN 4

Office Date Stamp: 615

For Action: (V) For Information

Copy to: Q Mov 10 Lab DIA 10

SD 968(.) RESTRICTED(.) 521 Malise gl ba will move on or after 6 Nov under arrangements MOVIE from AF AGOL to SD 959(.) on arrival will come under cond 1 district for all purposes

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SECRETSubject: Guards - reliefs.

52 Area {4}
 54 Area {3}
 56 Area {2}
 70 Sub Area
 94 Sub Area
 64 Garrison
 67 Garrison

3 District
 Ext 9
 18/G

29 Oct 44

Copy to: AMHQ (G3 - Org - Brit)

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1. This letter is for information on which to plan and movement to effect the reliefs will NOT take place without specific SD orders to that effect.

2. Units scheduled to move from the District:-

Unit	Present Location	Probable date
(a) JONHEUR Inf	70 Sub Area	10 Nov
(b) One Coy 30 CHESHIRE	94 Sub Area	15 Nov
(c) 30 GREEN HOWARDS	54 Area (with deta elsewhere)	15 Nov
(d) 519 Italian Gd Bn	56 Area (inactive)	15 Nov (or earlier)
(e) One Italian Gd Bn	Eastern ITALY	to be notified

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(b) Coy 54 DLI	56 Area	to be notified

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4. New guard units being made available to District:-

- (a) "G" Grn Bn (formerly 70 LAA Regt)
(b) 97 HAA Regt (for conversion to Grn Bn).

5. Initial reliefs or withdrawals in conformity with the above are listed at Appx 'A'. Subsequent probable reliefs or withdrawals are listed at Appx 'B'.

..... para 6

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6. The HQ of "C" Cmn Bn will be located in 94 Sub Area. The initial deployment of its coys (vide Appendices 'A' and 'B') will be as follows:-

two Coys 70 Sub Area
one Coy 94 Sub Area
one Coy 56 Area

At a later date when 70 Sub Area's commitments in SICILY are phased down, it is probable that first one coy and then the other will be brought over to the Mainland.

7. Ref para 2(c) and Appx 'B' Serial 9, 52 and 54 Areas will now make advance plans on the basis of the reorganisation of their guard layout for each to give up the equivalent of two Italian Coys when the one bn is withdrawn.

8. 45 LAA Regt being converted to 'P' Cmn Bn under supervision of 52 Area will NOT be available for ordinary static gds; it is scheduled for PW duties, less one coy for train gds. 63 LAA Regt being converted to 'H' Cmn Bn under supervision of 52 Area is earmarked for special Ordnance duties.

9. Areas will inform units concerned of such information in this letter as is relevant to them.

E. P. Warner

Lt Col
GS
(EF WARNER)

EPW/BJV

SECRETAppx 'A' to
18/G of 29 Oct 44

1 Serial	2 Area	3 Present Unit	4 To be relieved by	5 Date relief to be completed by
1.	70 Sub Area SICILY	JONHEUR Inf	Two Coys 'C' Csm Bn	Coys to move to SICILY 4 Nov - JONHEURS ready to move 10 Nov
2.	70 Sub Area SICILY	Coy 70 HMK	Disbanded without relief	30 Nov
3.	94 Sub Area	Coy 30 OCHESHINS	One Coy 'C' Csm Bn	15 Nov
4.	56 Area	519 Italian Cd Bn (not operative)	- - -	Ready to go fwd now
5.	54 Area	30 GREEN HOWARDS	27 HMA Regt (on conversion to Csm Bn)	15 Nov
		Coy 54 DLT	One Coy 'C' Csm Bn	To be notified

SECRETAppx 'B' to
18/G of 29 Oct 44

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4.	56 Area	519 Italian Gd Bn (not operative)	- - -	Ready to go fwd now
5.	54 Area	30 GREEN HOWARDS	97 HAA Regt (on conversion to Gm Bn)	15 Nov
6.	56 Area	Coy 54 DELI	One Coy 'G' Gm Bn	<u>SECRET</u> Appx 'B' to 18/9 of 29 Oct 44 To be notified
7.	56 Area	- - -	One Ind Inf Coy from train gds	15 Nov (approx) 4365
8.	64 Gm	120 (SANTOVA) Bn	Det from 504 or 515 Italian Gd Bn in 56 Area	When 120 Bn withdrawn
9.	Eastern ITALY	One Italian Gd Bn	Without relief	To be notified

(Note Serials 7 and 8 are inter-related)

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MCVWIT

MMIA LO 24-1st (By hand) —

O 867 RESTRICTED (.) Request your AQMG on his return from CALABRIA gets in touch with G this HQ as regards future intentions for 850 Italian Train Guard Coy

