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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA
S.M. Ufficio Ord. e Personale
Sezione Ordinamento

Prot. N. 06/24417 Segreto
Risposta al foglio del
N.

Catanzaro li, 30 D[illegible]

ALLO S.M.R.E.
Ufficio Operazioni
P.M. 151

e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO 3° DISTRETTO A.M.
NAPOLI

OGGETTO: Forza effettiva, presente e vettovagliata.

Riferimento foglio 7214/Op. del 5 luglio c.a.

Si trasmette, in triplice copia, lo specchio della forza effettiva, presente e vettovagliata alla data 24 dicembre c.a.-

6463

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Colonnello Enrico Durante)

Calabria orbat.

alla 30 dic 44

Trattare per ogni lettera su foglio separato ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde

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MEDY V LRLC NR35/36/37/38/39/40/42 ---IMMEDIATE---
QVR2/3/4/9 ~~QVR1/7 T RSJ QVR5 T MEJE~~

301606

FROM MOV VAIRANO 301720A
TO R T O BENEVENTO
INFO 35 AREA-ITALIAN LIAISON STAFF - MOV WIT - 94 SUB AREA
243 TOWN MAJOR - 54 BLU - MMIA - DISTHREE
QQX GR21 BT

[redacted] VR/P/714. RESTRICTED. 29 OFFS 437 ORS 120 MANTOVA BN DEP CAPUA
301645A. OC LT COL MARCONI. 15 TON BAGGAGE. 26 BOX.
ET
301720A
SENT NR35/36/37/38/39/40/42 WB 1949 BBB

RECD NR 35/36/37/8/39/40/42 WTK 1949 BB K

SIGNALS
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316036

MEDY V LROF NR 4631 - PRIORITY

QVR 4

FROM M M I A 301850A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR - 56 BLU

INFO QFHQ (G3) ORG - 3 DIST FOR MMIA LO

RAAC

QQX GR 62

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SD 2029 RESTRICTED

SBJETC IS MOVE OF MEDICAL UNITS . FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE ON JAN 2

BT ROAD IN OWN TPT FRO M SAN GIORGIO TO VIRGILIO HOSPITAL ROME FOR

NECESSARY REPAIRS TO MEDICAL EQUIPMENT . 133 MOBILE X-RAY UNIT

STRENGTH 1 OFFR 6 ORS 2 VEHICLES .

113 MOBILE DENTAL UNIT 1 OFFR 3 ORS 2 VEHICLES . FOR 56 BLU . COMPLETE

CLOTHING DEFICIENCIES BEFORE [redacted] MOVE

BT 301850A

SENT NR 4631 0028A HTH BBB KKKK

RD 0028 GH BB 5 0 MIN

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Duplicate

MEUP V ADOS NR 68 QVR1/2

FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 291830

TO OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

INFO COO 557 BOD ::: HQ 3 DISTRICT

DDOS 3 DISTRICT ::: M.M.I.A. ::: 52 B.L.U.

QQX BT

OS2/1654 (.) ISSUE TO 3 DIST FOR NO 3 (LEGNANO) ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP (.) MORTARS 3-IN QTY 30 R/N A/40/52 Q(AE) 39/23 (.) UNIT COLLECTING

BT

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No. 3 Distrib (46)

SECRET 12

Subject :- Responsibilities of Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) to Italian Gruppi.

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

LS/G/29.
23, Dec., 44.

To :- 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLUs.
All MMIA LO's
LO RTC ICF.

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Attached for information is AFHQ letter AG 091.112/119 GCT-O dated 20th December, 1944.

W. Pidsley Lt-Colonel
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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JC/etb

AP 434

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: SECRET :
:Auth: SACMT :
:Initials: RHF :
:20 December 1944 :
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.112/119 GCT-O

20 December 1944

SUBJECT: Responsibilities of Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA) to Italian Gruppi.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMLA)

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b. Strengths and reinforcements.
c. Discipline.
d. Conditions of service, welfare, etc.

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By command of Field Marshall ALEXANDER:

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By command of Field Marshall ALEXANDER:

R. H. FREESE
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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2 - Addressee
1 - 15th Army Gp
1 - ALCOM
1 - G-3 Ops
1 - G-3 Org (B)
1 - G-1 (B)
1 - G-4 (B)
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241719 Rec 25-26

MEDY V LROF NR 3072 (ROUTINE) OVR 3 ~~T AFD OVR~~

FROM (.) MMIA 241720 A

TO (FOR ACTION) AFHQ FOR G3 ORD

INFO DISTHREE - DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO - DISTHREE EASTERN DET - DISTONE A

DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

GR -- BT

SD 2001 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REQUEST YOU MOVE FOLLOWING UNITS FRM

// FROM CISTERNINO P5843 (.) FIRST (.) 91 FD HOSP 7 OFFRS 58 ORS 10

TONS STORES TO ORVIETO (.) SECOND (.) 83 FD HOSP 7 OFFRS 58 ORS

10 TONS STORES TO CESANO TO RELIEVE 576 GEN HOSP (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

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BT

SENT NR 3072 D LON 2000

Rec'd 2000 Lonke

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Subject:- Specialist Trg - Gruppi di Combattimento

To:- ADMAG
50 Brit. Liaison Unit
CMF

Copy to:- MMIA LO, Disthree ✓

From:- HQ 1 Advanced Base Workshop
RE ME
AWN 23
CMF
22 Dec 44

Reference your G/6/13 dated 16 Dec 44.

1. All personnel attending courses at this workshop returned to their regiments under arrangements made by Lt.Col. G. Della - Rocca Italian Liaison officer MAAC, who may be in a position to give the whereabouts of the soldiers enumerated in your letter under reference.

H. Shore

Lt.Col.(H. Shore)
CRME 1 Adv.B.Wksp.RE ME

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DI[illegible] 22 [illegible]

[illegible] AREA MOWTT

201 SUB AREA MEIA NAPLES
Copy to A Q MEIA HQ

SD 784

RESTRICTED (.) italian combat force rft try centre str para 1000 stores 100 tons is moving by rail on 25 dec or soonest after water orders MOWTT from TEANO to CESANO near BRACCIANO (.) ANXO FX 72523 of 21 dec HXT to all refers (.) for MOWTT (.) conversation WATSON - LEE refers

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EDO 20/12 (26)

SUBJECT : Specialist Trg

50 Brit Liaison Unit

C/6/13

OC 1 ABW Brit Wksps

16 Dec 44

Gnr BIZZARRO Angelo	1916 class - NAPLES District
Gnr VICHI Dino	1921 class - FLORENCE District
Gnr PECCINI Alfredo	1921 class - MANTOVA District
Gnr VECCHIA Sergio	1922 class - MANTOVA District
Gnr SERPENTARIA Mario	1922 class - ROME District
Gnr TRENTANOVI Armando	1922 class - FLORENCE District

The above named soldier were retained with your unit, following the completion of the course in trg on Brit MT. The course began 3 Sep 44.

Can you please say if and when they were released, as they have not yet reported back to their regts.

If they are still with you, may rail tpt to army RU be arranged with the help of Maj THRUPP, MMIA LO DISTRICE.

M Fieldman

6 Jan 44
ADJAG

CMP
MF/SYB

Copy to : MMIA LO, DISTRICE

L/A/U/L/T/GSO II

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9 DEC 1944

[illegible] Hq Allied Force [illegible]

[illegible] Allied Force Hq [illegible]

[illegible] Palermo [illegible]

[illegible] Palermo [illegible]

U.S. ARMY - I.G. SECTION
17 DEC 1944
FILE NO. 4-3-7

FROM (A) N.W.T.O. 181900 A

TO (FOR ACTION) DISTRIB

GR 26 ST

AQ 2419 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF ALCOM SIGNAL 8329 DATED 17 DEC

COPY TO YOU (.) CONSIDER N O T T E G R A I N E R O BATTALIAN SHOULD

MOVE WITH 10 DAYS REPEAT 10 DAYS RATIONS (.) PLEASE ARRANGE (.)

(ET)

SENT NR 1017 " D LON " (2015) (21)

S RECD NR 1017 WTK 2015 DE K

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[illegible] Palermo [illegible] 30. [illegible]

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Copy to :- MAAF + Q 18/12

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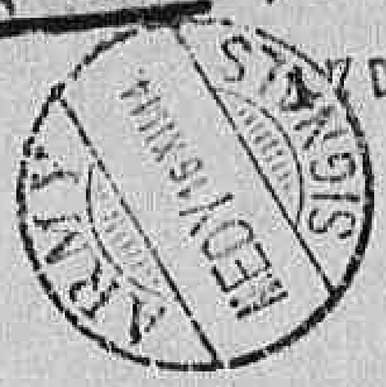

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T.O.O. 161630

To :- MOV VATRANO + DELEGAZIONI TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPOLI (BY HAND) +
701 RY GD DIV (BY HAND) + MOV ROME + MOV WESTRAIL + 56 AREA +
INFO DISTHREE (2) + MMIA + 55 AREA + DISTONE +

From :- MOVWIT

RESTRICTED (.) MOV/TO/236 (.) 150 REINFORCEMENTS FOR FRUILI DIV WILL MOVE BY RAIL TEANO TO AREZZO ON 17 DEC (.) 6 BOX CARS PLACED 1400 HRS DEPART 1500 HRS (.) ETA ROLE 172300 AREZZO AM 19 DEC (.) 5 DAYS RATIONS (.) AFHQ ACKED (.) ALL INFORMED

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Signed
[illegible]

Degree of Priority
ACTION - IMMEDIATE
INFO - IMPORTANT

Copy to :- CMT, MASON

SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

Date 19/6/44 Time A

TO : AFHQ for G3 Org G1 Brit Mov

INFO: MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GP
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE
DISTHREE
PBS
FIFTH ARMY for MMIA LO
FIFTH ARMY Brit Incr for MMIA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY for MMIA LO
DISTONE for MMIA LO
DISTHREE for MMIA LO
PENSOUTH for MMIA LO
52 AREA for MMIA LO
54 AREA for MMIA LO
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA for O'DONNELL
ICF TRG DEP TEANO

SD 1962

RESTRICTED

Italian Combat Force Rft Dep TEANO is being closed (.) All rfts for Combat Gps should be sent to Rft Trg Centre Italian Combat Force CESANO w.e.f. 22 Dec (.) All infmd

PRECEDENCE - 6451

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]

Internal Dist.: All Branches and Services
SD/50 (2)

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In lieu of AF C2136

MESSAGE FORM

Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) — Originator: DISTHREE — Date & Time: 1 1200 A

TO — For Action: 94 SUB AREA — Message Instrs GR

(W) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ(G-3 OPS FOR) MMLA 53 GLB MOVMIT
apply to Q EME MMLA LO 56 AREA

Originator's Number :- SD

SD 632 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 53 HAA Regt Wksp will move moment after 13 dec from SAN GIORGIO to MELIZZANO (N 4204) reporting to EME 53 HQU (.) move by rd in two ups under unit arrangements (.) on arr will be att 53 FDD for trg of FOLGORE CIUFFO (.) will remain under op cond this HQ adm 56 Area

This message may be sent by any means EXCEPT

Originator's Instrs
Degree of Priority

IMPORTANT

Time System Op

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Time cleared

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Wireless

Signed

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MEDY V LROF NR 9164 IMPORTANT

T LRSJ VRJ T MEDY VRJ/6

FROM MMIA 151100A

TO AFHQ FOR G1 BRIT

INFO PENSOUTH FOR MIA LO - 56 BLO C VIA LRSJ)

MINISTRY OF WAR - DISTHREE - DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

VNY GR 22 BT

SUBJZJ CONFIDENTIAL

REQUEST YOU MOVE SOONEST 3 OFFRS 240 ORS VOLUNTEERS FOR

COMBAT GPS EX SARDINIA FROM AFRAGOLA CAMP TO

BENEVENTO FOR MANTOVA

BT

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12 DEC 1944
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I.

MEDY V LROF NR 8547 IMPORTANT

QVR 2/3

FROM MMIA 111600A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO 3 DISTRICT ; MMIA LO DISTHREE ; PBS SOUTHERN FOR MMIA LO ;

AFHQ (FOR G3 ORG)

QQY GR 68 BT

SD1911 CONFIDENTIAL

IN ADDITION TO SOURCES MENTIONED IN SD/6 OF 10

DECEMBER PERSONNEL FRO NO'S 1 AND 2 COMBAT GROUP

GT COMPANIES MAY BE DRAWN FROM THE 200 DRIVERS WHO

ARRIVED AFRAGOLA EX SARDINIA 10 DECEMBER . REPORT

EVENTUAL SURPLUS OF DRIVER PERSONNEL AND DECISION WILL BE

MADE TO POST AS NEEDED TO RTD ICF OR DIRECT

TO MANTOVA . TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS DOBBS- DI BITONTO, DOBBS - TIRUPP

OF 10 DECEMBER REFER

BT

SENT 2250A F A B K

RECD NR 8547 WJC AT 11/2245A K

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Move of Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/SD/30
9 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref MMIA S/G/29/25 of 26 Oct 44.

1. Please arrange for the movement of 622 Fd Hosp from AVIANCOLA Camp to TELESE where it will come under command of the FULGORE Group, and will be established according to MS NA/674/1.

6447

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: 3 District
MMIA LO 3 District
MMIA LO NAPLES
63 BLU

Internal: A/G
Spec Sec
Med
Mov

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- 183 Technical Maintenance Section.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.L.A.)
SD/8/1
7 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy to:- 3 District
MMIA LO 3 District.
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.

1. A.F.H.Q. has ordered the formation, under supervision of 3 District, of the above unit, which is required to operate with the second two Combat Groups. Total 1 Offr. 28 ORs.

2. You will organise the section on WE NA/829/1, copy of which you hold, with LEGNANO as parent unit (our SS 281 of 7 Nov refers). 3 District have already given instructions to 52 B.L.U. with regard to the necessary equipment.

6446

3. Personnel will be drawn, so far as possible, from sources already included in the ceiling for the Combat Force. 17 Mobile Workshops (see para 5) should form the nucleus of this section. You will decide, on the basis of relative need, how many of its personnel should be cross-posted to 183 Technical Maintenance Section and how many should remain with LEGNANO. If further personnel are required they should be provided ex FOLGORE, since the Section will serve both Groups.

4. If all necessary specialists are not available from Combat Force personnel, you are requested to propose possible alternative sources, as for example, the ACSTA Division.

5. Reference MMIA SD/8/1 of 16 November 1944, 17 Mobile Workshops will be disbanded and its personnel become available as in para 3 above.

L. M. Ingledew.
Major General, Lt-Col.

52 B.L.U.
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L.M. Ingledew. Lt-Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A/Q
Spec Sec
Sigs.

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FOREIGN
AFHQ (CS ORG ROUTE)

MEDIA MEDIA PARIS copy to :- GP MEDIA LO

SD 591 RESTRICTED (.) ref MEDIA S 243 of 30 Oct your FX 46669 of 1 Nov and sig cite WHAB 1936 A of 8 Nov (.) SO HEU sig AC/445 of 4 Dec reads (.) quote (.) BASC (.) Driving instructors (ORs) no longer considered necessary (.) request authority to return them to units (.) unquote (.) personnel both offrs and ORs urgently required by their units (.) request you instruct their return soonest possible

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CIPHER SECRET CIPHER

CIPHER SERIAL D664 SIGS SERIAL 246

FROM MMIA 031111

ACTION MMIA LIAISON OFFICER DISTHREE

SS431. SECRET. REF YOUR EA122 OF 30. CONFIRMED ~~XXXXXXXXX~~THAT PICENO NOW IN CALABRIA

WP/JWA PRIORITY NIL

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CIPHER SECRET CIPHER

CIPHER SERIALS D482/483 SIGS SERIALS 269/271

IMPORTANT

FROM MMIA 281234A

ACTION DISTHREE

SS413. SECRET. FOR MMIA LO REF TALK PIDSLEY THRUPP ON ACCN FOR COMBAT GROUPS EACH 9000 STRONG. LEGNANO REMAINING PIEDMONTE DALIFE AREA IF BRIDGES AND ROADS REPAIRED AND FOLGORE REMAINING TELESE AREA BOTH TILL ABOUT END OF JANUARY. MANTOVA NOW TAKING OVER HABITABLE PARTS OF S GIORGIO AND UNDAMAGED RESTRICTED VILLA AREAS FROM FRIULI AND CREMONA, PROBABLY REMAINING TILL END OF FEBRUARY. PICENO NOW IN CALABRIA REQUIRED TO MOVE LESS 2500 FOR CARABINIERI TO SUITABLE AREA NORTH OF LINE BARI-NAPLES FOR TRAINING RE-EQUIPPING AND BRINGING UP TO STRENGTH. COMBAT FORCE REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING DEPOT AND SCHOOLS FOR 6000 NOW BEGINNING AT TEANO MOVE END OF DEC TO AREA NORTH OF ROME SUCH AS BRASCIANO OR TERNI. KEEP ME INFORMED OF DISTRICT'S INTENTIONS

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JWA PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM DISTHREE 30 1135 A

Action

TO DISTHREE EAST.

INFO

AFHQ (G3 ORG HRIT) ROME AREA MMIA MMIA LO BARI

ROME AREA MOVEIT MOVWIT MOV BARI MOV FOGGIA

MOV ROME ALLIED COMMISSION

Copy to Q Mov LO MMIA LO

6442

Originators No 442

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref AFHQ FX 59861 of 28 nov NOT to all (.) FIRST (.) take action move units PICENO div less units in para second as ordered in conjunction with MOVEIT MMIA LO BARI and COMMANDO PUGLIA (.) second (.) coy 2 bn 336 inf regt now at TARANTO will NOT move until orders received from this HQ (.) third (.) for AFHQ (.) request you deal direct with DISTHREE EAST on matters affecting this move

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

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent in CIPHER

Signed [illegible] Maj

Originators instructions Degree of Priority

Time System Op

THI or TOR

Time cleared

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COPY MESSAGE

FROM MMLA 2317/0A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR 51 BLU for 54 BLU

INFO TEST ARMY/P AFWA for G-3 ONE

REPTD Q(AE) AAI 3 DISTRICT

S414.

RESTRICTED (.) for MINISTRY OF WAR (.) 58 Combat Gp Transit Camp passes to under comd MATTOMA Gp who will act as parent unit (.) for 54 BLU (.) please contact above unit at MINISTRY a/a and ensure equipping according to WE MA/599/1, standing camp stales, and normal eqpt lists (.) det at VATRANO will be included (.) if no copy of establishment held sig X 10 Prime Dep

Copy to :- A Q1 Q2 Cnl MMLA LO

From :- G(SD)

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1 Dec 44

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ARMY FORM C.2136 (Small) M E S S A G E F O R M Register No. 240

Call	Srl.No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: MMIALO DISTHREE	Date-Time of Origin: 301600 A	Office Date Stamp
For Action: MM1A		
To (W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instrns	GR

Originator's No. EA 122 ⊙ SECRET ⊙ REF YOUR SS.413 of 28 ⊙ PLEASE CONFIRM THAT PICENO NOW IN CALABRIA AS STATED

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means {except / Wireless Signed	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: Important	6440 Time / System / Op. THI or TOR Time cleared

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DISTRIBUTION:

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51 EAU

38 Veh Coy
MMIA LO (By Hand)

QC 3662 (.) RESTRICTED (.) your Q7/10 of 17 and our Q 3531 of 23 (.)
AFHQ Q(AE) states no other vehs available

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SUBJECT:- No. 5 (MANTOVA) Italian Combat Group

3 Dlvy/Gen
Ext 114
03/126/7
27 Nov 44

DADOS 5th ECU
COO 557 ECD
2 Sub Depot 557 ECD
COO Ord Depot BARI

Copy to:- DOS AFHQ
ECOS I. of C
ECLA LO

1. Ref recent conversation Morgan - Greggains.

2. Authority has been given under AFHQ/9193/0(AE) of 22 Nov 44 for the issue of the following to No. 5 (MANTOVA) Italian Combat Group from British Ord Stocks :-

Battledress Grade III	2,000	suits
Underclothes (sets)	2,000	"
Boots Grade III (repaired)	5,000	"

6438

3. DADOS will arrange to submit indents to 2 Sub Depot 557 ECD forthwith. Will 557 ECD please extract indilities in the normal way.

4. No other Ord Stores will be issued to this formation until further instructions are given.

5. DADOS will submit weekly progress reports on Saturday of each week to this office, and report any delay in receipt of stores.

ADOS
for Col DDOS
(R.C.B. GREGGAINS)

tb

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COPY 26

SUBJECT:- No.5 (MANTOVA) Italian Combat Group ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TX. NO. [illegible] 427.

AMED/9193/Q(AR).

22 Nov 44.

H.Q. 3 District

1. At the request of MMIA the following will be made available to No.5 (MANTOVA) Italian Combat Group :

Battledress Grade III	2000
Underclothes, sets	3000
Boots Grade III (repaired)	5000.

2. Will you please arrange for these to be issued at the earliest opportunity.

3. No other Ordnance stores will be issued to this formation until further instructions are given.

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(Signed) R.W. [illegible], Major,
for Major-General G-4(Dr).

RWT/WFH

Copy to: Ord(Dr) - MMIA signal 83367 dated 20 Nov 44 refers.

SUBJECT:- No.5 (MANTOVA) Italian Combat Group

3 District
Ref 113
485/1 4
24 Nov 44.

Ord

5A BIM
MMIA LO

The above copy letter is forwarded for action.

Col
D/A (FC)
(R.F.MICHAELSON)

BIM/WFH

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5A SUB AREA 5I HLW

209 SUB AREA MOVWIT
Copy to 4 HOV LO MEDA LO

SD 396

SECRET (.) my SD 273 of 20 nov NOT to all refers (.) 5A adv portion CRUSADER COMBAT GP will move REPEATED to THANE area near GENKA to arrive 25 nov (.) rep ahead moment to 8A 10 corps (.) for 5I HLW (.) ensure you contact MOVWIT moment with details for move (.) AMQ EX 55910 NOT to all refers

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COPY

FROM : HEWITT

TO ACTION : 701 RY GD DIV DISTRIBEE 50 BLU RTO DISTRETTO DISTCOM

INFO : MAIN AAI 5 ARMY HR TEC RAAC 56 AREA MOV VALMONTO MOV ROME MOV WESTRAIL RTO CASERTA DEPOT ROME MMLA LO NAPLES MMLA DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI ROME

MOV 1224

SECRET (.) ref our Movement Order dated 19 Nov re FRIULI COMBAT GROUP (.) RASC 4 Offrs 24 ORs RA 70 ORs will join and move by rail on train No 9 25 Nov (.) 4 extra Box Cars required

SECRET

Copy to :- G A MMLA LO Mov LO from Q 437/4 Q

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGM 222345

TO : MOV ROME

INFO : AAI FAC ROME MOVWT MOVEIT DISTONE DISTHREE 209 SUB AREA

FX 56507 SECRET

CREMONA COMBAT GROUP SENDING 200 VEHICLES AND APPROX 1500 PERSONNEL FROM BENEVENTO TO ROME AS ADVERTISING COLUMN ARRIVING PM/29 NOV . AFTER PARADE WILL JOIN CREMONA GROUP IN AREA ASCOLI B 6672 AND TERAMO B 7550 UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV ROME . REPRESENTATIVE ORDERED REPORT MOV ROME 30 NOV FOR INSTRUCTIONS

SECRET

Copy to :- G Pro MMLA LO Mov LO From Q 23 Nov 44 437/1 Q

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DIRECTOR 22

MEXA

52 BLI + G(by hand) + BUFALO

CG 3499 (.) SECRET (.) your 2/3/29/25 dated 4 (.) arms of LEGEND and BULGOS to PRAGUE/BO not agreed (.) provision materials for improvements via ALIEN area arranged (.) conversation PUBLIC - [illegible] refers

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) Originator DISTHREE Date & Time 221541A

For Action

207 SUB AREA

TO

Message Instrs GR

(W) For Information (INFO)

54 SUB AREA MOVWIT AEMIA 51 BLU
copy to Q EME MOV LO AEMIA LO

Originator's Number :- SD 306

RESTRICTED (.) 16 LAA wksp REME will move under unit arrangements from CAPUA to ALTAVILLA to join CREMONA combat gp (.) rep report ahead 51 BLU (.) unit comes under comd 51 BLU

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Originator's Instructions

Degree of Priority

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SUBJECT: Combat Groups - Return of Surplus Italian Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
S/AQ/9
19 November 1944

1. The instructions issued by S. M. R. E., to implement this H.Q. letter S/AQ/9 dated 5 Nov, are forwarded herewith.

2. The disposal instructions for Signals equipment, and for vehicles are both being amended. Separate instructions are being issued to the Ministry of War by Sigs and ST this H.Q., regarding their disposal.

F. J. Noakes

F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION:

50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, BLUS and MMLALO's
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TRANSLATION
Copy

REF:- 1/4827/Serv
Date:- 8 November '44

FROM:- S.M.R.E.

TO :- HQ Campania, Naples
Combat Groups HQs

SUBJECT:- Handing over of Italian Stores in excess in Combat Groups.

1. Herewith copy of MMIA letter S/[illegible]/9 dated 5th inst. in respect of Italian Stores on charge to Combat Groups, for action.

2. Instructions regarding the handing over of stores to HQ Campania are hereby confirmed; first verbally and then with letter 1/4584/Serv. dated 28 October '44.

It is reconfirmed that Italian stores in excess must be returned as under;-

- Commissariato Stores
To the Direz di Commissariato to Naples, which have arranged to receive the stores.

- Artillery Stores
To Direz. Art. Roma:- Instruments of precision
Small arms of Art. Regts.
Hand Grenades and pistol ammunition.
To Art. Detachment Gaeta - Art. and Inf. Ammunition.
Small arms of Infantry & explosives.

- Genio
All Signal stores to Roma Genio stores.
All remaining stores to 10th Regt. Genio at S. Maria, Capua Vetere.

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- Vehicles, Armoured trucks, Armoured cars etc.
Those inefficient, to Vehicle Park Naples.
Those efficient, to 8th center Repair and Recovery (Roma)

- Stores of remaining units
To Campania Depots.

3. Stores will have to be handed over by HQs Groups concerned prior to their departure and on date shown on MMIA letter attached.

In case "Friuli" Group cannot complete the handing over of stores within the 13th Nov. to various Depots as detailed in para 2 above, authority is given to the Group to hand over stores to the nearest Depot depending from HQ Campania after agreement is taken with same

HQ Campania will then, and as soon as possible, send these stores to the various Depots to which "Friuli" Group had to hand over the stores.

4. MMIA instructions, ref. attached letter, will have to be carried out in respect of Vehicles, Tentage and Barrack stores.

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5. It is strictly forbidden that Combat Groups take with them stores not on scales or in excess, especially to avoid unnecessary and harmful loads.

6. In case of difficulties in carrying out the above, these should be mentioned from time to time to this office by HQ Campania.

7. HQ Campania will please forward a confirmation in respect of the above, as groups leave their actual concentration areas.

S/ General A. SANTI.

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SECRET

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FROM: MMIA

ACTION: 50,51 BLU

INFO: 52,53 BLU REPTD THREE DISTRICT AND THREE DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO

SECRET. ST/1006. LO 3 DIST SIGNALS EF 112 OF 18 NOV, 51 BLU SIGNALS Q2 AND Q6 OF 17 NOV REFER.

1. QUESTION OF FIRST AND SECOND LINE HOLDINGS POL ALREADY REFERRED TO AFHQ BUT DECISION NOT YET KNOWN. IF NOT PROMULGATED BEFORE MOVE TAKES PLACE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVISION OF PACKED POL FOR THE MOVELESS WITH THREE DISTRICT WHOSE Q(MOV) WILL SAY HOW MANY MILES TO BE CARRIED.

2. PROVISION ANTI-FREEZE FOR USE IN PRESENT AREAS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF THREE DISTRICT. AFHQ WILL DECIDE WHICH SCALE WILL BE TAKEN ON MOVE FORWARD. QUESTION REPRESENTED TO THEM.

3. POL ARRANGEMENTS IN NEW ~~AREAS~~ LOCATION WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY COMDR ONE DISTRICT.

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PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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DISTRIBUTE 20 A

94 SUB AREA 51 HIG

MOVWIT Copy to G MMIA IO MOV IO

SD 273

SECRET (.) warning order (.) CREMONA cachet ZZ will move by road and rail to op area (.) rail portion move from BENEVENTO during period 27 nov to 3 dec (.) on arrival under cond EIGHTH ARMY (.) for 51 FLD (.) ensure unit rep reports MOVWIT soonest

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DESTREE 19 A

MOIA LO FRUILI

MOIA LO

QG 3442 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Ref your MX/13 of 16 (.) Assume application taken by BLU and necessary demands submitted (.) Units are now moved under orders this H.

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AV

16 NOV 1944

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LRNE V LRSJ NR9 IMMEDIATE QIM

FROM: M M I A L O FRUILI

TO: DISTHREE
INFO: M M I A L O DISTHREE

MT/13 CONFIDENTIAL. REF MMIA SS265 OF 4 . 237 MEN ARRIVED HERE ON MT WITHOUT NOTICE UNIFORM TENTS OR BLANKETS. MEN ARE RFTS FROM PIEDMONTE FOR 2/119 REG MANTOVA. RAIN TORRENTIAL. REQUEST SUPPLIES OF TENTS AND BLANKETS SOONEST. MAY NOTICE OF IMPENDING ARRIVALS BE SENT THIS OFFICE

THI 161120

RPTSN---OK---COPIED/AMORT----AR----

RD----AMORT----AR------

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Wt. 9535/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/42 [illegible] 51-6736

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FROM (A) DISTRIB — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 14 2101A

For Action.

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

copy to MMIA LO

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

SD 166 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref your SD 1777 of 12 nov (.) this HQ SD 93 of 9 nov was rptd you for infn (.) copy follows (.) quote (.) 091759 for action to 56 AREA 94 SUB AREA MMIA LO NAPLES R VWIT infm to 50 MLU ANNX(G-3 OSC BRIT) MMIA ref MMIA SS 265 of 4 nov NOT to all (.) following units will move earliest from present locns to BENEVENTO for GRUPPI (.) from NAPLES 2 bn 119 regt str offrs 20 ORs 493 stores 15 tons (.) from TORRE ANNUNZIATA 4 artieri coy str 185 all ranks (.) from PONTECAGNANO 162 artieri coy str 175 all ranks (.) all on arrival under comd SMRE reporting 50 MLU (.) move under orders MOVWIT (.) unquote

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12 Nov

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copy to MMIA LO

Originator's No.

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12 Nov

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Signed. Mafin Maj

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Signed.

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9 Gk Cmd

[redacted] (Op Instl)

[redacted] (.) [redacted] (.) Ref your signal G500/30 of 30 Oct (.) Confirmed [redacted] Trg Depot required [redacted]

? Corps ? ? Abt. 6424

Gruppe ? ?

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LRNE V LAEE NR61

QVB 4/9

FROM MMIA 141455A

TO AFHQ

AAI

52 53 B L U S

3 DISTRICT

MMIA LO FBS

MMIS LOS 52 53 B L U S

MMIS LO 3 DISTRICT

QQX GR 27 BT

SS327 R E S T R I C T E D

REFERENCE MMIA S/G/29/26 OF 26 OCTOBER ALTER

DESIGNATION OF REINFORCEMENT REGIMENT TO REINFORCEMENTS

TRAINING DEPOT ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE OR

*R T D I C F + ALL INFORMED

*TH1 14160A

SENT HF

Amend

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Rol. 2326 Pen

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Army Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No SD/10
Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Copy to: EASTERN DET 3 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT
HQ RAAC
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
AFHQ for DME
50 ELU
51 ELU
MMIA LO 54 AREA

FORMATION AND ASSIGNMENT

1. Formation orders w.e.f. 20 Oct 44 have been received for the following Italian Army Units:-

Unit to be formed	WE	G 1098	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	Mcs
391 Italian Workshop Coy	AI/3/1 (Copy	3463/3	5	274	16	2
392 Italian Workshop Coy	herewith)	3463/3	5	274	16	2

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2. 391 Workshop Coy is for CREMONA Combat Group. 392 Workshop Coy is for FRIULI Combat Group, who will be sending tpt to ROME 7 Nov to collect it.

3. PERSONNEL

Personnel have been provided by disbandment and reorganisation of the following Italian Army Units respectively:-

Unit	Location	Comd	Supervising authority
953 Sez Officina del Genio	MOLFETTA	AFHQ	3 DISTRICT
954 Sez Officina	ROME	AFHQ	HQ RAAC

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Lt Rank
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
AFHQ for DME
50 BLU
51 BLU
MMIA LO 54 AREA

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3. PERSONNEL

Personnel have been provided by disbandment and reorganisation of the following Italian Army Units respectively:-

Unit	Location	Comd	Supervisory authority
953 Sez Officina del Genio	MOLFETTA	AFHQ	3 DISTRICT
954 Sez Officina del Genio	ROME	AFHQ	HQ RAAC

Any reinforcements required will be provided from Serial 137 on MMIA Priority List 2.

4. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

TRANSPORT

Detail	HQ (Comando)	Wksp Sec. (Sez Officina)	Tot. Italian Wksp Coy (Totale reparto italiano officina)
Motor cycles, solo (Motocicletta monoposto)	2	-	2
Car, 4 seater, 4 x 2 (Auto a 4 posti 4 x 2)	1	-	1

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Trucks, SPA (Autocarro SPA)	3	-	3
Lorries (Autocarri)			
Heavy machinery (Lancia 3 RO) (Autocarro pesante - lancia 3 RO)	-	6	6
Heavy breakdown with crane (Lancia 3 RO) 3/4 ton (Lancia) (Autocarro pesante con gru da 7½ quintali)	3	-	3
Total, vehicles (Totale autocarri)	9	6	15

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:-

391 (or 392) Italian Workshop Coy CMF

6. It is requested that you inform the Italian adm HQs concerned of the contents of paras 1 to 5 above.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: "Q"
Spec Sec

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SUBJECT - Returns of Value

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3 District
Dist 113
G50/64
14 Nov 44

52 ZLU
53 XXX

Ord
ZLU 10

1. It is requested that you forward to this Hq details of all British vehs at present held by Nos 3 and 4 Indian Combat Cps.

2. The information is required by AFHQ Q(AE), and an early reply is requested.

L. Coulter
Col
DA & QMG
(L.J.COULTER)

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SUBJECT:- Auxiliary Units for Infantry Corps

SECRET

3 Motorised
Int 223
AGS/A 4

13 Nov 44

50 BIU
51 BIU

G (AE) AFPU
G (SD) [redacted]
Ord
MEXA LO

Ref MEXA letter S/G/29/36 of 26 Oct 44.

1. Instructions have been received from AFHQ that auxiliary units for the First and Second Infantry Groups are to be equipped as soon as possible.

2. You are requested to confirm immediately by signal that demands have been submitted for all units concerned.

3. Progress reports will be forwarded weekly w.e.f. 18 Nov 44, to this HQ (copy to G(AE) AFHQ).

4. Addressees will advise this HQ which HQ will assume responsibility for these auxiliary units after 50 and 51 BIU's move fwd, on the assumption that certain auxiliary units will not move with the main body.

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Lieut Maj.
for Col
I.C. (SD)
(J. [redacted])

JH/1223

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Subject: Accomodation for Combat groups.

3DLO/26.
13 Nov 44.

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

Ref your S/G/29/25 dated 4 Nov 44 addressed to War Ministry a copy of which was received by 3 District.

Ref sub-para (c) 3 District are anxious to know the approximate location North of Rome selected for the concentration of Lagnano and Folgore Groups in order that the sub-area concerned (if the location is within 3 District) may be consulted.

Similarly, in sub-para (e) 3 District wish to be informed of the approximate location in order that reccess and other arrangements may be carried out. The same applies to the Telese area where the bulk of the Piceno Group is to concentrate early in 1945.

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Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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q 64 [illegible]

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q 3271 (.) [illegible] (.) Arrange collection tasks IPP qty 30 Item 2 Sub Depot 557 Bde for Reinforcement Org Depot Qtrmt (.) Reference No Ord 1/332, dated 5 Mar

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MESSAGE FORM — In lieu of AF C2136

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FROM (A) Originator: DISTHREE — Date & Time: 09 1440 A

TO

For Action
52 Area 54 Area 64 Garrison MMIA LO BARI MOVWT
MOVEIT MOV TARANTO MOV BARI MOV SICILY MOV BARLETTA MOV ROME

(W) For Information (FOR INFO)
HOME AREA(G-3 BRIT) 56 AREA 70 SUB AREA DISTREE EAST
AFHQ(G-3 ORG BRIT) MMIA
copy to Q MOV LO MMIA LO ✓

Originator's Number :-
SD 84 (.) SECRET (.) ref this HQ 17/11/G of 4 nov (.) under authy AFHQ FX49938 of 8 nov NOT to all (.) first (.) move of elements PICENO div to assist CARABINIERI is cancelled (.) second (.) this HQ SD 59 of 7 oct NOT to all remains effective (.) third (.) further instrs follow

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Signed

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Signed [illegible]

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: IMMEDIATE

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① Ho telef. Msg Medico di riforma MOVWIT che il 2/119 è a Cassino e non a Napoli e quindi il mov. va arranged in altro modo. OS 26

MESSAGE FORM In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A) Originator DISTHREE Date 9 Office Date Stamp

For Actior

56 AREA 94 SUB AREA MMIA LO NAPLES MOVWIT

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

50 BLU AMHQ(G-3 ORG BRIT) MMIA

Message Instrs GR

copy to Q E MOV LO MMIA LO

Originator's Number SD 93
RESTRICTED (.) ref MMIA SS 265 of 4 nov NOT to all (.) following units will move earliest from present locns to BENEVENTO for GRUPPI (.) from NAPLES 2 bn 119 regt str offrs 20 ORs 453 strength 15 tons (.) from TORRE ANNUNZIATA 4 artieri coy * str 185 all ranks (.) from PONTECAGNANO 162 artieri coy str 175 all ranks (.) all on arrival under comd SMWT reporting 50 BLU (.) move under orders MOVWIT

Cassino 4 ①

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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Signed Maj Nov

Signed

Ha telef. il Colonn. del T.L.O. 94 S. Ame ha confermato l'ora. Il comandante del reparto era presente. OS

* Parlato con il Col Cappi del 516: il Mag ha stabilito che alle 08'00 il treno 1 sarà a Torre del Greco e partirà alle 10'00

4 + 164 MOVS AM 12 Nov

Dave Maria Ag Ponti

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In lieu of AF 02136

MESSAGE FORM

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From	Originator	Date & Time
(A)	DISTHREE	09 1900 A

For Action

52 ARKA MOV BRINDISI MOV TARANTO

TO

(V) For Information (INFO) Message Instrs GR

65 GARRISON 50 MLU AFHQ (G3 ORG ENIT) MMLA
DISTHREE MAST MOVEIT MMLA LO BARI
Copy to 9 MMLA LO MOV LO

Originators No SD 95
FIRST (.)
RESTRICTED (.)/Italian MT personnel will move by rail to rft depot for combat grps at FRENTANITE DAUNIA H 3206 as follows (.) from 47 regt depot LECCE 55 (.) from mil districts BRINDISI one TARANTO 5 (.) total 61 (.) SECOND (.) Italian engr rfts will move by rail to X regt DEL GENIO at SANTA MARIA CAPUA VETERE as follows (.) from 47 regt depot LECCE 130 (.) from mil districts BRINDISI 5 LECCE 3 TARANTO 5 (.) total 143 (.) AFHQ signal date time 081748A refers (.) all informed

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Signed Wheeler-May

Signed

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DECYPHER:

09 [illegible] A

Q(Hindut) AFPE2

Q A Gen2 MGIA MGIA LO 52 MGIA

. Q 3215 (.) REFERENCED (.) Ref AFPE2/3193/Q(AE) of 4 Nov (.) Pky clear if any Brit personnel attached HQ to supervise issues of stores and clothing (.) in view of probable misappropriation request this be considered (.) release withheld pending your instructions

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SIGNALS
JUNE 1
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MEDV V LROF MR 8615

T LRNE QVR3/5

FROM MMIA

XXXXXX// 071600A

TO AFHQ ‡ AAI ‡ 3 DISTRICT ‡ MMIA LO PBS ‡ MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

QQX GR --- BT

SS261 RESTRICTED • REFERENCE OUR S/G/29/26 OF 26 OCTOBER AS AMENDED BY [redacted]

[redacted] S/G/29/26 OF 1 NOV AND SS271 OF 5 NOV •

PARENT UNIT FOR 153 TEHNICAL [redacted] MAINTENACNE SECTIN WILL BE LEGNANO
FOR 316 SECTION CARABINIERI FOLIGNO •
SECOND MOBILE DENTAL UNIT DESIGNATED 114 • ALL INFRMD

BT

SENT 071845A F A B K
RCD 071845A GDW KK

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Major Thrupp

(26)

SECRET

SUBJECT: Auxiliary units for Combat Groups.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
S/G/29/26
26 October 1944

To : Ministry of War.