*R. Spray
H. A.*

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Guards

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MOVWIT

MMIA LO *2 Dist. of (by phone)* /

O 868 RESTRICTED (.) Your SE/LS of 20 Oct (.) Understood
from MOVWIT that MOV REGIO closing may be postponed (.)
Await report from AQMG MOVWIT now visiting CALABRIA

Afternoon

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LO 3 District

Guard

SUBJECT: 550 Train Guard Co.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. 5D/19
20 Oct 44

TO : HQ 3 DIST

Copy to: AFHQ
AAI
M/S
MEMO 10, 3 DIST

1. This is to remind you that Movements Reggio will close in approx ten days at which time 550 Train Guard Co will come under cmd of 3 Dist.
2. AAI in 1605/30/2/0 (SDI) of 24 Sept state that 550 Train Guard Co is to be relieved later by SARAJEVO Div and join Bn with 30 SOM LI.
3. It is suggested that the 550 Train Guard Co, when Movements Reggio close, be placed under cmd of the 510th Guard Bn, retaining its identity for the time being. This will make the 510 Guard Bn overstrength, but later on when the 510 Guard Bn will need rfts because of sickness or desertion the Train Guard Co will be absorbed into the Guard Bn.

S.M. Tingle
Major General
M. L. I. A.

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Guards

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AFHQ (G4- Nov & To)

MEMO 30 NOV LI
MEMO LO 3 DISTRICT (By hand)

O 833 RESTRICTED (.) Ref MEMO letter 30/18 dated 20 Oct addressed this HQ copy to you (.) In view impending move of MOV REGGIO request you confirm 30 NOV LI issuing necessary instructions to 550 Train Guard Co who are now under their op comd

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IMPORTANT

Quarto

DISTANCE

23 2350 A

56 AREA 19118 NAPLES

AFM (G3 ORG UNIT) G(SD) AI FIFTH ARMY (BRIT UNIT)
MIA MOVIT 227 DIV 10 copy to Q MIA 11 Nov 10

SD799

SECRET (.) HQ 6 Italian regt str 40 all ranks will move by rail NAPLES to
FLORENCE to under comd Bq 210 div (.) notify MIA brit increment FIFTH ARMY
copy this HQ

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HQ*

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DISPATCH

24 OCT 68

AFHQ (23 OCT 68)

DISPATCH SENT 23 OCT 68 24 OCT 68 25 OCT 68 26 OCT 68
Copy to 4 2410-13

SD 770

RECEIVED (.) ref 2410-13 1556 and 1600 of 21 oct both NOT to all (.)
2 bn 396 BATTAL regt ready to move after relief by 25 oct (.) 2n can
be sent at BARLWTH if required (.) instrs requested

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56 AREA

MOVIT MMIA LO NAPLES
Copy to MMIA LO

SD 785

RESTRICTED (.) ref AFM FX 40873 of 19 oct NOT to all (.) spoke WATSON -
BONNER this date (.) 520 Italian gd bn will move under orders MOVIT ~~from~~
SPRAGOLA to ANCONA on or after 23 oct (.) on arrival will come under command
1 district for all purposes

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C O P Y

FROM : MOVWIT

TOO 181800

TO ACTION : 56 AREA 701 RY GD DIV MOV VAIRANO RTO CASORIA
DELAGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES
INFO : MAIN AAI DISTHREE MMIA 84 GRN RTO CASERTA

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RESTRICTED (.) REF MAIN AAI SD 1052 OF 8 OCT AND DISTHREE SD 496
OF 7 OCT NOT TO ALL (.) 519 ITAL GD BN 24 OFFERS 778 ORS 14 TONS
MOVE BY RAIL 20 OCT FROM CASORIA TO VAIRANO (.) 2 BOX CARS PLACED
FOR LOADING STORES 0700 FURTHER 23 FOR PENL 1000 ALL DEP 1100 ETA
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RESTRICTED

Copy to 1- G MMIA LO

from Q 19 Oct 4357437/20 Q

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FROM DISTHREE : 071646

TO 56 AREA : NOVWIT : MMIA (LO) NAPLES

INFO 64 GRN : G3 ORG BRIT AFHQ

QOX GRAD BT

SD496. RESTRICTED. FURTHER BY SD478 OF THIS DATE,

ALLOTMENT OF 519 ITALIAN GD BN TO THIS HQ CONFIRMED. MOVE

~~QOX~~ MOV E BN AS WARNED. ON RELIEF BY 519 BN

120 INF BN WILL BE RELEASED AND AVAILABLE FOR CALLING FWD
BY A A I

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163/4/5/6 MEDY V LRME

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FROM DISTHREE : 071646

TO 56 AREA : MOVWIT : MMIA CLOD NAPLES

INFO 64 GRN : G3 ORG BRIT AFHQ

QOX GR40 BT

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ALLOTMENT OF 519 ITALIAN GD BN TO THIS HQ CONFIRMED. MOVE

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120 INF BN WILL BE RELEASED AND AVAILABLE FOR CALLING FWD
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Subject:- Rft for 2 Bn 119 Inf Regt.