1. Attached is the Order of Battle for Auxiliary Units of the Combat Groups so far as it has been possible to make it up at this stage.

2. You have already received instructions to form and concentrate with "parent groups" the units required to support the first TWO Groups (FRIULI and CREMONA).

3. The Field Park Coy, Bakeries, Medical Units and Carabinieri Section earmarked to support the second TWO Groups (LEGNANO and FOLGORE), will also be concentrated with "parent groups" as indicated in Column 6. They will be organised according to the establishments handed to you. Further orders will follow with regard to the General Transport Companies, the second part of the Motor Ambulance Convoy, the Laundry Coy, and the Mobile Bath Units, all of which will have to be formed from scratch.

4. Units earmarked for the third TWO Groups will remain in their present location until further orders. 0412

5. This Order of Battle, together with our S/G/29/26 of 25 Oct, cancels all previous information.

6. The "parent Group" is the Group responsible, with its ELU, for equipping the unit. If the unit concerned is in its area the Group will also be responsible for local administration and discipline. * ~~The Combat Group Reinforcement Regiment~~ will be equipped through LEGNANO, but for administration, discipline and allotment of personnel, will remain under command of Military Headquarters, CAMPANIA.

* Ref: Trg Dept ~~HQ~~ Italian Combat Force at R.T.D. - ICF

W Pedder

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1. Attached is the Order of Battle for Auxiliary Units of the Combat Groups so far as it has been possible to make it up at this stage.

2. You have already received instructions to form and concentrate with "parent groups" the units required to support the first TWC Groups (FRIULI and CREMONA).

3. The Field Park Coy, Bakeries, Medical Units and Carabinieri Section earmarked to support the second TWC Groups (LEGNANO and FOLGORE), will also be concentrated with "parent groups" as indicated in Column 6. They will be organised according to the establishments handed to you. Further orders will follow with regard to the General Transport Companies, the second part of the Motor Ambulance Convoy, the Laundry Coy, and the Mobile Bath Units, all of which will have to be formed from scratch.

4. Units earmarked for the third TWC Groups will remain in their present location until further orders. 0412

5. This Order of Battle, together with our S/G/29/26 of 25 Oct, cancels all previous information.

6. The "parent Group" is the Group responsible, with its HLU, for equipping the unit. If the unit concerned is in its area the Group will also be responsible for local administration and discipline. ~~The Combat Group Reinforcement Regiment~~ will be equipped through LEGNANO, but for administration, discipline and allotment of personnel, will remain under command of Military Headquarters, CAMPANIA.

* Rft: Tag dept ~~re~~ Italian Combat Trps as R.T.D.-ISF

W Pidsley Colonel
for Major General
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Copy: AFHQ (6)
H.Q. AAI (2)
50, 51, 52, 53, 54 HLU's (2 each, one for MMIA LO)
3 District
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ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUXILIARY UNITS OF COMBAT GROUPS

Branch	Units	Establishment	Total Strength Offrs	Total Strength ORs	Designation of Units	Parent Unit for Mobilization	Present Location	
ENGINEERS	3 Field Park Coys	'APP' A to 1701/22/42/G SD2 of 5 Oct 44	15	387	1 Field Park Coy (a) 2 Field Park Coy (b) 3 Field Park Coy (c)	FRIULI FOLGORE MANTOVA	SAN GIORGIO TELESE ----------	Also Also To be
SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT	6 Field Bakeries	'APP' A to 1701/22/42/G SD2 of 5 Oct 44	6	186	316 Field Bakery (a) 317 Field Bakery (a) 1 Field Bakery (b) 2 Field Bakery (b) 318 Field Bakery (c) 319 Field Bakery (c)	FRIULI CREMONA LEGNANO FOLGORE MANTOVA PICENO	SAN GIORGIO SAN GIORGIO PIEDIMONTE PIEDIMONTE AFRAGOLA AFRAGOLA	Old estab New estab
	3 GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES H.Q. G.T. Coy 4 Transport Pls 4 RDI's 1 Mech. Eng. Platoon	 NA/531/1 NA/533/1 NA/532/1 NA/539/1	 12 12 -- 3	 108 588 156 117				None forme apart Allie
	1 Motor Ambulance Convoy 3 RDI'S	V1/719/1 NA/532/1	7 --	221 39				Not Car bus one RDI

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ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUXILIARY UNITS
OF COMBAT GROUPS

Establishment	Total Strength Offrs	Total Strength ORs	Designation of Units	Parent Unit for Mobilization	Present Location	Remarks
A to 2/43/G 44	15	387	1 Field Park Coy (a) 2 Field Park Coy (b) 3 Field Park Coy (c)	FRIULI FOLGORE MANTOVA	SAN GIORGIO TARENTO ----------	Already formed Already formed To be formed from 21 Artieri Coy
A to 2/43/G 44	6	186	316 Field Bakery (a) 317 Field Bakery (a) 1 Field Bakery (b) 2 Field Bakery (b) 318 Field Bakery (c) 319 Field Bakery (c)	FRIULI CREMONA LEGNANO FOLGORE MANTOVA PICENO	SAN GIORGIO SAN GIORGIO PIEDIMONTE PIEDIMONTE AFRAGOLA AFRAGOLA	Old units now being converted to new establishment New units already formed on new establishment as regards personnel.
/1	12	108				None of these companies have yet been formed, and no nucleus for them exists apart from GT Companies already under Allied Command
/1	12	588				
/1	--	156				
/1	3	117				
/1	7	221				Not yet formed, but 1,200 Ambulance Car Platoon, now at BARI which already has British vehicles is earmarked for one platoon
/1	--	39				RDI'S not yet formed

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MEDICAL	12 Field Hospitals (200 Beds each)		24	696 519 Field Hospital (a)	FRIULI	SAN GIORGIO
		'APP' A to 1701/23/48/G (SD2) of 25 Sept		576 Field Hospital (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE
	4 Field Surgical Units		12	92 230 Field Hospital (a)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE
	2 Mobile X-Ray Units		4	24 232 Field Hospital (a)	FOLGORE	PIEDMONTE
	2 Adv Depot Medical Stores		4	28 129 Field Hospital (a)	CREMONA	AFRAGOLA
				470 Field Hospital (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE
	2 Mobile Dental Units		4	12 866 Field Hospital (b)	FOLGORE	PIEDMONTE
				522 Field Hospital (b)	FOLGORE	AFRAGOLA
				229 Field Hospital (c)		AFRAGOLA
				964 Field Hospital (c)		AFRAGOLA
				518 Field Hospital (c)		ENNA, SICILY)
				520 Field Hospital (c)		SARDINIA)
				34 Field Surgical Unit (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE
				131 Field Surgical Unit (b)	FOLGORE	PIEDMONTE
				130 Field Surgical Unit (a)	FRIULI	NAPLES
				44 Field Surgical Unit (a)	CREMONA	ALTAVILLA
				29 Mobile X-Ray Unit (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE)
				113 Mobile X-Ray Unit (a)	FRIULI	NAPLES
				'S' Adv Depot Medical Stores (b)		
				'T' Adv Depot Medical Stores (a)	CREMONA	NAPLES
				113 Mobile Dental Unit (a)	FRIULI	PIEDMONTE
				- Mobile Dental Unit (b)	FOLGORE	PIEDMONTE

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4	5	6	7	8
696	519 Field Hospital (a)	FRIULI	SAN GIORGIO	
	576 Field Hospital (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDIMONTE	To remain attached to Reinforcement Depot
92	230 Field Hospital (a)	LEGNANO	PIEDIMONTE	
24	232 Field Hospital (a)	FOLGORE	PIEDIMONTE	
	229 Field Hospital (a)	CREMONA	AFRAGOLA	
28	470 Field Hospital (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDIMONTE	
	866 Field Hospital (b)	FOLGORE	PIEDIMONTE	
12	522 Field Hospital (b)	FOLGORE	AFRAGOLA	
	229 Field Hospital (c)		AFRAGOLA	
	964 Field Hospital (c)		AFRAGOLA	
	518 Field Hospital (c)		ENNA, SICILY	To remain in present location
	520 Field Hospital (c)		SARDINIA	until called up.
	34 Field Surgical Unit (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDIMONTE	
	131 Field Surgical Unit (b)	FOLGORE	PIEDIMONTE	
	130 Field Surgical Unit (a)	FRIULI	NAPLES	
	44 Field Surgical Unit (a)	CREMONA	ALTAVILLA	
	29 Mobile X-Ray Unit (b)	LEGNANO	PIEDIMONTE	All-Italian Equipment
	113 Mobile X-Ray Unit (a)	FRIULI	NAPLES	All-Italian Equipment
	'S' Adv Depot Medical Stores (b)			Could be formed from depot now at CSIMC
	'T' Adv Depot Medical Stores (a)	CREMONA	NAPLES	Now being formed
	113 Mobile Dental Unit (a)	FRIULI	PIEDIMONTE	Italian equipment. Now in use.
	- Mobile Dental Unit (b)	FOLGORE	PIEDIMONTE	Italian vehicle has arrived from NORTH AFRICA. Unit will now be formed.

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1	2	3	4		5	6	7	
MISCEL-LANEOUS	1 Mobile Laundry Coy	'APP' A to 1701/23/48/G (SD?)	5	120				
	4 Mobile Bath Units	of 25 Sept (Not confirmed)	4	72				Fuc Soz Dir H.Q In
	1 Transit Camp	'APP' A to 1701/23/48/G (SD2)	6	105	53 Combat Group Transit Camp (a)	FRIULI	BENEVENTO and VAIRANO	
	1 Reinforcement Training Depot	of 5 Oct 44 Not confirmed	12	125	Combat Groups Reinforcement Regt (a)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE	In
		T O T A L	190	3056				
PROVOST	3 Sections Carabinieri Reali	NA/524/1	6	150	316 Section Carabinieri (a) 317 Section Carabinieri (b) 318 Section Carabinieri (c)	CREMONA FULGORE MANTOVA	ROME	Mov Not

Notes. 1. If the process of mobilization of any unit is not completed when the "Parent Group" s the reorganisation area this responsibility will pass to the Group taking over the s

2. When an official establishment has not yet been issued the reference in Col 3 is to forwarding establishments as approved by AAI War Establishments Committee.

3. Units marked (a) to support first two Groups
Units marked (b) to support second two Groups
Units marked (c) to support third two Groups

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	4		5	6	7	8
/G 2)	5	120				
ed)	4	72				Nucleus of 2 Bath units exist; with 51 Sezione Sanita, ex-LEGNANO and under Direzione Sanita, SARDINIA
B/G 2)	6	105	58 Combat Group (a) Transit Camp	FRIULI	BENEVENTO and VAIRANO	H.Q. at BENEVENTO, detachment at VAIRANO. In process of formation
44 med	12	195	Combat Groups (a) Reinforcement Regt	LEGNANO	PIEDIMONTE	In process of formation
L	190	3056				
	6	150	316 Section (a) Carabinieri 317 Section (b) Carabinieri 318 Section (c) Carabinieri	CREMONA FULGORE MANTOVA	ROME	Moving to PIEDIMONTE Not yet formed

mobilization of any unit is not completed when the "Parent Group" as per column 6 leaves
n area this responsibility will pass to the Group taking over the same part of the Area.

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ishments as approved by AAI War Establishments Committee.

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SUBJECT: Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/26
/ Nov 44

TO : ALL CONCERNED

Reference our S/G/29/26 of 26 October, please amend order of Battle of Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups as follows:

(a) Sheet (1) After section SUPPLY and TRANSPORT add SIGNALS, 3 Technical Maintenance Sections Establishment AI/30/1, total strength 3 Officers 87 OR's:

DESIGNATION OF UNITS	PARENT UNIT	PRESENT LOCATION	REMARKS
181 Technical Maintenance Section (a)	FRIULI	S. GIORGIO	----
182 Technical Maintenance Section (b)	—	AREZZO	Under command AAI Administration No.1 District
183 Technical Maintenance Section (c)	--	--	Being formed by AFHQ

(b) Sheet (2) Amend Col 4 as follows:

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	TOTAL STRENGTH Officers	OR's
2 Mobile x-ray Units	2	12
2 Adv. Depot Medical Stores	2	14
2 Mobile Dental Units	2	6

(c) Sheet (3) Delete present detail for Mobile Laundry and Bath Units and insert:

2	3	4

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(b) Sheet (2) Amend Col 4 as follows:

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2 Mobile x-ray Units	2	12
2 Adv. Depot Medical Stores	2	14
2 Mobile Dental Units	2	6

(c) Sheet (3) Delete present detail for Mobile Laundry and Bath Units and insert:

2	3	4	
4 Mobile Laundry and Bath Units	III/293/1	12	252

(d) Sheet (3) Amend TOTAL for OR's from 3086 to 3171.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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HQ AAI (2)
50, 51, 52, 53, 54 ELU's (2 each, one for MMIA LO)
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FROM MMA 041100A

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ADDS FDH for MMA LO AAC 5D BLE for MMA LO
5G MMA MOSUL GA GARRISON for GLADYS Ministry of War

GS 265

CONFIDENTIAL (.) STOP (.) object is to establish nucleus of NATIONAL combat gp in new area near MOSUL which could prepare site for whole gp, take gp's dependent units under the command and receive its reinforcements then relieving stands on reinforcement dept (.) SECOND (.) it is requested that 2nd Battalion 119 Regt undertake this task forthwith (.)

THIRD (.) please confirm if adv party of this batt can move new area immediately, main body to follow as soon as you consider arrangements satisfactory (.)

FOUR (.) reference GS 961 of 1st November recommend that 69 telegraphist I Company be attached to 2nd Batt 119 Regt and move with them and NOT independently REPEAT NOT FIELD BATTERY which is to be attached to NATIONAL forthwith from TAEL

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Q JOBS (.) RECEIVED (.) SENT TO AFTD Complete Declassification Request also
For comp for NFC Org Report classify JOBS in area VARIOUS possible Operation 5 months (.)
Your Instructions are required

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For Action

G2 Area G4 Area

(..) For Information

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Date & Time

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Message Center GR

AFHQ (G3 ORC DEPT)

SD 974(.) CANCEL(.) ref LAMA S 245 of 30 oct INT to all(.) amend my SD 944 of 1 nov INT to all as follows(.) 45 LAA regt wksp will now move to BENEVENTO reporting to TIU for temp duty with PRIULI gp(.) will come under adm comd 94 sub area re. shipping op cord AFHQ(.) all informed

This message may be sent UNENCIPHERED by any means

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If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent in CIPHER

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Army Units

3 District
Ext 7
44/G

MMLA IO 28 Oct 44

Attached copy of AFHQ letter AG 091.711/037 GCT-O dated 25 Oct 44 is forwarded for information.

(JP WATSON) Major
for Lt Col
G S

JPW/ETT

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AP 832 JC/lja

SECRET
Auth: SACMT
Initials:
Date: 25 October 44

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25 October 1944

AG 091.711/037 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Army Units.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Decisions recently taken in this headquarters have necessitated a revision of the disposal of certain units of the Italian Army.

2. Italian Mountain Combat Group

It was decided not to proceed with the proposal to form a Mountain Combat Group.

3. Formation and Equipment of Combat Groups

a. The present plan for the formation and equipment of the Italian FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO and FOLGORE Divisions into Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Italian Combat Groups will proceed as already planned i.e.,

(1) Nos. 1 and 2 Groups and 1/3 "tail" units by end of October.
(2) Nos. 3 and 4 Groups and 1/3 "tail" units by end of December.

b. MANTOVA and PICENO Divisions.

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The date by which the 5th (MANTOVA), and the 6th (PICENO) Combat Groups can become effective is dependent on a number of factors, including equipment. It has therefore been decided to use these divisions as sources for the provision of drivers and specialists for the first two combat groups. It has further been decided to use PICENO Division for providing certain essential Internal Security troops, on which instructions will be issued separately. Meanwhile 5th (MANTOVA) will continue training on limited equipment.

4. Training of Combat Groups.

The supervision of the training of the Italian Combat Groups will be the responsibility of Allied Force Headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

Jack Carter.
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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FROM NMIA 301650A

TO 50:51 BLU: 3 DISTRICT : NMIA LO3 DISRICT

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SS242 CONFIDENTIAL

REF NMIA S/G/29/26 OF 25 OCTOBER DITTO 27 OCTOBER ADD

FOLLOWING ITEM. 181 TECHNICAL MAINTENANCE SECTION ESTABLISHMENT

A1/30/1AF . G109/68. STRENGTH OFFICER WO ORS PARENT GROUP FRIULI

PRESENT LOCATION SANGIORVIO WILL SUPPORT FRIULI AND CREMONA.

FOR AAI. REQUEST INFORMATION REFERENCE ANY OTHER TECHNICAL MAINTENANE

SECTIONS TO BE ALLOTTED TO TAIL ALL INFORMED

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SECRET - Release of Vehs to Ital Combat Gps

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28 Oct 44

Ca. Garrison

Q(AF) AFHQ
ROME Allied Area Command
Opnl
MECA 149-

Ref MECA letter A/Q/29/2 of 24 Oct 44 and further to this HQ Signal Q 2550 of 9 Oct 44.

Vehs will be released as under:-

6 Lorries to 92 MU for No 5 Ital Combat Gp LEGNANO

6 Lorries to 93 MU for No 4 Ital Combat Gp FOLGORE

A. Castle
Lt Col
Dpty
DA & QMG
(W.J. CASEY)

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(info) DISTHREE EAST - 52 AREA 54 AREA MMIA BLU

RESTRICTED(.) FX43083
YOUR SD 770 of 22 OCT IS REFERENCE SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT (1)
CONSEQUENT UPON DECISIONS RECENTLY TAKEN REGARDING USE OF ATOVA
AND PICENO DIVISIONA NO MOVES INVOLVING PERSONNEL OF THESE TWO
DIVISIONS WILL BE MADE UNTIL RECEIPT OF FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS
FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS

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Q 56 Area G 64 Gen

ST MEDIA (by hand) 40

G 2075 (.) SECRET (.) Following signal from AFHQ SUBJECT RACUSA CITE FLOG of 24 submit ref FX43166 added MYR info AAI DESIRES RPRC OF CONTENTS PARAPHRASED PARAPHRASED reads (.) Quote (.) Ref your AQ 2035 of 18 Oct rpt to AAI (.) with effect from 1 Nov Italian combat Ops will draw POL from Allied Military stocks as interim measure (.) Departmental instructions necessary follow (.) Oct POL requirements covered through CCP by Ref Nov allocations covered above CG Caserta RACUSA

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38 Veh Coy 5 Veh Pk 12 Veh Pk Ord MSLA LO ✓ (By hand)

Q 2845 (.) RESTRICTED (.) arrange collection following (.) A/VR/6105 ex 12 Veh Pk Carriers Universal qty 141 Carriers Tracked Towing qty 30 release note A1251 (.) A/VR/6106 ex 5 Veh Pk Carriers Tracked Towing qty 52 release note A1252 (.) AFHQ signal FX 42171 of 22 not to all refers

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SECRET - Letting Ctr No.1 3t Contract Sq

3 District
Ref 8H
146 q
23. Oct 44

AMIC 9(Maint)

56 Area
H
HQCA 10
650 q

Ref your 6510/9(Maint) dated 8 Oct 44, and conversation SECRET - CRITIC.

1. It has been agreed with 50 HQ that in view of urgency for cover of some kind, tents will suffice, minimum requirements being 13 Store Tents or 26 EPIP Tents. Provision is an HQCA responsibility in which 3 District is unable to assist. No bids are available.

2. Since above conversation in which opinion as above was expressed, it has been ascertained that the question was discussed with 50 HQ without the knowledge that this particular area would be occupied for 36 weeks.

3. If commitment for this period is firm this HQ has no objection to release of huts required for erection by Units, involving this HQ in no responsibility for labour or tpt.

F.B. Whitelaw Maj
for Maj Gen
Comd
(F.C. CRICHTON)

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DCG/Sec

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A BLU

38 VEH COY 4 VEH GP Ord (by hand)

2 VEH GP MMIA LO (by hand)

Q 2775 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref AFHQ signal FX 44189 of 19 (.) arrange collection following vehs for No 1 Italian Combat Gp (.) FIRST (.) from 4 Veh Gp release notes A 1214 and A 1215 (.) Cars 2 str Cl I qty 7 Ambulances 4 stret 4x4 Cl I qty 10 Trucks 15 cwt GS Cl 1 def qty 103 Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Cl 1 def qty 46 Lorry 3 ton disinfector Cl I qty 1 Lorries 3 ton 4x2 stores Cl 1 qty 20 Trailer Water Cl 1 qty 1 Trailer 10 cwt Cl I qty 1 Trailer 1 ton Cl 1 qty 4 Truck 15 cwt Gen 9 KW Cl 1 qty 1 Lorries 3 ton 6x4 breakdown Cl 1 qty 2 (.) contact 4 Veh Gp for collection instructions (.) SECOND (.) from 2 Veh Gp release note A 1216 (.) Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 Winch Cl 1 def qty 6 Tractors FA Cl 1 def qty 10 Tractors 30 cwt 17 PDR Gunfower Cl 1 qty 9 (.) 2 Veh Gp will signal collection instructions (.) THIRD (.) quote AFHQ release serial VR 276

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HQLA LO } By Hand

Q 2777 (.) RECEIVED (.) following released you for No 1 Ital Combat Gp ex 3 Hqb Dup 557 DDO (.) Directors Army No 7 qty 4 serial Q(AE) 63/6 Compasses Prismatic qty 100 serial Q(AE) 53/18 RangeFinder No 13 qty 1 serial Q(AE) 64/3 (.) arrange ~~?~~ collection release note B 665

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Q 2778 (.) REVALORIZED (.) Companion Prismatic qty 100 released you for No2 Ital Combat Gp ex 3 Sub Dep 557 BOD (.) serial Q(AR) 53/49 release note B 666 (.) arrange collection

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Q 2776 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Following released you for No 4 Tsal Combat Gp ex 3 Sub Dep 557 ORD (.) ORD qty 2500 serial Q(AB) 30/30 rifles No 4 qty 4500 serial Q(AB) 25/16 ILS Brem qty 60 serial Q(AB) 34/25 (.) arrange collection release note R 664

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"A" BIJ

12 Veh Fk 38 Veh Coy Ord (By hand)

✓ MMIA LO (by hand)

Q 2761 (.) SECRET (.) following released you for No 1 Italian Combat Gp ex 12 Veh Fk (.) Serial A/VR/8091 release note A 1211 Carriers Universal qty 42 in lieu Carriers Mortar Carriers Tracked Towing qty 26 (.) Kits complete (.) arrange collection

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Rear Gun Work 557 BDO 51 BLU

500 AGD Ord MELA LO (By hand)

Q 2743 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref this H. signal Q2643 of 13 (.) request you amend release note B635 to read 25 pdrs qty 12 (.) for 51 BLU (.) release note B660 for RESTRICTED 25 pdrs qty 20 has been made ex 500 AGD (.) AFHQ signal VX38443 of 13 refers

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COPY

FROM : AFHQ 161249 A

TO : MOVEIT

INFO : DISTHREE EASTERN DET MRS ROME MOV BRUNDISI MOVWIT MOV VAIRANO MMIA DISTHREE G4 GRI

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600 ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS FOR SAN MARCO REGIMENT WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM ALEZIO TO VAIRANO FOR ONWARD ROUTING TO PIEMONTE D ALIFF PD FX 39459 CITE FRGIM SIGNED SACMED PD TRAIN DEPARTS ALEZIO 0430 HOURS 17 OCTOBER ARRIVING VAIRANO 1200 HOURS 18 OCT

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Copy to :- MMIA IC From Q 16 Oct 44 457/10 Q 6389

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TO [illegible]

INFO [illegible]

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B BLU

Rear Gun Park 557 BCD Ord MECIA LO
(By hand)

Q 2645 (.) RESTRICTED (.) following released you for No 2 Italian Combat Group ex Rear Gun Park 557 BCD on release note B636 (.) read (A) type (B) qty (C) AFHQ Ord N/Note No (.) (D) AFHQ Q(AE) Serial No (.)

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Trailers Arty No 27	64	A/18/12	12/3
40 mm Bofors(Towed)	12	A/13/14	8/3
6 Pdrs	56	A/8/19	6/5
17 Pdrs	8	A/9/18	7/6
25 Pdrs	32	A/1/14	6/8 7

(.) AFHQ signal FX 37266 of 11 refers

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TO

3 Sub Depot 557 BOD

Ord MEIA LO
(By hand)

Q 2644 (.) RESTRICTED (.) following released you for No 2 Italian Combat Group ex 3 Sub Depot 557 BOD on release note B636 (.) read (A) type (B) qty (C) AFHQ Q(AE) Serial (.)

(A)	(B)	(C)
Directors Arty No 7	4	63/4
Pistols .38	426	21/20
Rifles No 4	889	25/14
TSMG	43	30/26
Watches GS	413	55/29
Compasses Prismatic	25	53/15
Binos No 2	100	80/25
Mine Detectors (American)	44	95/8
Rangefinders No 13	1	84/2
Rangefinders No 2	6	82/4
Sights Dial No 9	40	50/4
Pistols Signal	9	22/8
PIAT	126	44/6
Bren	440	31/23

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FROM MMIA 081555A IMPORTANT

TO 3 DISTRICT

REPTD AFHQ C BLU

SS163 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

FOLLOWING FROM C BLU (.) PAREN ROME AREA R366 PAREN (.) QUOTE (.)

PIEDIMONTE AREA UNSUITABLE FOR TRAINING DUE FLOODING AND HEAVY RAINFALL

CONSIDER TRAINING WILL BE SERIOUSLY HOLD UP (.) SUGGEST MOVE LEGNANO

TO AREA PIUGGI SOON AS SMALLPOX BAN LIFTED (.) PSE COMMENT (.) UNQUOTE (.)

THIS IS PRIMARILY YOUR CONCERN BUT MMIA COMMENTS ARE (.) FIRST (.) FOR

ORGANISATION CMA TRAINING CMA AND EQUIPMENT LEGNANO AND FOGGIA GROUPS

SHOULD BE TOGETHER (.)

SECOND (.) GOOD FACILITIES FOR RAPID RE-EQUIPPING AND MAINTENANCE PARAMOUNT

IMPORTANCE (.)

THREE (.) TRAINING 30 PER CENT INDIVIDUAL AND PRESENT AREA NOT TOO BAD (.)

FOUR (.) ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS PRECLUDE MOVE PRIOR TO RE-EQUIPMENT 86

CONSIDER THEREFORE NO MAJOR MOVE NECESSARY AND LOCAL ADJUSTMENTS POSSIBLE

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3 District
Tel Ext 82
146 Q

10 Oct 44

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FOLLOWING FROM C ESS (.) PARA ROME AREA R/36 PARA (.) QUOTE (.)
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CONSIDER THEREFORE NO MAJOR MOVE NECESSARY AND LOCAL ADJUSTMENTS POSSIBLE

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3 District
Tel Ext 82
146 Q

10 Oct 44

Q 64 Grn
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A Brd
E EME

MMIA LO

Ref above copy SS163 dated 8 Oct 44 from MMIA.

Please give your views to reach this Branch by 13 Oct 44.

Lt Col
DA & QMG
(E.A.H.GOODWIN)

EAHG/rm

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@ ZNY (.) RESTRICTED (.) following from AFHQ for FX cable of 20 addsd UNRRA info ZCZC UFGZRUH MAIN AAI 84 GIA EOA GHJU roma (.) ZNY (.) your cable of 8 oct (.) signed ALEXD also MEAN (.) one (.) clothing boots blankets and items personal equipment for Italian Army call ups and mtns referred to in your para 1 will be provided by UNRRA from stocks being transferred to British (.) only essential items will be issued (.) items will be returned to British ordnance depots when replaced by equivalent items as combat group is equipped in accordance with plans programme (.) certain items will be retained and not replaced (.) two (.) issue of transport and other stores to Italian Mtn reinforcement depot subject of separate cable (.) UNCLE

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IMPORTANT

FROM : MOV VAIRANO 081700 A

TO INFO : 64 GRN 701 RLY GD DIV (TC) RTO BENEVENTO

RTO CASERTA MOVWIT MOVEIT MOV FOGGIA MOV BARI

ROO BARI MMIA DISTHREE

VR/9 (.) RESTRICTED . PERS MOVE EX LEGNANO DIV CANCELLED (.) VR/9 05 OCT REFERS (.)

RESTRICTED

Copy to :- G MMIA LO (By hand) 9 Oct 44

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MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
RAAF
S/G/29/13
Sect 44

SUBJECT: Medical Units for Administrative Tail of Combat Groups.

To : "52" ALU.

Copy to: MMIA LO FMS.
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT.

Further to this HQ letter S/G/29/13 of 10 October.

1. The following Medical units forming the first part of the Adm. Tail of the Combat Groups will be concentrated in the Alife Area and be administered by "52" ALU.

		Approved T.E.	
230, 232, 429, 519 Fd. Hospitals	each	7 offrs	58 ORs
34 and 131 Nucleo Chirugica (Fd. Surg. Units)	each	3 offrs	23 ORs
29 Mobile X-ray unit		1 offr	6 ORs
*113 Ambulanza Adontoiatrica (Dental Unit)		1 offr	3 ORs
*Still in Sardinia		1 offr	58 ORs

2. 576 Fd. Hospital will also be administered by "52" ALU although destined for latter part of Tail.

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Major General
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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Concentration Area

URGENT

3 District
Tel Ext 82
146 Q

9 Oct 44

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MMLA LO

Ref your signal AQ1972 of 5 Oct 44.

1. The 5000 (approx) Italian Army tps will be sited in the two areas with main rd June 755745 - br 769 749 and pt 784753 - rd June 791730 Map Italy 1/50,000 Sheet 175 II.

2. If time permits, representatives should be instructed to report direct to Q.O. MMLA LO who will put them in touch with 'A' B.L.O. Otherwise the arrangement stands that they report to Q Branch 56 Area.

Lieutenant Colonel
AMG
Deputy Gen
Comd
(H.A.H.COCKWILL)

RAMC/rm

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FROM MOV VAIRANO 051200 A

TO (1) CEL DELGARZIONE A (2) 64 Grn (3) RTO VAIRANO (4) 701 Rly GA BTV
(5) RTO BENEVENTO (6) RTO CANERTA

Info (7) MOVEIT (8) MOVNIT (9) MOV FOGGIA (10) MOV BARI (11) ROO BARI
(12) DISTRUP (13) MMLA

VII/9 RESTRICTED (.) 2 OFFRS 50 ORS LEGHORN DIV EX PIEDIMONTE A° LIRIS

DEPART VAIRANO 08 OCT DESTINATION MELFETTA (.) 3 BOX PLACED VAIRANO 0900
TROOPS ENTRAIN 1000 DEPART FIRST TRAIN (.) 5 DAYS RATIONS FULL WATER
BOTTLES AUTHORITY AFHQ FX33275 020CT

To C
MMIA LO

0437/58a

FROM Q

7 Oct 81

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FROM MMIA

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TO DELSTYBRIEF - FREEDOM - HQS PASS MMIA LO - B BLU

AQ1975 (.) FOR MMIA LO NAPLES (.) PAREN ROMB AREA 1667 PAREN TEST (.) FREEDOM Q/AE RELEASED TWO THOUSAND BO TS FROM BRITISH ALLOTMENT GIVEN IN APEX A OF AQ/15 FOR CREMONA CRYPT I(.) ISSU E TO B BLU AND DEDUCT FROM BRITISH ALLOTMENT S OCND (.) FRO B BLU CONTACT MMIA LO NAPLES AND DRAW IN YOUR TRANSPORT(.) THIRD (.) FOR FREEDOM (.) CONVERSATION COMLET/PIDSLEY REPEAT

To Cent
MMIA LO

Q485/69a

From Q

6 Oct 44.

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FROM : AFHQ 021695 A

TO : MOVEIT

INFO : MMIA MOVEIT DISTWO DISTHREE DGMRS ROME

CONFIDENTIAL FX 33276 2 offrs 50 ORs LEGNANO DIV LOCATED PIEDMONTE DALIFE WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM VAIRANO TO MOLFETTA ON 8 OCT PD CITE FHQMM SIGNED SACMED INFORMATION DISTWO FOR MMIA LIAISON OFFICER DISTHREE FOR MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PD DEPARTURE TIMINGS TO BE ARRANGED FOR ARRIVAL AT MOLFETTA ON 10 OCT PD

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy to :- MMIA LO From Q 3 Oct 44 437/35 Q

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FROM: MMIA LO LEGNANO GRUPPO (26) 271130 A

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INFO DISTHREE

Q 256 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF MMIA AQ/8 OF 7 SEP (.). REQUEST TWELVE WATER TRUCKS NOW ON LOAN TO C I L BE ISSUED FORTHWITH SIX EACH TO LEGNANO AND FOLGORE GRUPPI (.). FOR 64 GRN (.) YOUR Q505/23 OF 25 ALL WATER TRUCKS FULLY EMPLOYED NONE CAN BE WITHDRAWN(.) ALL INFORMED

From Q

TO MMIA LO

482 Q/33a

30 Sep 44

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FROM: MMIA LO LECHANO GP 25 1600

TO: ACTION HQ MMIA ROME DISTRIBEE

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CONFIDENTIAL (.) THE FOLLOWING UNITS ARRIVED 24 Sep 44 51 SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA OFFRS 1 ORS 42 470 OSPEDALE DA CAMPO OFFRS 7 ORS 55 866 OSPEDALE DA CAMPO OFFRS 7 ORS 59 315 SEZIONE CORR OFFRS 1 ORS 11

From: G(SD) Copy to: Q MMIA LO

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COPY

FROM : AFHQ 281022 A

TO : MOVWIT MOV REGGIO DISTHREE

INFO : MMIA

FX 51365 CONFIDENTIAL (.) 181 ITALIAN DRIVERS WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM CATAZARO TO BENEVENTO FOR COMBAT GROUPS PD CITE FHQDM SIGNED SACMED ACTION DISTHREE FOR MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PD PARTY WILL MOVE ON DAILY STORES TRAIN PD DATE TO BE ARRANGED BY MOVEMENTS WESTERN ITALY IN CONJUNCTION WITH MMIA OFFICER 5 DISTRICT

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Copy to :- MMIA LO From Q 28 Sep 44 437/13 Q

Rimp Reggio.

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SUBJECT:- Release of Tpt on Loan.

AFHQ G(AE)

Army Sub Commission ACC (MMIA)
MMIA I.O

3 District
Ext 113
G2 G

28 Sep 44

Ref your AFHQ/8093/G(AE) of 23 Sep 44.

1. 9 lorries 3 ton water were released by Allied HQ on loan to MMIA for FRIULI Div on 3 District release note A 805, Serial 3547, dated 17 Aug 44.

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L Maj Gen
Comd
(C.C. BRADFORD)

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0 MMIA LO (By hand)

Q 2562 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) following from FREEDOM ref FX 30074 of 27 addsd MOVEIT DISTHO info MMIA ROME MOVWIT MISTHREE reads (.) QUOTE (.) move of Italian rfts of Alpine rft dct by rail from ORDONA to CASERTA arranged for 28 sept is cancelled (.) cite FHQ signed SACMED (.) personnel now moving by road (.) FX 29614 dated 24 sep refers (.) UNQUOTE (.) this HQ Q 2524 of 25 refers

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SUBJECT:- Release of Tpt.

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1 District
Ext 19
631/13 Q

26 Sep 44.

'A' BRN

409 RVP
MH19 AO

Ref this HQ Veh Release Note A 977 dated 17 Sep 44, for 1 Italian Combat Group.

1. The 100 Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS issued on the above release note are cancelled and all vehs in possession will be returned to 409 RVP CASALNUOVO forthwith.

This HQ will be informed when action is complete.

2. Release note A 1002 for a further 100 Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Cl I, in lieu of those cancelled on A 977, and also for 6 Trucks 15 cwt W/T Cl I is attached hereto.

RBL/MI

Lt Col
DA & QMG
(RB LYNCH)

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SUBJECT:- Tentage - CHURCHILL Div

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3 District
Tel Ext. 82
G30 Q

26. Sep 44

Army Sub-Commission MMIA,
HQ ACC

"B" BIU, CMF
MMIA HQ

Ref your G/G/29/13 of - Sep 44, copy to this HQ.

1. Instructions given by you to BIUs to inform 3 District if any likely tentage deficiencies are not understood in view of procedure outlined in MMIA Adm Instr No 3 para 4 (c).

2. No action is therefore being taken on "B" BIU letter G/T/2 of 20 Sep 44, addressed this HQ copy to you, as it is presumed that normal procedure must be followed.