MMIA Liaison Offr,
3 District.

G 156

Copy of letter No.722 di prt dated 27 Sep 44,
from 2nd Bn 119 Inf Regt which is requesting rfts
is forwarded for any action considered necessary.

This Bn is being relieved of guard duties in
this area immediately and has been ordered to trg
area S.Georgio Nr BENEVENTO.

Field.
2 Oct 44.
HNB/HAL

L. R. Bellamy Maj
Maj. Brigadier.
Comd 56 Area.

Copy to:- 'A'
2nd Bn 119 Inf Regt

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA
Italian Liaison Office with 57 Area

No 722 di prot.

Naples, 27 Sept. 44.

Subject:- Reinforcement for 2 Bn 119 Infantry Rgt.

To 57 Area
G. Branch

According to agreements between S.M.R.E. (Gen. It. Staff) and MMIA every request for reinforcements of Italian Units employed by Allied Military Units must be done by the latter to the MMIA.
For the s/m instructions the 2 Bn 119 Infantry Reg. asks R. 70 reinforcements to replace the personnel who are going discharged from the Army.

(Sgd) ITALIAN LIAISON OFFICER
L.Ten.Ci.I. **4354**

RAAG MESSAGE FORM

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From: MMIA

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To: MAIN AAI For Action

For Info: HQ 5 ARMY - HQ 2 DIST - HQ 3 DIST

MMIA LO NAPLES - MMIA LO 5 ARMY - MMIA LO 2 DIST

MMIA LO 3 DIST - WAR MINISTRY

SD1507

RESTRICTED

Your SD1849 of 23 Sept refers (.) PARTEN ROME AREA COMMAND PARTEN
(.) Subject is designation of Italian guard bns (.) The four guard bns
which arrived ex SARDINIA over week-end are assigned No's 510, 511, 512
and 513 (.) 510 Gd Bn assigned 2 Dist (.) 511 and 512 Gd Bns assigned
5 Army (.) 513 Gd Bn assigned 3 Dist

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Rex E. Pink 4353
Major

DISTINCES 25 830 B
57 AREA G-3 (GEO) REPT ADHQ ~~13~~ 4
MOVIT COPY TO G2(ops) A MILA 10
SD 362

RESTRICTED (.) ref AAI SB/6174. NOT to all (.) MOUNTAIN GUARD BN 800 all ranks
ex SARDINIA destination AFRAGOLA (.) will relieve two bn 119 NGST who will
be ready to move to SAN GIORGIO by 14 oct

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SUBJECT : Flash Lamps.

H.Q. Movements,
REGGIO (CALABRIA).
MT/RI.
23 Sep 44.

To : M.M.I.A. L.O.
H.Q. No. 3 District. ✓
(Attention of Major Thrupp.)

Ref. attached correspondence and indents for
Flash Lamps for No. 550 Italian Train Guard Coy.

Can you please arrange for these stores to be
supplied.

The necessary indent form is being procured
and despatched by Captain Macri, one copy of which will be
forwarded to you soonest.


Capt., R.E.

JAS/jbc.

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(C) *PS 24*
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SECRET

Subject:- Loaned Bns of MANTOVA Division.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
SD 18
21 Sep 44

A.A.I.

Copy to:- Ministry of War.
MMA LO Rear 8 Army.
MMA LO 3 District.

Reference our SD/18 of 1 Sep 44, not to
War Ministry.

1. As now planned the two bns of MANTOVA Div loaned
for g1 duties (120 Inf Bn to 8 Army, 2 Bn 119 Regt to 3 District)
will be required to move to the S. GIRONO area by 14 Oct 44.

2. It is presumed that you will be issuing the
necessary orders in due course to all concerned.

Attilio
for
Major General,
Military Mission Italian Army.

Copy to Special Section.

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Subject: ras.

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Army Sub Commission (AMIA)

H.Q. A.C.C.

R O M E

SD/18

11 Sept 44.

- o Wer Ministry
rptd AMIA LO 3 District

Ref your 6410/Ord of 8 Sept 44 copy herewith for AMIA LO 3 District.

The Italian guard will NOT be maintained. Please arrange for it to be withdrawn immediately.

W. P. Hallerbach
for Maj General,
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

BGB/jw

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S E C R E T

SUBJECT:- Guard Unit for Allied Depot

S M R E

Ref No : 6410/ORD

Date : 8 Sep 44

M M I A

The Military Command of CAMPANIA has reported that the Garrison Troops of CAVA dei TIRRENI used to furnish a guard for a British Depot containing miscellaneous stores (C.L.E.M.).