F.B. Shiddle Maj

Maj Gen
Comd
(F.C.CHRISTIE)

FCC/rm

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DIRECTORS

'A' HILL

Cpl MAZA LO (Dry Hump)

XXX/Sgt 0 2343(.) DIRECTORS(.) Following items released for No 1 Italian Combat Gp(.) 6 prs 36 R/No B531 serial A/3/16(.) 17 prs qty 8 R/No B531 serial 1/9/13(.) 25 prs qty 32 R/No B531 serial A/1/11(.) 40 mm qty 12 R/No B531 serial A/13/13(.) 6 prs qty 36 17 prs qty 4 25 prs 16 will be collected 27 Sep

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'A' TAL

557 BOD Gnd [illegible] (By hand)

Q 2348 (.) RESTRICTED (.) following released No 1 Italian Combat Cp ex 557 BOD (.) Rifles No 4 qty 889 Serial A/23/34 TAC qty 43 Serial A/27/04 PIAT qty 102 Serial A/12/36 DREW LEE qty 440 Serial A/29/65 Pistols Rev .38 qty 426 Serial A/19/47 (.) Release Noted 583 follows

Attached

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FROM: CIL LO 22 1830 A

TO: HQ MMIA ROME DISTHREE

VOM/13

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING UNITS ARRIVED 22 SEP 129 COMPAGNIA COLLEGAMENTI OFFRS 4 ORS 167 184 COMPAGNIA COMPLIMENTI OFFRS 8 ORS 172 ELEMENTS HQ NEABO DIV OFFRS 2 ORS 45 TIMANENTI COMPAGNIA TRASMISNEABO OFFRS 2 ORS 86 184 SEZIONE SUSSISUENZA OFFRS 2 ORS 40 184 RIMANENTI SEZIONE SANITA OFFRS 4 ORS 71 184 AUTO SEZIONE PESANTE OFFRS 2 ORS 45 ELEMENTS OF 4 AND 5 GRUPPO SOMEGGIATE ARTIGLIERIA ALPINI AND BNS ALPINI AND PIDEMONTE OFFRS 2 ORS 216

FROM: G(SD) COPY TO: MMIA LO

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FROM: MMIA LO LEGNANO GP 24 1030 A

TO: (1) MMIA ROME (2) MMIA NAPLES (3) DISTHREE (4) 57 AREA (5) 64 GRN (6) 'C' PL 383 COY RASC (GEN TPT) (7) 'C' BLU (8) 'D' BLU

SD 9

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOR INFM (.) SHAPE HAS ORDERED THAT CIL CEASE TO EXIST WEF 24 SEPT 44 (.) LEGNANO AND FOLGORE GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI FORMED WEF SAME DATE (.) REQUEST ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE ADDRESSED TO APPROPRIATE GRUPPO

FROM: G(SD) COPY TO: MMIA LO

(26) Pz 2e MUSA 3 Disk

SECRET

Subject: Administrative Troops Italian Combat Groups

Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
TS/G/29
18 September 1944

To : Hq. AAI Copy to A.F.H.Q.

1. Ref my TS/G/29 of 18 Sep.

Assuming that you will need a proportion of the Italian Administrative troops when the first two Gruppi are ready to go into the line during November, the following tentative instructions have been given to the Ministry of War:

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c) Supplies Personnel for two field bakeries are to be provided and stationed in the concentration area to await the provision of mobile equipment, using static equipment meanwhile.

d) Ambulance Coys Again this question must be referred 6368 to you. The simplest solution seems to be to bring No. 84 Ambulance Car Section from SARDINIA, Serial No. 85 (with Italian ambulances) and to send it to APULIA on arrival, to relieve No. 1200 Italian Ambulance Car Coy (with British Ambulances).

On relief No. 1200 Ambulance Car Coy to proceed to Piedimonte D'Alife Area to form part of the administrative tail.

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Field Hospitals	230)	To be brought from SARDINIA
	252)	Serial Nos. 87 and 88
	470)	Now in ANCONA Area
	866)	under 209th Division
Field Surgical Units	34)	Now under Command C.I.L.
	131)	
Mobile X-Ray Unit	29 now under Command C.I.L.	
Mobile Dental Unit	No. 113 to be brought from SARDINIA, Serial No. 90	

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Advance Depot Medical Stores There is one at OSIMO. This will be known as "S" Depot and will remain present location.

f) A reinforcement depot to be opened in the Piedimonte D'Alife Area at once - no difficulties.

Please confirm the above and give a ruling on points raised at (b) and (d).

2. No instructions have been received regarding the scales provision or issue of arms, vehicles and equipment to auxiliary units. These are awaited.

3. It is assumed that no British Liaison Units will be needed, but it may be that some Officers of Corps Headquarters concerned (e.g. the DADOS of Corps Troops) may need some assistance in administering their units; in the meantime it is recommended that they should be the responsibility of the District concerned, each of which has a M.M.I.A. L.O. to assist.

W.D. Flint

Major General
M M I A

MG

Copies to: MMIA LO 1 District.
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G Circ.
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W. D. [illegible]
Lt. Col.
Major General
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FROM MMIA LO ATT CIL 231840A

TO HQ MMIA ROME AA DISTHREE

QQ Y GR -- BT

VOM15 (.) CONFIDENTIAL(.) FOLLOWING UNITS ARRIVED

23 SEP [redacted] 5 GRUPPO E C OFFRS [redacted] 10 ORS 74

REPANTO COMANDO 11 REGT ARTIGTIENA OFFRS

2 ORS 65 BASE 2 GRUPPO DELL 11 REGT ARTIGTIENA OFFRS 3

ORS 63 BASE V [redacted] ARIE TATTILE BATTERIA DA

[redacted] 20 MM OFFRS 1 ORS 36 BASEPEPARBO
SUSSISTEIZAORS 21

M DOTAEI ISOLATI OFFRS 70
ORS 24
BT

REPN NR ~~552~~ ~~QVR2~~ 231840 ~~VOM15~~ ~~23 5 E C 10 74~~

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~~1 36 PEPARBO SUSSISTEIZA 21 M~~

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CONFIDENTIAL 26

57 ANKA MOVAT

C-3 (USC) BRIT AEN DZERO

Copy to A G MEKA AD

RD 331

CONFIDENTIAL (.) TAF AMB FX 29385 NXT to all (.) following units at SARDINIA will move on follows from HAYLEE (.) FIRST (.) det 402 yur lnb regt 57h mcn to MILTERVIRO to under cond 2 DIST (.) SIXTH (.) 300 pers for 4007 and 4008 Gen tpt acys to POLIGANO driving school under cond 2 DIST (.) FIFTH (.) 100 drivers for GENERAL GUERI to SAN GIORGIO (.) FOURTH (.) 519 FC hosp 65 men to SAN GIORGIO under cond MAST

En Sent par Montreuccels
(Cable 2350p - to Algiers.

DISTRIBUTION 25 A

64 Grn

G MMIA LO (By hand)

Q 2524 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) following from MOV ORTONA ref MOV/Q/23 of 24 added 67 Grn DET ITALIAN ALPINE REPT UNIT MOV FOGGIA BARI OPS OFFICE info MOVEIT MOVWIT MMIA LO 67 Grn DISTRO DISTRIBUTION reads (.) QUOTE (.) Italian Alpine Rfts will move ORTONA to CASERTA 28 Sep strength 15 Offrs 220 ORs 10 tons ORTONA dep train 3961 at 1715 hrs TERMOLI arrive 290040 (.) RTO please arrange forward working ETA CASERTA AM 30 Sep (.) stock SF (.) authy AFHQ FX 29614 (.) UNQUOTE

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FREQ : MOVWIT 231745

TO : 57 AREA PBS FOR MMIA LO 701 MT GD DIV RTO CASORIA
RTO BENEVENTO DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI NAPLES
INFO : G3 ORG BRIT AFHQ MAIN AAI DISTREE MMIA RTO CASERTA

MOV 911 CONFIDENTIAL .

REF MAIN AAI SIGNALS SD 1777 OF 18 SEP AND SD 1794 OF 19 SEP NOT TO ALL . CREMONA UNITS MOVE BY RAIL 25 SEP FROM CASORIA TO BENEVENTO FOR SAN GIORGIO . SECOND COY COMPL GRANATIERI 13 OFFRS 298 ORS COMPLEMENT CREMONA DIV 8 OFFRS 463 ORS . 3 BOX CARS PLACED FOR LOADING BAGGAGE 0700 FURTHER 27 FOR PERSONNEL 1400 ALL DEPART 1500 ETA NIGHT 25/26 SEP . DETRAIN FIRST LIGHT 26 SEP

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Copy to :- MMIA LO from Q 25 Sep 44 437/105 Q

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Subject :- Admin - Italian Army

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SECRET

3 District
Tel Ext 96

3021 EME

23 Sept 44

To:- 'Q'

Copy to:- 'G'
'A'
MMIA LO
EME AFHQ
WAR DIARY (2)

Reference your letter 385Q of 21 Sept 44

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(C.E. CARPENTER) COLONEL
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

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SUBJECT :- Adm - Italian Army

3 District
Ext 113
385 Q
21 Sep 44

EME

MMIA LO

Ref MMIA signal SS75 dated 18 Sep 44.

Your comments are requested on this instruction.

for Maj.

Lt Col
DA & QMG
(J. NUTTALL)

JN/ncr

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57 AREA REVELL

G-3 (SAS) BRIT ARTY

AREA 20 ZEBRA
Copy to Q AREA 20

AG 315

CINCFE div/

SECRETIVED (.) following personnel on HAMILTON will move enroute to SAN GIORGIO (.) second cay complimentary 13 offrs 298 ens (.) div arty 10 offrs 347 ens 2 staff cars 2 s/c 20 tons eqpt (.) 333 fd hosp 9 offrs 79 ens (.) engineer div combined 4 ens (.) 550 auto ens 37 ens (.) inform this HQ on completion

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SECRET

ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

App F to MMIA letter T.S./G/29 dated

1. Combat Groups (and auxiliary troops) are called forward by MMIA and reorganised to comply with the approved War Establishment and in accordance with the time schedule at App D

In the training area they are under the District HQ concerned for local administration. In forward areas they will come under cond of a British HQ and be administered in the same way as a British or Allied Division using British equipment.

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App E.

TRAINING PLAN.

1. **The Training Plan** is based on the understanding that the officers and men are mostly trained soldiers whose main requirement is re-training in the technical handling and maintenance of new arms, vehicles and equipment, combined with administrative training of service units and adm officers in British maintenance and supply work.

The tactical training of comds and troops will depend on time available and may have to consist only of such modifications to Italian principles as are necessary to secure effective cooperation and control.

2. **Training Policy** and direction is in the hands of the D.M.T. who has issued the necessary instructions to B.L.Us. He provides a British Training Team of officers and NCOs with the necessary equipment to supervise and assist the training programme.

3. **Training** is divided into five phases:-

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b.	Training of Cadres in Combat Groups.	(1-2 ")	
c.	Technical and Individual Trg within units	(4-5 ")	
d.	Tactical and Adm Trg of Comds and Staff		
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IMPORTANT

FROM : MOVWIT 21

TO INFO : DISTHREE

MOV 901 . CONFIDENTIAL . FOLLOWING CREMONA DIV PERSONNEL MOVE BY RAIL
22 SEPT CASORIA TO BENEVENTO . FOR SAN GIORGIO . BALANCE ARTY UNITS
12 OFFRS 480 ORS 10 TONS 84 FD HOSP 7 OFFRS 42 ORS 3 TONS GD ESCORT
1 OFFR 66 ORS FIRST COY COMPL GRANATIERI 9 OFFRS 300 ORS 10 TONS .
2 BOX CARS PLACED 0700 FOR LOADING STORES FURTHER 33 BOX FOR PERSONNLE
AT 1400 ALL DEP 1500 ETA NIGHT 22/23 SEPT . DETRIAN FIRST LIGHT 23 SEPT .
AFHQ FX 26585 OF 17 SEPT DISTHREE SD 283 OF 18 SEPT AND MAIN AAI SD
1777 UNDATED NOT TO ALL REFER . ALL INFM

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FROM : MOVWIT 201600

TO : 57 AREA FBS FOR MMIA LO 701 KY GD DIV RTO CASORIA
RTO BENEVENTO
INFO : G5 ORS BRIT AFHQ MAIN AAI MMIA DISTHREE RTO CASERTA

MOV 895 CONFIDENTIAL .

PART SPECIALIST ARTY GP OF BREMONA DIV 56 OFFRS 644 ORS 40 TONS EQUIPT MOVE BY RAIL 21 SEP CASORAI TO BENEVTNTO FOR SAN GIORGIO . 4 BOX CARS PLACED 0700 FOR LOADING STORES FURTHER 31 BOX AT 1400 FOR PERSONNEL ALL DEPART 1500 ETA NIGHT 21/22 SEP . DETRAIN FIRST LIGHT 22 SEP . AFHQ FX 26585 OF 17 SEP AND DISTHREE SD 263 OF 18 NOT TO ALL EFFER

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G MMIA LO (E/ hand)

Q 2874 RESTRICTED (.) following from AAI ref MOV 5746 of 20 added MOV DISTONE MOV WESTRAIL MMIA SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI inFo MOV ROME DISTHREE APHQ 57 AREA DISTONE ROME AREA ROMRS reads (.) QUOTE (.) arrange rail move approx 1000 Italian rfts for CIL from ASSISI to VAIRANO departing 25 2Fp (.) UNQUOTE

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SECRET.

Subject:- Reorganisation of C.L.I.

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY,
R O M E.

T.S./G/29
19 Sept, 44.

To:- War Ministry.

1. I am directed to inform you that the reorganisation of C.I.L. into TWO Gruppi di Combattimento by the method proposed in your diagram is approved with the following modifications:-

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2. The general terms of my letter (T/G/22) of 9th Sept will apply except that the date by which the reorganisation is to be complete will be 7th. October.

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Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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COPY OF INCOMING SIGNAL MESSAGE

IMPORTANT

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FROM MMA
TO A BLU
INFO DISTREE AFHQ

SS75 SECRET. YOUR Q6 OF 17TH SEP. THE MECH EMGS COY (OFFICINE MECCANICHE) OF A COMBAT GROUP CONSISTS OF SEVEN OFFICERS AND 279 MEN RESPONSIBLE FIRST AND SECOND LINE RECOVERY AND REPAIR. TWO OFFICERS AND 50 MEN OF THIS FINISH THEIR TRAINING AT RETE NUMBER ONE ADV BASE W/SHPS TOR SAPIENZA NEAR ROME TODAY . FRIULI GROUP TO COLLECT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND USE THEM TO TRAIN REMAINDER COY AT 3 GIORGIO . THIS SHOULD PROVIDE ALL WORKSHOPS FACILITIES REQUIRED. THIRD LINE REPAIRS IF NEEDED SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH DISTRICT P (3)

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MMA 1.0 from Q 20 Sep 44. 385 Q

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LRNEV MEDY V LRLC [redacted] 729 M QVR[redacted] 22.

FROM MMIA LO CIL 181840

TO HQ MMIA -- [redacted] DISTHREE

QQY TR -- BT

VOM9 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING UNITS ARRIVED 18 SEP

5 GRUPPO SOMMEGGIATO OFFRS 28 ORS 478 BTG

ALPINI PIEMONTE OFFRS 39 ORS 610 REGTL

HQ 3 RGT ALPINI OFRS 5 ORS 110 244

OSPEDALE DA CAMPO OFFRS 5 ORS 117

BT 181840

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57 AREA MOVMT MEDIA TO MARIEN

C-3 (CHG) EXIT AFHQ Copy to 0 MEDIA TO

SEC 305

CONFIDENTIAL (.) Following personnel CHROMITE div ex cruiser AUSTA will move to SAN DIEGO (.) complement CHROMITE div 8 offrs 232 ens (.) reer edl various units CHROMITE div 1 offr 119 ens (.) under cond MIKE on arrival (.) SAI SD 1734, of 19 sep NOT to all refers

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RETURNED 26 20 Aug 43 A

57 AREA, MOVET VIA LO ENTER

C-5 (CEC) EGAT ARRQ RETCO Copy to Q VIA IG

DD 306

CONFIDENTIAL (.) Following personnel UNKNOWN div or cruiser ACHTA will move to RELIEVED to under cond DIETS for 402 Italian par 1ab rept (.) BARBARI ap 2 affrs 111 ars (.) ocAC ap 9 affrs 32 ars (.) CACILIAN ap 10 affrs 430 ars (.) for ARRQ (.) AAA UK 1734 of 19 sep refers

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12 [illegible]

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MEDU 18 [illegible]

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Pass to Plans Div

1 RNR V MEDY V LRLC [illegible] // QVR 2 [illegible]

FROM CIL L O 171805

TO HQ MMIA DISTHREE

QQY GR 84 BT

VOMS CONFIDENTIAL . FOLLOWING UNITS ARRIVED 17 SEP

ELEMENTS OF GRASO BN OFFRS 2 ORS 74 4 GRUPPO ARTIGLIERIA

ELEMENTS OF 1 BTY OFFRS 12 ORS 191 5 GRUPPO ARTIGLIERIA

ELEMENTS OF 2 BTY OFFRS 1 ORS 16 [illegible] CARRISTI OF IX REPARTO

D'ASSALTO OFFRS 1 ORS 6

BT

SENT NR 64 DC 1921 BBB

RD NR64 1921 Q WR BB

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GENERAL STAFF
File No. 1711
19 SEP 1944

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TO : DETFAMILES BARI SUPREMERCITO TRASPORTI MMIA MOV TARANTO MOV BRINDISI MOV BARI MOV BARLETTA MOV FOGGIA MOVWIT DISTHREE 52 AREA 57 AREA FREEDOM CITE FHGIM

FROM : MOVEIT

MOV / 1 / 1211 18

RESTRICTED . ITALIAN MOVE . 556 PERSONNEL OF PICENO DIV MOVE BY RAIL TO BENEVENTO FOR SAN GIORGIO ON 20 SEP AS FOLLOWS . FIRST . 200 FROM MASSAFRA IN 6 BOX DEP 1514 ON TRAIN 3930 . ARR BARI 2021 DEP 2245 ON TRAIN 8434 . ARR BIVIO 210504 DEP 0515 ON TRAIN OL . ARR CARVARO 0535 DEP 0600 ON TRAIN 8212 . ETA BENEVENTO 210943 . SECOND . 250 FROM OSTUNI IN 7 BOX DEP 1408 ON TRAIN 3942 . ARR BARI 1857 THENCE ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST . THIRD . 66 FROM CEGLIE MESSAPICO IN 2 BOX DEP 0837 ON TRAIN 203 . ARR LECCE 1105 DEP 1730 ON TRAIN 56 . ARR BARI 2156 THENCE ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST . FOURTH . 40 FROM LECCE IN 2 BOX DEP 1730 ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST . FIFTH . AUTHY FREEDOM FX28168 OF 16

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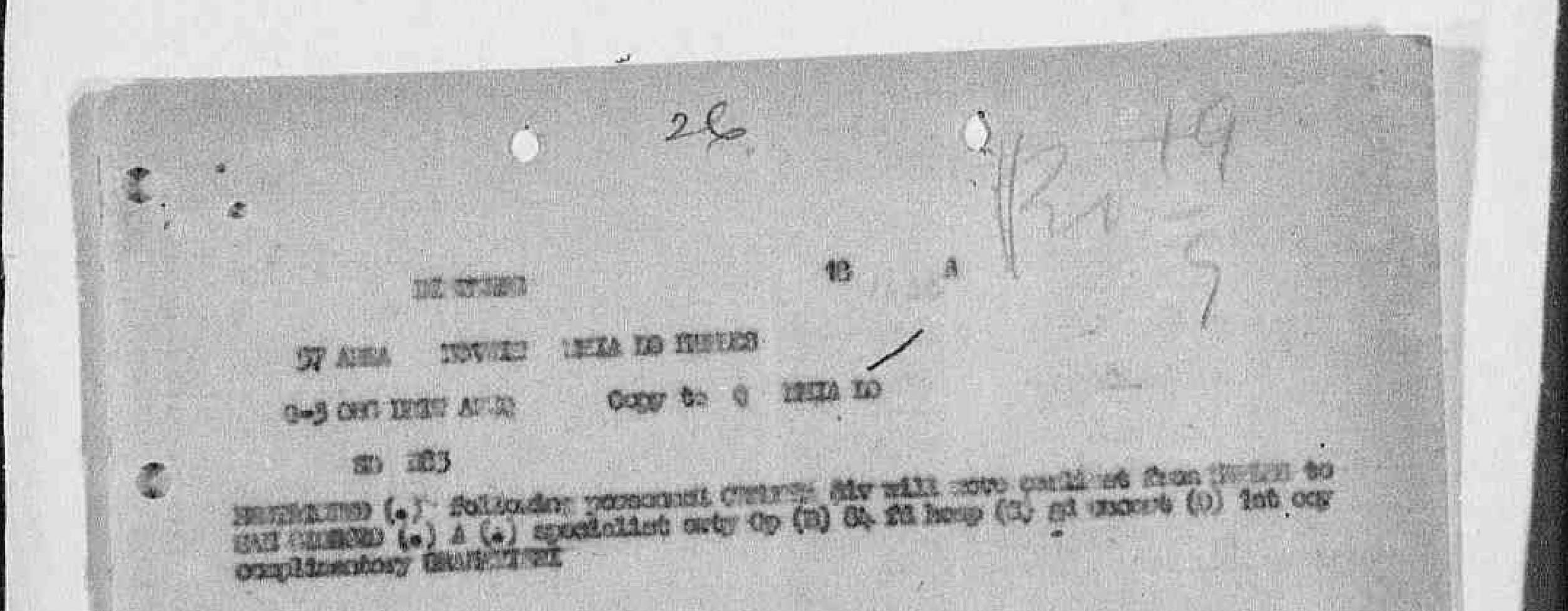

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ARMY FORM C2123. (Pads of 100).

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT	No. of Groups. GR.	Serial No. / Office Date Stamp

TO

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

MIA 0 1

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT **AS WRITTEN** BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT * } WIRELESS.

THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT **IN CIPHER** IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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

(S.A.571) Wt. 24076/1655. 9000M Pads 9/42. B. & S. Ltd. 51-5410.

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SUBJECT :- Italian Combat Group

Q 57 Area
G(SD)
Ord
MMIA I/O

3 District
Ext 113
485 Q
19 Sep 44

1. It is desired to clothe and equip No 1 Italian Combat Gp as soon as possible.

2. The scale of clothing and necessaries applicable to this fmn is attached at Appendix A. You are requested to arrange with A BLU for indents to be submitted to Ord your HQ without delay.

3. Vehs and small arms are being specially released under separate arrangements.

4. Authority AFHQ/6442/Q(AE) of 13 Sep 44 (copy to A BLU)

JN/ncr

for Col
DA & QMG
(J. NUTTALL)

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Blouse, Battle Dress	ea 1
Trousers, Battle dress	ea 1
Shirt, cotton	ea 2
Belt, web, waist	ea 1
Drawers, wool	ea 2
Undershirt, wool or pull-over (1 pull-over equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea 2
Towel	ea 1
Overcoat, or Mackinaw	ea 1
Boots or shoes (2 prs authorised in winter if supplies permit)	pr 1
Socks	prs3
Anklets, or Leggings (when required)	pr 1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea 1
Blanket or comforter (One comforter equals two blankets)	ea 2
Pack Carrier (when required)	ea 1
Canteen (when required)	ea 1
Mess Kit (Incl fork, spoon and cup)	ea 1

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FROM : MOV ROME 181200 B

ACTION : MOV VAIRANO MOVWIT

INFO : DISTHREE

SECRET . TO 281 . DEPARTED TIBURTINA 181000. (ROME AREA 7404) WAGONS 1145150 AND 3373 (33037). ITALIAN 184 REGT PARATROOPS NEMBO

SECRET

Copy to :- G MMIA LO From Q 19 Sep 44 427/84 Q

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26 → MMIA LO III District

Subject:-P.O.L. for San Giorgio Training Area
Italian Army.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA),
HQ. ACC. ROME.
ST/53/13

14 September 1944.

Direz. Gen. Motorizzazione,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:-MMIA LO, NAPLES.
DADST, HLU.

1. The following releases of P.O.L. will be made from C.I.P. BENEVENTO for the San Giorgio Training Area for the Cremona and Friuli Divisions.

MT 80	969 bbls
Gasoil	380 bbls
SAE 50 M.O.	34 bbls
C-600 or)) Hypoid 90)	7 bbls
Greases No 1 No 4	2.0 bbls

BBLS

2. This release is in addition to releases authorized to date.

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B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, Army Sub Commission (MMIA).

SWC/JMD

From MMIA LO Naples

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FROM : MOVEIT 171915 A

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MOV /1/1210

RESTRICTED (.) ITALIAN MOVE (.) 744 ALL RANKS OF PICENO DIV MOVE BY RAIL TO BENEVENTO FOR SAN GIORGIO ON 19 SEP AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) 200 FROM CRISPIANO IN 6 BOX DEP 1520 ON TRAIN OL (.) ARR MARTINA FRANCA 1615 DEP 1632 ON TRAIN 106 BIS (.) ARR BARI 1855 DEP 2100 ON TRAIN 8432 (.) ARR ZIVIO 200524 DEP 0330 ON TRAIN OL (.) ARR CARVARO 0350 DEP 0400 ON TRAIN 8208 (.) ETA BENEVENTO 200743 (.) SECOND (.) 175 FROM MARTINA FRANCA IN 5 BOX DEP 1632 ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST (.) THIRD (.) 235 FROM LOCOROTONDO IN 7 BOX DEP 1648 ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST (.) FOURTH (.) 66 FROM ALBEROBELLO IN 2 BOX DEP 1705 ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST (.) FIFTH (.) 68 FROM ROCI DEP 1722 IN 2 BOX ON SAME SERVICE AND TIMINGS AS FIRST (.) SIXTH (.) AUTHY FREEDOM FX 26168 OF 16

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E MIA LO (by hand)

Q 2838 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) following from AFHQ no ref of 16 adv MOVEIT info DOMUS ROME MOVWIT DISTRIBUTION MOV BARI MOV TARANTO MMIA MISTRO DETRANSLES BARI MOV BRINDISI reads (.) QUOTE (.) personnel of BICENO DIV will move by rail to BENEVENTO for SAN GIORGIO cite FWSIM signed SACMED (.) FX 2838 info MISTRO for MMIA LIAISON OFFR (.) on 19 Sep (.) 200 from CRISPIANO 175 from MARTINA FRANCA (.) 235 from LOCOROTONDO (.) 68 from ALBEROBELLO (.) 68 from NOCI (.) total 774 (.) 6844 Sep (.) 200 from MASSAFRA (.) 250 from OSTUNI (.) 66 from OSSLIE MESSAPICO (.) 40 from LECCE (.) total 556 (.) UNQUOTE

19 Sep

Crispiano	200
M. Franca	175
Locorotondo	235
Alberobello	68
Noci	68
	774

20 Sep.

Massafra	200
Ostuni	250
Ossa Messapica	66
Lecce	40
	556

Q 2995 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) following from AFHQ no ref of 18 adtad MOVEIT info DOMUS ROMA MOVWIT MISSIRR MOV BARI MOV TARANTO MAIA DISTAD DETRAMILES BARI MOV BRINDISI reads (.) QUOTE (.) personnel of SICEMO HIV will move by rail to BENEVENTO for SAN GIORGIO cite MHOIM signed SACMED (.) FX 28268 infm DISTAD for MAIA LIAISON OFFR (.) on 19 Sep (.) 200 from CRISPIANO 175 from MARTINA FRANCA (.) 235 from LOCOROTONDO (.) 66 from ALBEROBELLO (.) 68 from NOCI (.) total 774 (.) 6344
Sep (.) 200 from MASSAFRA (.) 250 from OSTUNI (.) 66 from CAGLIE MESSAPICO (.) 40 from LECCE (.) total 556 (.) UNQUOTE

19 Sep

Crispiano 200
M. Franca 175
Locorotondo 235
Alberobello 66
Noci 68

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20 Sep.

Massafra 200
Ostuni 250
Cagliè Messapica 66
Lecce 40

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FROM : DISTONE 161530

ACTION : MOV ROME RAAO MOV VAIRANO MOVWIT 64 GRN
INFO : MAIN AAI EIGHTH ARMY MOV REAR EIGHTH ARMY DISTHREE MMIA

MOV/124 SECRET . 09/DONE/05 96 HQ CIL VEHS 40 URBISAGLIA TO PEDMONTE D'ALIFE . DEPART 180600 ETA ROME 2000 HPS . R77 AND 3 STAGE NIGHT 18/19 DEPART 190600 ETA VAIRANO 1300 HRS R6 REFUEL TOR-DI-QUINTO REQUIRE 1000 GALS PETROL . REP AHEAD TO ROME AND VAIRANO TO CONFIRM TIMINGS AND ROUTE 15 MTH 20 VTM

SECRET

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FROM : MAIN AAI 161825 B

TO : AFHQ

INFO : MMIA PBS FOR MMIA LO DISTHREE

SD 1727

RESTRICTED . REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MOVE OF FOLLOWING PERSONNEL OF C R E M O N A DIV DUE N A P L E S EX S A R D I N I A 16 SEP IN CRUISER D A O S T A TO S A N G I O R G I O N77 . SPECIALIST ARTILLERY GROUP STR 30 OFFRS 520 ORS 10 MOS 10 TONS EQPT . 84 FD HOSPITAL STR 7 OFFRS 42 ORS . GUARD ESCORT 1 OFFR 66 ORS . FORST COY COMPLIMENTARY GRANATIERI 7 OFFRS 302 ORS 5 TON EQPT

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✓ MEDY V LRLC NR[redacted] IMPORTANT

QWR 2 [redacted]

FROM MMIA LO CIL 170905A

TO HQ MMIA DISTHREE

QQY GR 307 BT

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VOM 7 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

THE FOLLOWING IS RECORD OF ALL TPS ARRIVED UP TO 16 SEP 1200 HRS

DISTACCAMENTO CDE CIL OFFRS 7 ORS 93 COMANDO I BRIGATE OFFRS 5 ORS 95 33 ZZ BTG BERSAGLIERI OFFRS 27 ORS 423 68 RGT FANTERIA OFFRS 101 ORS 1598 5 BTG C.C. OFFRS 20 ORS 380 65/17 RGT S.MARCO OFFRS 4 ORS 138 BTG GRADO OFFRS 35 ORS 640 BTG BAFILE OFFRS 36 ORS 711 COMPAGNIA COMANDO 183 RGT NEMBO AND 16 BTG 183 RGT NEMBO OFFRS 25 ORS 614 15 BTG 183 RGT NEMBO OFFRS 18 ORS 424 184 CP MINARTIERI OFFRS 8 ORS 162 10 CP ARTIERI OFFRS 9 ORS 171 51 SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA OFFRS 4 ORS 21 AUTOREPARTO MISTO OFFRS 4 ORS 140 51 BTG GENIO OFFRS 22 ORS 428 51 CP ARTI[redacted] 6341 OFFRS 7 ORS 143 ELEMENTI DEL PAMG OFFRS 2 ORS 20 DISTACCAMENTO 11 RGT ARTIGLIERIA OFFRS 8 ORS 21 51 SEZIONE SANITA OFFRS 9 ORS 270 332 OSPEDALE DA CAMPO OFFRS 5 ORS 60 COMPLEMENTI CIL OFFRS 67 ORS 1159 COMANDO RGT S.MARCO AND CP MITRAGLIERI DA 20 MM OFFRS 11 ORS 109 PERSONNEL FOR COURSES OFFRS 2 56 ORS 265 DISTACCAMENTO BTG ALPINI " PIEMONTE" OFFRS 2 ORS 6 CDO RGT BERSAGLIERI OFFRS 9 ORS 52 XXIX BTG

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ORS 19 CDO ARTIGLIERIA CIL OFFRS 3 ORS 92 ELEMENTI 183 RGT
NEMBO OFFRS 1 ORS 6 39 SEZIONE CC.RR ORS 18 BTG ALPINI
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ORS 39 POSTA MILITARE 155 OFFRS 1 ORS 2

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ACTION : DISTONE MOV ROME RAAC MOV VAIRANO MOVWIT 64 Grn
INFO : MAIN AAI MAIN EIGHTH ARMY MOV REAR EIGHTH ARMY DISTHREE
MMIA

MOB /119 . SECRET . 09/D1/054 CIL 166 ARTY GROUP VEHS 40 TRAILERS 20 GUNS 12 CAGLI TO PIEMONTE D'ALIFE . DEPART CAGLI 170600 EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FOLIGNO 1500 HRS STAGING 17/18 . DEPART 180600 EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TERNI 1400 HRS STAGE 18/19 . DEPART 190600 EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TOR-DI-QUINTO 1500 HRS STAGE 19/21 . MAINTAIN VEHS 20TH . DEPART 210600 EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROSINONE 1500 HRS STAGE 21/22 DEPART 0600 EXPECTED TO ARRIVE VAIRANO 1100 HRS . EIGHT MIH 20 VTM . ROUTES THREE AND SIX . REP REPORTS AHEAD TO MOVE ROME TO CONFIRM TIMINGS AND TO MOV VAIRANO FOR ONWARD ROUTING . REFUEL FOLIGNO AND TOR-DI-QUINTO PETROL 3000 GALLS DIESEL 300 GALLS HALF TO VEHS TANKS AND HALF TO CONTAINERS

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64 CANBERRA

Copy to Q MELBOURNE

SD 259

CONFIDENTIAL (.) 185 MARINE bn approx str 500 all ranks is moving from ANGAUR to VAIRAIRO under orders NAVY HEADQUARTERS (.) from VAIRAIRO to PIVEMOUNTAIN PALIFU under orders AMPH to comd with CTL (.) on arrival reverts to comd 3/2D

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ARMY FORM C.2136 (Small) MESSAGE FORM (2C) Register No.

Call | Srl.No. | Priority | Tranamission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: NMIALO DISTREE | Date-Time of Origin: 161232 B | Office Date Stamp

For Action

64 GRN FM GELARDI

To

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instrns | GR

Originator's No.

=410 O please inform COMSOPAC info CINCPAC that request for additional CONVACTS to relieve two in Apr and two in May is approved

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any Means (Except Wireless)

Signed

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

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority: Important

Time System Op.

THI or TOR 6338

Time cleared

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SUBJECT :- POL Requirements - CIL

SECRET

3 District
Tel. 1111 Ext 23
1322/322

14 Sep 44

ST 64 Garrison

MMIA 10

Reference various recent telephone conversations Major HAMY - SCOTT and Lieut WHITEHEAD.

1. It is now confirmed the above Italian Div will NOT appear on the permanent Allied Order of Battle and therefore it will be the responsibility of the CIP organisation to supply POL requirements to this Div.

2. As it will no doubt take a few days for the necessary CIP allocation to be adjusted to meet this additional commitment, it will be in order for POL to be issued from WD stocks in the interim. Care must be taken however to ensure that issue vouchers are obtained and original receipts forwarded to this office for CIP account adjustment purposes.

3. It is requested you keep in close touch with the CIL and advise this office immediately they have arranged to draw from CIP.

4. For your information it is understood from the MMIA IO attached this HQ, that CIP will probably supply from their stocks at CASERTA.

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Col
DEST

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Subject:- POL requirements - Italian Combat Gps.

3DLO/26
13 Sep 44.

ST

Ref Q letter 500 Q dated 11 Sep 44.

1. The following are the arrangements made to date for the sup of POL to the Italian Combat Gps.

2. CREMONA and FRIULI Divs.

Pet sec AFHQ have today made a special allocation of POL to CIP for issue to the a/m divs. This will be sup and transported by CIP for issue to the divs at the Brit petrol depot at BENEVENTO.

3. CIL.

No POL allocation has yet been made by pet sec AFHQ to CIP for CIL owing to delay in receiving their bid. This has now been submitted and, when authorized, CIL will draw POL direct from the CIP depot at CASERTA.

4. When the above arrangement comes into force the petrol point at CALVI RISORTA will no longer be used. 6336

Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

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64 GRN

MMIA LO (By hand)

Q 2195 (.) RESTRICTED (.) following from MOV HOME ref TO 284 of 14 added MOVWIT DISTHREE MOV VAIRANO reads (.) QUOTE (.) HOME AREA 6815 train departed TIBURTINA 0500/14 with 40 offrs and 600 ORs Italians in 81 boxes for VAIRANO (.) UNQUOTE

IMPORTANT 6335

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FROM : CIL LO 121840 B

TO : HQ MMIA DISTHREE

MOV /4 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING UNITS ARRIVED 12 SEP GRADO EN 33 OFFRS 602 ORS COMANDO S MSRCO REGT 11 OFFRS 106 ORS ELEMENTS TO ATTEND COURSES 48 OFFRS 174 OR

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy to :- MMIA LO from Q 14 Sep 44 437/58 Q

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ARMY FORM C2156 (Small) MESSAGE FORM Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator MNIALO DISTHREE | Date-Time of Origin 131145 B | Office Date Stamp

TO For Action MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — OR

Originator's No.

EA 11 (°) CONFIDENTIAL (°) confirming spoke PERCIVAL - THRU today (°) CIL POL bid through OREGON (°) daily for 600 vehs (°) 7000 gals pet (°) 2000 gals diesel (°) lubs in proportion (°) these are maximum requirements for trg and maint (°) for maint alone halve above figs

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT / WIRELESS }

SIGNED

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT [illegible]

SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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FSS. 40, 5000 pads, 9-58.

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NOV HESTONE MOVWIS

ST PRO MEDIA LO (By hand)

Q 9283 (.) SECRET (.) ref this HQ 2170 dated today para 4 (.) arrange Lafora OIL convoys to refuel PEP CALVI KIDDETA (.) for NOV HESTONE (.) PEP VARIATO now closed

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DESTROY 23 Sept B

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G ST PRO MMIA LO (By hand)

Q 8170 (.) SECRET (.) following from MOV DISTROR ref MOV/106 of 11 addsd CIL MOV ROME NAAC MOV VAIRANO MOVWIT info MAIN AAI MAIN 8 ARMY MOV REAR 8 ARMY DISTRIBR MMIA reads (.) QUOTE (.) CHR (.) CIL Mobile elements will move to area PIEDMONTE D'ALIFE from areas CAOLI and MACERATA 13 Sep (.) this signal is being paraphrased (.) TWO (.) strength CAOLI HQ eleven Arty Regt plus three batteries and 1 M/C Coy (.) 72 vehs 37 trailers 82 M/C 84 offrs 1150 ORs MACERATA one Bty 15 vehs 9 trlrs four M/C 20 offrs 250 ORs (.) HOUR (.) refuel at PSP FOLIGNO (.) diesel 1200 galls POL 2800 galls TOR DE QUINTO MR F7495 and VAIRANO diesel 1400 galls XXXX POL 3200 galls both points (.) FIVE (.) 12th HIR 20 VEH reps to report to MOV ROME to confirm timings and routing convoy no 09/D1/044 (.) THREE (.) 13 Sep head pass CAOLI 0600 hrs tail 0700 hrs ETA FOLIGNO 1100 hrs route three (.) stage in area 3 MR A9181 (.) convoy from MACERATA WILL MOVE to join main body at FOLIGNO under unit arrangements 14 Sep FOLIGNO to ROME area MR F8165 head dep 0600 tail 0700 hrs ETA dest 1600 to 1700 hrs route four THENI ROME and (RV?) (.) 15 Sep stage ROME for veh maint (.) 16 Sep ROME to VAIRANO head dep 0600 tail 0700 hrs ETA dest 1600 to F780 route six via PESCHIONE 17 Sep VAIRANO to ALIFE on timings from MOV VAIRANO (.)