Since the Garrison Troops have been disbanded the Military Command of CAMPANIA has formed a small unit to take over the above guard duties composed of 1 officer 2 NCO's and 28 Ptes and known as "Guard Unit for Allied Army".

Please let us know if this unit may be kept (if so under what category it is to be shown) or should it be taken on strength of one of our recently formed guard Bns.

signed SANFI

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SECRET

SUBJECT: - Loaned Bns of PICENO and MANTOVA Divisions

Army Sub Commissions (MIA)
H7C. A.C.C.
R O E.
SD/18
11 Sep 44

War Ministry

Copy to: - MIA LO Rear EIGHTH ARMY
MIA LO 2 District
MIA LO 3 District

1. Our SD/18 of 1 Sep 44, subject as above, is cancelled.
2. All four loaned Bns of MANTOVA and PICENO Divs will remain employed on their guard duties until called forward for concentration in S. GIORGIO area.

ANC

S. P. Walker
for
Major General
Army Sub Commission ACE
MIA

Internal Copy to: - Col FIDLEY - Spec Sec

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

C O P Y

FROM: AAI 081000 B

TO ACTION : MOVET DATES AREA SUPERMERCITO TRASPORTI
INFO : MOV BRINDISI MOV TARANTO MOVET MOV VAIRANO MOV ROIE
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR LINT FOR DISTWO DEPARTIL BARI DISCHARGE 57 AREA
94 SUB AREA 204 AREA PBS ADV ADV AAI FOR C(CPS)

MOV 3577

RESTRICTED (.) ARRANGE RAIL MOVE 1 REGS COY ITALIAN 5 OFFRS 200 GRS
FROM LECCE TO FIGGIANO VIA POTENZA DEPARTING 14 SEP (.) UNDER COM FIFTH
ARMY FOR GUARD DUTIES (.) AAI ED 1468 OF 5 REGS

RESTRICTED

Copy to :- MILA LG

From Q

8 Sep 44 137 Q

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Subject :- Loaned Bns. of PIGNO and MANTOVA Divs.

Army Sub Commission, ARIA,
H.Q. A.C.C.

ROME.

SD/18.

1 Sept. 44.

To :- War Ministry.

ARIA to Rear 8 Army.
" " 2 District.
" " 3 District.

Ref. your signed 6318/rd of 28th. Aug. 44,
not to all.

1. A.A.I. instruct us that the first replacement bn. (from Serial 235 on List 7) will be sent to under cmd. 2 District for training as train guards.
2. The first loaned bn. to be relieved will therefore be 2 Bn. 336 Inf. Regt.
3. Remaining three loaned Bns. will remain employed on guard duties until called forward for concentration at S. GORGIO.

gb.DGB.

Rptd. Col. FIDSLEY.

G. P. Ballerwaldt
for Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian SA Bus

SECRET

Army Sub Commission (SRIA)
L.C. A.C.C.
RUE
SD/13

AAI

Copies to: SRIE

SRIA LO Rear 8 Army
" " 2 District
" " 3 "

Col Fialler

~~Ref our 0/4/4/2 of 15 Aug 44-11-14~~

1. The four Italian Bus of the PICENO and MANTOVA Divs on loan to Allied Units are at present located as follows:

Bus	Div	Location	On loan to
1 Bn 336 Inf Regt	PICENO	FRAZIONE DI FRASINETO	8 Army
2 Bn 336 Inf Regt	"	BARLETTA/BRUNISCI	2 Dist
2 Bn 119 Inf Regt	MANTOVA	HAYES	3 Dist
1 Bn 120 Inf Regt	"	VAINANO	8 Army

2. The first four Old Bus from SARDINIA (Serial 215 on List 7) are destined for PMS and will be given numbers 506 - 509.

3. The second four Old Bus from SARDINIA (Serial 235 on List 7) are destined to replace the four loaned Bus referred to in para 1 above, and will be given the numbers 510 - 513.

4. May we please be informed in what order you wish the loaned Bus to be relieved.

COL.

W.P. Attworth
for
Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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SUBJECT:- Carriage of Arms - Italian Army

CONFIDENTIAL

56 Area
57 Area
24 Sub Area
64 Garrison

3 Dataslot
Ext 9
T/C
23 Aug 44

Copy to:- 22 AA Bde

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P/P
MIA 10 ✓

Handwritten: 29
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1. AAI have issued orders through the MIA to the Italian military authorities that the Italian Army in the L of C other than Carabinieri is NOT to carry arms or hold arm outside barracks or camp, except in the performance of VP guard duties.

2. Please confirm to this HQ, therefore, that Italian units under your operational command are quite clear that their only troops authorised to carry arms or hold arm outside barracks or camp are those actually engaged on VP guard duties (as per your guard return).

HQ/AG

Handwritten signature: E. Wainwright

Lt col
G B
(RP WAINWRIGHT)

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