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SUBJECT:- POL requirements CIL

3 District
Tel Ext 19
500 Q

11 Sep 44

METZ LO

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Ref your 3DLO/26 of 9 Sep 44.

1. As it appears certain that CIL will not appear on a British Order of Battle it will be necessary for you to make arrangements with CIP for allotment of POL for your requirements.

2. Please inform ST this HQ when action is completed and arrangements will be made for POL to be made available for issue at CAMP KISOCA.

Lt Col
DA & Q G
(R. B. LEECH)

RBL/bc

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SUBJECT:- Novas Italian Formations

5 District
Tel Ext 19
146 Q

2 Sep 44

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MAIA 10
File 5000

Will you please state whether the following Italian Formations will appear on a British Order of Battle:-

(a) CIL and Delegazione 'A' (Ref AFI letter 1605/50/25/1/ G(BD1) of 26 Aug 44, para 6(o) refers).

(b) CREMONA and FRIULI Divisions.

Col
DA & QMG
(R.B. LEACH)

RBL/mm

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SECRET EQUALS US SECRET

SUBJECT:- Italian Combat Force - Training of Reinforcements

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Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
11 Sep 44

Ministry of War

1. The maximum strength of the Italian Combat Force at present authorised is 57,000, of which approximately 54,000 are in the six combat groups and 3,000 in the ancilliary troops. To maintain this force, a reinforcement pool amounting to 10% of the total (i.e. an additional 5,700) will be allowed.

2. The actual strength of all officers and men appointed or posted to the force (including reinforcements and those absent on account of sickness or any other cause) is therefore 62,700.

3. The Reinforcement Depot is to be organised by you at once on the organisation of 12 officers and 105 men already approved, and established at the WEST end of the PIEDMONTE area in a position to be fixed by you. It will remain in this position while Groups are in the area and may move forward when Groups move into the combat area.

4. It is important that reinforcements are properly trained in the use of weapons, vehicles and equipment on the same lines as men in combat units. During the training period therefore, 5% of reinforcements in all arms will be attached to combat units for training and will be left behind in the Reinforcement Depot as each Group moves out of the area.

5. As soon as sufficient instructors have been trained in the use of British equipment you will ensure that adequate numbers are posted to the Reinforcement Depot (either on the permanent staff or as reinforcements) in the Depot.

6. By this means it will be ensured that no man leaves the Reinforcement Depot to join a combat unit in action until he is properly trained. 6328

7. An administrative instruction on the method of dealing with sick, wounded or absentees from the Combat Groups and for obtaining reinforcements will be sent you later.

8. The means by which reinforcements are to be obtained will be notified from time to time.

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Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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C O P Y

FROM: CIL LO
TO: MMIA + DISTHREE 111400B

MOV/2 (°) Confidential (°) further to my MOV/2 of 10 (°)
following units arrived 10 Sep 15 BN 183 Regt NEMBO
18 offrs 424 ORs (°) 16 BN 183 REGT 25 offrs 614 ORs
10 COY ARTIERI 180 ORs

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LRNE V LRSJ NR5 21H

FROM MNIA LO CREMONA DIV

TO DISTIREE S AND T

INFO DISTIREE MNIA LO

OOY GR17 BT

QC/2 CONFIDENTIAL . ESTIMATED DAILY

REQUIREMENTS P O L FOR CREMONA PP 800

GALS PLUS NORMAL LUBS .

LIABLE INCREASE LATER

ST 1005

RPTR [illegible]

POL PP SAME GALS LUBS SAME

SENT JFA 0

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ARMA SIGNALS LRNE MNIA

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Rd. 1221 Hrs

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FROM: CIL LO
TO: MMIA + DISTHREE 101030 B

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MOV/2 Confidential (°) following units arrived 9 Sep (°) BAFILE bn 4 offrs 111 ORs (°) GRADO 2 offrs 40 ORs (°) PAMG 2 offrs 2 ORs (°) 15 bn NEMBO 18 offrs 434 ORs

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

ROME.

T.S./G/27.
9 Sept. 44.

H.E. General OXILIA.

Reorganization - Italian Combat Force.

1. In continuation of my directive to you dated 26th. Aug, I am to inform you that the third and fourth Combat Groups are to be formed from personnel of CIL now being withdrawn to the PIEDMONTE D'ALILE area. The two groups will be known as the LEGNANO and FOLGORE groups and their reorganization should be completed by 15th October.

2. It is intended that the fifth and sixth groups should be formed from the MANTOVA and FOLGORE Divisions which, provided equipment arrives as scheduled, should complete their reorganization between 12th and 31st October.

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3. In reorganising units for Combat Groups the following guiding principles are to be followed.

(a) Only officers and men suitable for combat or the recognised technical duties are to be retained in the Groups.

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(b) Groups are not to exceed their approved strength at any time, officers and manpower to combat group requirements or establishments are to be transferred to other units or (if overage) demobilised, in accordance with detailed instructions which will be given you from time to time.

A/WP

L Berrenrath

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
M M I A

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SUBJECT: Organisation of Italian Army.

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

ROME.

T.S./G/29
7 Sept. 44.

Minister of War.

1. In order to complete the reorganisation of the Italian Army and to eliminate at once from the 6 Italian Combat Groups such personnel as are unsuitable for combat, the personnel of the Combat Groups will be separated forthwith into the following categories:

A. to be retained with present Combat Group.

B. to be transferred to another Combat Group.

C. to be transferred for duties in service units with the Allies.

D. to be demobilised as over age or for other reasons.

2. (a) A return of the 6 Combat Groups (including the C.I.L. reinforcements at CHIETI), by categories as above, will be submitted to this H.Q. at the earliest moment possible.

(b) This return will show separately those parts of CREMONA on the Mainland and still in SARDINIA. 6323

3. All personnel in category D will be demobilised forthwith.

4. On receipt of your return as in para 2, AMMIA will assign all personnel in Category C to service units with the Allies.

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(b) You have already been given authority to pick up in ROME the 1600 specialists necessary for FRIULI Combat Group and to complete that Group with the C.I.L. reinforcements at CHIETI.

(c) CREMONA, in accordance with our instructions, has already been screened. Such personnel as are still required to complete CREMONA to its establishment will be provided firstly from C.I.L. surplus and secondly from any other source immediately available, including MANTOVA and PICENO if necessary.

(d) On receipt of your return as in para 2, MMIA will give authority for further inter-group transfers or call up of new personnel to complete all the Combat Groups plus 10% reinforcements.

Your proposals for this should accompany the return. It may be assumed that the MANTOVA and PICENO Battalions now on guard duties will be returned to those Groups for Combat.

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6. Please treat this as IMMEDIATE, special officers or D.Rs being employed, if necessary, to obtain the information required in the return called for.

L Browning

Major General,
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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TO MINISTRY OF WAR

RPTD HMIA LO 3D SUB AREA

HMIA LO 2 DISTRICT

HMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

CAPUA GARRISON FOR HAD GELARDI CLAA AND QMG HMIAD

BT

SE1466 C.) RESTRICTED C.)

CANCEL OUR SD/14/3 DATED 7 SEP 44

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RPTD [redacted]

CAPUA GARRISON [redacted]

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TO: G, CRI

INFO: DISTRESS

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Withdrawal of CIL and Disposal of Delegation "A"

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.
SD/13/4
Sep 44

WAR MINISTRY

Copy to:- 1 District
2 District
3 District
AAI (for GSD)
MMIA LO 1 District
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MMIA LO at HQ 60 Sub Area

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4 and 5 Gruppi Someggiati
51 Sez. Sanita

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(e) Pack guns and reserve ammn, reserve equipment and all pack equipment of units other than 250 Pack Tpt will be disposed of according to instructions which AAI have given to HQ's 1 and 2 Districts.

3. Disposal of Delegation "A"

Delegation "A" (less skeleton HQ with same establishment and functions as Delegation "B" and less personnel remaining on guards on dumps, ops etc) will be disbanded at CASERTA. Neither personnel nor stores of Delegation "A" are to be sent to CASERTA.

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4. For 1, 2, 3 Districts. The above memo modifies para 3 of AAI's 1605/50/25/1/G(SD1) of 5 Sep 44.

5. CHL rfts unit i required at CASERTA. AAI have been asked for rail tpt for it.

ABC

Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
M M I A

Internal copy for :- A/Q

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To

Army Sub Commission MFIA
H. Q., A.F.H.Q.
A C M B.
SD/1A/3
Sep 44

Ministry of War

Copy to:- MFIA 50 60 Sub Area
" " 2 District
" " 3 District
CAFUA CARDIGOS for Maj GELARDI (DAA & QMG MFIA)

1. Information — Delegazione "A" has personnel and stores located in 2 District at CHIETI and [illegible] DI SANGRO.

2. Intention — To move these personnel and stores to concentration area at PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE.

3. Method

(a) Ministry of War will notify this HQ the strengths of personnel and weight of stores to be moved and the date of availability for movement.

(b) Personnel with organic equipment and first line [illegible] will move from present locations to CARUSO under arrangements to be made mutually between Delegazione "A" and 2 District.

(c) From CARUSO to CASERTA by rail under British movements.

(d) From CASERTA to concentration area PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE. Personnel by march route; stores under arrangements to be be made by 3 District until such time as Ministry of War can take over the whole or part of the commitment.

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Separate instructions have been issued on this subject. HQ 2 District are responsible for their implementation.

Units of Delegazione "A" located in 2 [illegible]

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7 Sep 44

Ministry of War

Copy to:- 2677A 10 GC Sub Area
" " 2 District
" " 3 District
CAIRO CARRIER for Maj CHIARDI (D&A & QMG MELA)

1. Information — Delegazione "A" has personnel and stores located in 2 District at CHIETI and TORINO DI SANGRO.

2. Intention — To move these personnel and stores to concentration area at PESCARA DEGLI ABRUZZI.

3. Method

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5. Command. — Units of Delegazione "A" located in 2 District w.e.f., 5 Sep. are placed under command of 2 District.

Note — Details of C.I.L. rifle camp at CHIETI have been received by this HQ and rail tpt has been applied for. Ensure that para 3(b) of this instruction is complied with for the move from CHIETI to ORTONA.

Cairo Carrier

abc.

for Col
G. Wilcox Capt
for Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Gp. GEN DISTRO Copy to I- Q MACIA F.O.

RD 19½ RESTRICTED (.) ref DISTRO 501/1902 of 8 Sep (.) request you notify MIA to Gp Gen not Gp Gen

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COPY

FROM: DISTWO 03 1700 B

TO: 60 SUB AREA +

INFO: MOV ORTONA + G3D DISTHREE + 64 GRN + MOVWIT + 57 AREA + G3D AAI + MMIA + MOVEIT +

SD1/1902 + CONFIDENTIAL (.) UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVEIT MOVE CIL RFT CAMP FROM CHIETI TO PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE AS FOLLOWS (.) STRENGTH OFFRS 67 ORS 836 STORES 100 TONS CARTS 9 HORSES 33 (.) FROM CHIETI TO ORTONA AM 10 SEP IN TPT TO BE PROVIDED UNDER ARRANGEMENTS Q 60 SUB AREA (.) FROM ORTONA TO CASERTA 10 SEP BY RAIL (.) FROM CASERTA TO PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE BY MARCH ROUTE UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTHREE (.) SIGNAL ETA CASERTA 57 AREA RPTD DISTHREE AND THIS HQ (.) AUTHY (.) AAI SD 1548 OF 7 SEP

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FROM: G(SD) COPY TO: Q MMIA LO

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S:- POL requirements, CIL

3DLO/26
9 Sep 44

Q HQ 3 District.

Ref your 500 Q dated 5 Sep 44.

(a) Inc M/Cs, there will be about 800 vehs.

(b) 7000 galls pet; 2000 galls diesel oil; lubricants in proportion; This represents maximum requirements when vehs will be engaged on trg and maint. For maint alone about half the above quantities will be required.

(c) If the present rate of ferrying is maintained, all vehs will have arrived in the PIEDIMONTE area by 15 or 16 Sep.

Major,
[redacted]
3 District.

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Copy to ST 3 District.

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SUBJECT:- Move of CIL

3 District
Tel Ext 19
500 Q

6 Sep 44

MEA LO

ST

In order that provision action may be taken in respect of POL please forward the following information without delay.

(a) Number of vehicles expected from forward Area.

(b) Anticipated daily requirements of POL after arrival of the above.

(c) Estimated date of arrival of vehicles.

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Lt Col
DA & QMG
(R.B.IEECH)

RBL/bt

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From: GELARDI 091140 B

To: MMIA + DISTHREE

Mov 10 (+) NO train arrived from CIL fwd area 8 SEP (+) NO train yet signalled today

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Copy to A [redacted]

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[redacted] (.) 1 district report storm damage has interfered with CIC move (.) [redacted] will party failed to leave [redacted] 7 sep

[redacted]

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SUBJECT:- Withdrawal of CII Cd Delegazione 'A'

3 District
Ext 7
193/G

8 Sep 44.

G. Garrison
Movements Western Italy

Copy to:- G
13 LA LO

Ref this HQ 17/11/G dated 31 Aug and 193/G of 7 Sep 44.

The att copy of AAI 1605/50/25/1/G(SD1) of 6 Sep 44. is forwarded for information.

(JP WATSON) Major
for Lt col
G S

JPW/RW

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/SUBJECT : Withdrawal of CIL

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel : MILPOT 73.

1605/50/25/1/G(SD1).

6 Sep 44.

Eighth Army (5)
1 District (5)
2 District (2)
3 District (5)
Army Sub Commission ACC (5)

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Army Sub Commission AOC (5)

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for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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64. GARRISON

MOVWIT Copy to Q MMIA LO

SD 153

RESTRICTED (.) CIL rft comp approx strength 67 offrs 836 ORs 1 baggage cart 9 carts 33 horse is moving earliest from CHIETI to PIEDIMONTE D ALIFE as follows (.) from CHIETI to ORTONA under arrangements 2 district (.) from ORTONA to CASERTA under orders MOV AAI (.) from CASERTA to PIEDIMONTE D ALIFE as in AAI 1605/50/25/1/G(SD1) of 5 sep para 3 (d) NOT to all

JP WATSON
Maj

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LRNE V MEDY 080517 OVR2

FROM PBS MMIA LIASON OFFICER 071500

TO MMIA HQ

INFO DISTHREE

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RESTRICTED (.)

FOLLOWING CREMONA DIVISION ARRIVED EX SARDINIA ON SIX SEPTEMBER PD FIRST ON LIBERTY SHIP BURLESTON PD RHQ CMA MORTAR COY AND ONE BATTALION TWO TWO INFANTRY REGIMENT FOUR EIGHT OFFICERS NINE FIVE ZERO OTHER RANKS CMA ONE AND TWO SPECIALIST PLATOONS TWO OFFICERS ONE ZERO FOUR OTHER RANKS PD SECOND PD ON SIMMONS PD RHQ MORTAR COY AND TWO BATTALION THREE TWO ONE INFANTRY REGIMENT FOUR FIVE OFFICERS NINE EIGHT SIX OTHER RANKS PD REFERENCE NUMBER SEVEN EIGHT TWO SIX PD PAREN TO MMIA HQ INFO DISTHREE FROM PBS MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN THIRD PD ON BRECHEN RIDGE PD FIVE FOUR MEDICAL SECTION ONE ZERO OFFICERS TWO THREE FOUR OTHER RANKS PD FOURTH PD ON WILLIAM GRAHAM PD ONE ONE THREE MG BATTALION TWO ONE OFFICERS TWO FIVE [redacted] FIVE OTHER RANKS CMA TWO BATTALION TWO TWO INFANTRY REGIMENT TWO FOUR OFFICERS SIX SIX ONE OTHER RANKS CMA FIVE FOUR SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA TWO OFFICERS TWO TWO

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TWO OFFICERS ONE ZERO FOUR OTHER RANKS PD SECOND PD ON SIMMONS
PD RHQ MORTAR COY AND TWO BATTALION THREE TWO ONE INFANTRY
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CMA FIVE FOUR SEZIONE SUSSISTENZA TWO OFFICERS TWO TWO
OTHER RANKS CMA NUCLEUS ARTY INSTRUCTORS TWO OFFICERS TWO
SIX OTHER RANKS PD FIFTH PD ON WILLIAM BLOUNT PD HQ COY MORTAR
COY AND TWO BATTALION TWO ONE INFANTRY REGIMENT FOUR SIX
OFFICERS EIGHT ONE SIX OTHER RANKS CMF TWO AND THREE SPECIALIST
PLATOONS EACH ONE OFFICER FIVE ZERO OTHER RANKS PD SIXTH PD
ON BRETT HART PD DIVISION HQ TWO SIX OFFICERS ONE SIX FIVE
OTHER RANKS

5 CMA ONE BATTALION TWO ONE INFANTRY REGT ONE EIGHT
OFFICERS SIX NINE NINE OTHER RANKS CMA NINE ZERO GUASTATORI
COY THREE OFFICERS NINE TWO OTHER RANKS PD
BT 071509

~~RPTNS 080517 CVR2 071500 SIX BURLESTON RPQ SIMMONS~~ GENERAL STAFF
~~WILLIAM GRAHAM WILLIAM BLOUNT GUASTATORI 071500~~
~~SENT KFO BT~~ 0435 8 SEP 1944

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FROM GREGSON 64 GARRISON 080900B

TO MMIA ROME, MMIALO3 DIST

INFO PBS FOR MMIALO 64 GN

QQY GR19 BT

MMIA/64/9 CONFIDENTIAL C.)FIFTH

PARTY ARRIVED 1710 HRS 7 SEP(.)

STRENGTH OFFICERS 16 OTHER RANKS 472 WITH 8 WAGONS BAGGAGE

BT080900B

~~RPTN CNR//CLRLCNR4C/41)YR ,9998- 49.3 ..8->9 3 DIST~~

RPTN CLRLC NR40/41 64 080900 MMIA ROME MMIALO 3 DIST

64 GR19 MMIA/64/9 1710 7 16 472 8

080900

SENT RMK VAAR

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SUBJECT:- Withdrawal of CII. and Do. Quadrate 'A'

3 District
Ext 7
193/G

7 Sep 44

64 Corsican
Lovesdata Western Italy

Copy to:- G
ZEKA 10

Ref our 17/11/G dated 31 Aug 44.

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JTH/RP

(J. [illegible]) Major
for Lt col
G S

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SUBJECT:- Withdrawal of CIL and Delegazione 'A'

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 73

1605/50/25/1/G(SD1)

5 Sep 44

1 District (5)
2 District (5)
3 District (5)
Army Sub Commission ACC (5)

Copy to:- Q (2)
Q (AE)
Mov

Reference this HQ Instruction 1605/50/25/1/G(SD1) dated 28 Aug 44 as amended by SD 1421 of 1 Sep 44.

1. Information

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2. Intention

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3. Method

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4. Disposal of stores and equi

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4. Disposal of stores and eqpt

The instructions at paras 4(a)(i) and 4(a)(ii) of the above instruction apply except that 2 District will be responsible for implementation.

5. Command

Units of Delegazione 'A' located in 2 District are placed under comd 2 District wef this date.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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LRNE V MEDY NR 534 602

FROM GREGSON 64 CARRISON 06

TO MMIA ROME MIA LO 3 DIST

INFO 64 CARRISON PBS FOR MMIA LO

QQY GR28 BT

MMIA/64/6 . CONFIDENTIAL . THIRD PART ARRIVED

[redacted]VAIRANO 1445 HRS FIVE SEPT . STRENGTH OFFICERS

37 OTHER RANKS 585 WITH TEN WAGONS BAGGAGE ALL OF 5 TH

BATTALLION CONTRO CARRO 68TH REGT

BT

~~DRTNS 534 2 64 06 LG4 28 64/6 1445 37 585 68~~

CALLAM, ARARAT

RLDG 1005

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06

57 ARMY 64 CORPS

[redacted] 64 Corps for [redacted] 0(60) [redacted] [redacted]
(My hand)

0 [redacted] (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) one pl 305 Gen Sqdn Gay will move 3 Sep from 57 Army to under comd 64 Corps (.) 64 Corps will signal exact location required (.) 64 Corps will allot this sqdn as necessary to [redacted] for maint Italian sqdn ops in ALLIED area

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LRNE V MEDY V LRLC 070541 QTR 2.

FROM G R E G S O N 64 GARRISON 070945

TO M M I A ROME - MMIA LO 3 DIST -

INFO P B S FOR M M I A LO 64 GARRISON

OOY GR 27

MMIA''64''7 CONFIDENTIAL . FOURTH PARTY ARRIVED 2120 HRS 6 SEP . STRENGTH OFFICERS 28 OTHER RANKS 676 WITH 10 WAGONS BAGGAGE . ALL OF 33 BN B E R S A G L I E R I OF FIRST BDE

BT 070945 B

RPTN ~~070544 GREGSON 64 // 64 070945~~

~~3 64 07 177 MMIA''64''7~~

~~2120 6 28 676 10 33~~

~~BERSAGLIERI 070945~~

JMJ B

QTR 302
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IMPORTANT

FROM: MOV ROME 061530 B

TO : MOVWIT MOV VAIRANO DISTHREE MOV DISTHREE

TO 197 RESTRICTED .

PAREN ROME AREA 6016 PAREN ITALIAN CIL DEPARTED TIBURTINA FOR VAIRANO 061145
IN WAGONS 1132949 AND 34 OTHERS . STRENGTH 27 OFFRS 560 ORS

RESTRICTED

Copy to :- 15TA LO from Q 7 Sep 44 437/14 Q

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C O P Y
~~SECRET~~

FROM: AAI 081030 B

ACTION : MOVCIR DCMS MMIA SUPPLY/CIRCTO TRANSPORT
INFO : MOV ORTONA MOV FOGGIA MOVCIR DISTONE RMAU G AMGY
DISTRO DISTRIBD 57 AMMA DEPMAIL BARI ADV AAI HQS FOR MMIA L O
GO SUB AREA

MOV 3579

RESTRICTED . CANCEL MY MOV 3543 OF 6 NOT TO GO SUB AREA AND SUBSTITUTE .
ARRANGE RAIL MOVE CHL RET CAMP 67 OFFICERS 836 ORS 2 CARTS 33 HORSES
100 TONS STORES FROM ORTONA TO CASERTA DEPARTING 10 SEP VIA BENEVENTO .
AAI SD 1548 OF 7 REPEAT

6300

~~SECRET~~

RESTRICTED

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IMPORTANT

FROM: AAI

ACTION : MOVEIT DCMRS MEIA SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI

INFO : MOV CRTONA MOV FOGGIA MOVWIT DISTONE REAR 8 ARMY
DISTWO DISTHREE 57 AREA DEFRAIL BARI ADV AAI FBS FOR MEIA LO

MOV 3543 SECRET
ARRANGE RAIL MOVE DELEGAZIONE A STRENGTH APPROX 600 ALL RANKS 50 TONS
FROM ORTONA TO CASERTA . DEPARTING 10 SEP VIA BENEVENTO . AAI SD
1605/50/25/1/G(SD) OF 5 SEP REFERS

SECRET

Copy to :- MEIA LO from Q 7 Sep 44 437/16 Q

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LRNE V MEDY V LRLC NR658 IMMEDIATE

QVR2-3

FROM 64 GRN. FROM ~~GR88~~/GREGSON 051530

TO M M I A R O M E

INFO DISTHREE + DISTHREE FOR MMIALO

64 GRN. + AA 1 FOR QUEEN

OQY GR80 BT

CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOR K E R R FROM N O A K E S (.)

DISTHREE HAVE IN FACT LOANED TWENTY FOUR WORKING LORRIES (.)

IF THE TWELVE ~~WW~~/ WATER TRUCKS NOW PROMISED AERE PRODUCED WE CAN

MANAGE UNTIL ELEVEN SEPTEMBR(.) IF WATER TRUCKS ARE NOT AVAILABLE

WE CAN MANAGE UNTIL EIGHT SEPTEMBER (.) ON THIS BASIS WE

CAN N O T REPEAT N O T ACCEPT ANY C I L

AFTER ABOVE DATES UNLESS DISTHREE CAN LOAN THE TRANSPORT (.)

THIRTY THREE TON RUNNERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE

AT RATE OF SIX LORRIES EVERY OTHER DAY

BT

RPTN 658 IMMED 2-3 64 051530 64 80

KERR AND NOAKES

SENT RMK VA AR

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✓ MEDY V LRLC NR 15/17 M QVR 2 [redacted]

FROM GREGSON 64 GARRISON 050905

TO MMIA ROME . MMIA KZ LO 3 DIST

INFO 64 GARRISON, PBS FOR MMIA LO

QQY GR 20 BT

MMIA/64/3 CONFIDENTIAL (.) SECOND PARTY ARRIVED VAIRANO 1900 HRS FOUR SEP (.) STRENGTH OFFICERS 39 OTHER RANKS 805 WITH 10 WAGONS BAGGAGE

BT 050905

SENT NR15/17 05-1010B BW BB K

RD NR15/17 05-1010 B AGL AR K

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IMMEDIATE

FROM: MOV ROME Q4

TO : MOVWIT DISTHREE MOV VAIRANO MOV DISTHREE

T MOV 298 RESTRICTED PAREN ROME AREA 5847 PAREN TRAIN DEP TIBURTINA 040955 ENGINE NO2060 WITH ITALIAN PERSONNEL (CIL) IN 30 BOX WAGONS AND 4 WGNS G 1098 EX ASSISI FOR VAIRANO . TRAIN DEP TIBURTINA 041130 ENGINE NO 2742 WITH ITALIAN PERSONNEL (CIL) IN 6 BOX WGNS EX ASSISI FOR VAIRANO ALSO ON TRAIN 653102 AND 9 OTHERS VEHICLES EX TOR SAPIENZA FOR CASAL NUOVO 21288 646753 ORD EX MONTECORVINO FOR ORTONA 7100995 TN EX 29 TDS FOR NAPLES 14643 SALVAGE EX 128 SU FOR NOLA

RESTRICTED

Copy to :- MMIA LO from Q 5 Sep 44 405/105 Q

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Following units of CREMONA Division due to arrive on first lift ETA 5 September 1944.

UNIT	Offrs	ORs
DIVISION HEADQUARTERS	26	155
1st BATTALION 21st INFANTRY REGIMENT	19	700
90 COMPANY GUASTATORI	3	95
1st PLATOON SPECIALISTS	1	50
HEADQUARTERS 21st INFANTRY REGIMENT AND MORTAR COMPANY	18	322
2nd BATTALION 21st INFANTRY REGIMENT	22	584
2nd AND 3rd SPECIALISTS PLATOON	2	100
HEADQUARTERS 22 INFANTRY REGIMENT AND MORTAR COMPANY	23	341
1st BATTALION 22nd INFANTRY REGIMENT	19	562
4th PLATOON SPECIALISTS	1	50
2nd BATTALION 22nd INFANTRY REGIMENT	14	692
113 MACHINE GUN BATTALION	19	251
54th SUSSISTENZA SECTION	2	35
HEADQUARTERS 321 INFANTRY REGIMENT AND MORTAR COMPANY	19	346
2nd BATTALION 321 INFANTRY REGIMENT	26	657
1st BATTALION 321 INFANTRY REGIMENT	20	698
44th TELERADIO COMPANY	4	218

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UNIT	Offrs	ORs
5th PLATOON SPECIALISTS	1	50
NUCLEUS ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS	2	26
54th MEDICAL SECTION	5	220
TOTAL	246	6152

TOTAL TONNAGE 70 TONS.

Major.
M. M. I. A.

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JRM/mf

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KMEDY V LRLC NR ~~38~~

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A/LRLC

FROM MAJOR G R E G S O N 64 GARRISON 041000B

TO M M I A R O M E M M I A L O 3 DISTRICT

~~QR~~ 64 GARRISON

QQY GR 20

~~VVZZMMIA~~

MMIA/64/2 CONFIDENTIAL (.) FIRST PARTY ARRIVED V A I R A N O

0400 HRS TODAY (.) STRENGTH OFFICERS 41 OTHER RANKS

844 ALSO SEVERAL WAGGONS OF STORES

BT 041000B

SENT NR ~~38~~ 38 1051 CPM "A

RD NR38 1051 LB "AR" K " TKS K

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COPY

FROM: MOVWIT

03

TO : PBS FOR MMLA LO DISTREE MOV NAPLES 701 RY GD DIV RTO NAPLES
CENTRAL RTO BENEVENTO
INFO : MOV AAI MMLA DGERS 57 AREA RTO CASERTA RTO CASORIA

MOV 803 SECRET . REF OUR Q/(M)R/N/10 OF 24 AUGUST . SIX THOUSAND PERSONNEL DUE NAPLES PM FIFTH SEPT . TWO THOUSAND MOVE BY RAIL SAME DAY NAPLES CENTRAL TO BENEVENTO IN TWO SPECIAL TRAINS . 35 BOX CARS EACH PLACED 1200 DEPART WHEN LOADED ETA AM SIXTH SEPT . ANY HEAVY STORES DIRECT FROM DOCKS TO BENEVENTO BY RAIL DOCKS CLEARANCE RATIONS AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS AS PER OUR Q(M)R/A/10 OF 24 AUGUST . BALANCE OF FOUR THOUSAND PERSONNEL STAGE AFRAGOLA AND PROCEED BY RAIL CASORIA TO BENEVENTO TWO THOUSAND DAILY SIXTH AND SEVENTH SEPT TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOW

Copy to :- MMLA LO

SECRET

from Q 4 Sep 44 437/6 Q

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SUBJECT - Maintenance - Italian Troops

3 District
Ext 133
712 Q
4 Sep 44

MMIA LO

1. The following Signal ref AQ1858 dated 3 Sep 44 has been received from MMIA addressed to DISTHREE, PBS for MMIA LO, CMTC for FIELDMAN, 64 GARRISON for GREGSON repeated AAI for QUEEN:-

"AQ1858 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FIRST (.) CHANNELS OF INTERCOMN AND MATTERS OF SUPPLY WILL BE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS (.) SECOND (.) MMIA LOs AND BLUs WITH FRIULI CREMONA AND CIL WILL DEAL WITH MMIA LO NAPLES ON ALL MATTERS OF SUPPLY AND STORES REQUIRED FROM WAREHOUSES CONTROLLED BY MMIA LO NAPLES (.) THEY WILL DEAL DIRECT WITH THRUPP AT DISTHREE ON ALL MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION AND CO-ORDINATION WITH DISTHREE (.) THREE (.) DISTHREE ARE ASKED TO MAKE AVAILABLE FOR ONE DAY COMMA PROBABLY FIVE SEP COMMA THE SECOND MT PL OF THE TWO PROMISED FOR CIL MAINT TO ENABLE CREMONA TO BE CLEARED FROM NAPLES (.) FOUR (.) GREGSON WILL LOAN UP TO TEN LORRIES FROM CHARLIE PL 383 GT COY TO ASSIST THRUPP IN THREE ABOVE (.) FIVE (.) MMIA LO FRIULI WILL USE TPT ALREADY AVAILABLE TO FRIULI TO MOVE CREMONA TPS AND STORES FROM DETRAINING STATIONS TO BILLETS AND TO MAINTAIN CREMONA (.) SIX (.) THRUPP UNDER DIRECTIONS DISTHREE WILL CO-ORDINATE THREE FOUR AND FIVE ABOVE WITH SMITH GREGSON FIELDMAN (.) SEVEN (.) FOR MMIA 6291 NAPLES (.) THIS ANSWERS YOUR STN ONE FIVE SLANT SEVEN SEVEN NINE NINE SLANT TWO SEP"

2. Tpt requested in para 3 is not available.

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Roman Maj.

for Col
DA & QMG
(J.NUTTALL)

JN/StC

(Replied today.)

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LRNE V LRHY NR 118

QVR 2

QQY GR 277

FROM MMIA NAPLES

TO MMIA HQ FOR SPECIAL SECTION AND GSD AND AQMG AND ADST

REPEAT THREE DISTRICT PLEASE PAS THRUPP SLANT

FIVE SEVEN AREA ~~SLATN~~ SLANT SIX FOUR GARRISON

PLEASE PASS GREGSON SLANT CMTC BENEVENTO PLEASE

PASS ~~FIELDHAND XXX~~ FIELDMAN AND BLU

REFERENCE STN SLANT ONE FIVE SLANT SEVEN SEVEN

NINE NINE SLANT TWO SEPTEMBER FOUR FOUR

FIRST DISCUSSED DISTHREE FIVE SEVEN AREA OUR NUMEROUS ROAD

TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS BENEVENTO AND CAPUA CONCENTRATIONS FOLLOWING

RESULTS PD

SECOND EX FIRST BATCH SIX THOUSNAD ~~CREMXXX~~ CREMONA

TWO THOUSAND WILL BE ~~RAILXXXX~~ RAILED BENEVENTO

DAY ARRIVAL BALANCE STAGE AFRAGOLA FOR RAILING

BENEVENTO TWO SUCCEEDING DAYS CMA

ALL MOVEMENT MEN DOCKS TO NAPLES STATION

OR AFRAGOLA AND AFRAGOLA TO CASORIA STATION AND BENEVENTO

STATION TO CAMP SITE WILL HAVE TO BE ON

FOOT(R) FOOT CMA FIVE SEVEN AREA

CAN PROVIDE A LITTLE TRANSPORT FOR EQUIPMENT ONLY

THIRD POSITION SUBSEQUENT ARRIVALS EX ~~SARDINAIXXX~~ SARDINIA

WILL BE ~~NOTXXX~~ NO BETTER

FOURTH SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE FRIULI AND CREMONA

ENTIRELY DEPENDENT OUTCOME

ARMY
LR 21 X 44 NE
SIGNAL

HEADQUARTERS
3 DISTRICT
T. O. G. D1720
BRANCH

3 DISTRICT
2SEP1944
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THIRD POSITION SUBSEQUENT ARRIVALS EX SARDINIA/AGS SARDINIA

WILL BE ~~NOTXXX~~ NO BETTER

FOURTH SUBSEQUENT MAINTENANCE FRIULI AND CREMONA

ENTIRELY DEPENDENT OUTCOME

YOUR AQ ONE EIGHT THREE FOUR DATED

TWO FOUR AUGUST FOUR FOUR

FIFTH FOR CAPUA CONCENTRATION ALL PURPOSES NAMELY MEN AND EQUIPMENT

VAIRANO TO CAMP SITE CMA RATIONS SPARANISE TO CAMP

SITE CMA INTERIOR ECONOMY INCLUDING ACUTE

WATER PROBLEM DISTHREE CAN PROVIDE ONE(R) ONE

PLATOON STATED THIRTY THREE VEHICLES MAXIMUM

SHORTLY AND SECOND PLATOON AT LATER

DATE UNSPECIFIED

SIXTH OTHER POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE MAY COME FROM

CIL AND NEMBOS OWN VEHICLES AND FROM VEHICLES EX

SARDINIA AGS Y ONE TWO ZERO EIGHT DATED

TWO EIGHT AUGUST FOUR FOUR

FROM SIMMONS REFERS BUT UNWISE COUNT ON

LATTER SOURCE FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE

SEVENTH VIEW ALL FOREGOING FACTS ONE PLEASE

REVIEW WHOLE ROAD TRANSPORT POSITION BENEVENTO AND

CAPUA URGENTLY WE FORESEE GRAVE DIFFICULTIES SECOND STATE WHETHER You ~~XXX~~

APPROVE
CREMONA ARRIVALS MOVING ON FOOT AS PROJECTED

BY DISTHREE VIEW PROBABLE CONDITION BOOTS AND LIKLEYHOOD DESERTIONS

AND IF NOT APPROVED PLEASE TAKE ACTION TO GST TRANSPORT

ASSIGNED THREE INFORM US LATEST POSITION OF

ACTION ON YOUR AQ ONE EIGHT THREE FOUR PD

BT

RPTNS NR ~~118 2 GR 277~~

~~SENT~~ PGAR

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ARMY FORM C-1436 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Register No.

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: DISTHREE

Date-Time of Origin: 03 1045 B

Office Date Stamp

For Action: MAIA LO (By hand)

TO

(W) For Information (INFO): Q Q4 Cmn

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

Q2068 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Following released to CIL (.) Divouacs qty 2000 tents RD qty 13 160lbs qty 8 (.) Collect 2 Sub Depot 557 DCD quoting authy Q504 and QS2798 (.) Identify driver

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed T. E. Thistle Maj	Signed		THI or TOR 6289		
			Time cleared		

3632, GHQP/12-43

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Copy for 3 District from MMIA. Naples

(565) TWX

3 SEPTEMBER 1944

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

TO (ACTION) CO PBS, PBS FOR SMITH MMIA LO, AAI, AAI PASS TO MMIA

(INFORMATION) NONE

FROM AGC SARDINIA SIGNED KESNER

DATE)TIME SIGNED Ø31529B

DATE-TIME REC'D Ø32Ø57B

REFERENCE NR AGS Y86

CITE NONE

NOW LOADING ON SPECIAL LIFT LIBERTY SHIPS FOR DUKO THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN SHIPS ALL FROM CREMONA DIVISION SERIAL 5Ø PRIORITY LIST 7: DIVISION HEAD-QUARTERS, 26 OFFICERS 155 MEN, 1ST BATTALION 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT, 19 OFFICERS 7ØØ MEN; 9Ø COMPANY GUASTATORI, /3 OFFICERS 95 MEN; 1ST PLATOON SPECIALISTS, 1 OFFICER 5Ø MEN; HEADQUARTERS 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT AND MORTAR COMPANY, 18 OFFICERS 322 MEN; 2ND BATTALION 21ST INFANTRY REGIMENT 22 OFFICERS 584 MEN; 2ND AND 3RD SPECIALISTS PLATOON 2 OFFICERS 1ØØ MEN; HEADQUARTERS 22 INFANTRY REGIMENT AND MORTAR COMPANY, 23 OFFICERS 341 MEN; 1ST BATTALION 22ND INFANTRY REGIMENT, 19 OFFICERS 562 MEN; 4TH PLATOON SPECIALISTS, 1 OFFICER 5Ø MEN; 2ND BATTALION 22ND INFANTRY REGIMENT, 14 OFFICERS 692 MEN; 113 MACHINE GUN BATTALION, 19 OFFICERS 251 MEN; 54TH SUSSISTENZA SECTION, 2 OFFICERS 35 MEN; HEADQUARTERS 321 INFANTRY REGIMENT AND MORTAR COMPANY, 19 OFFICERS 346 MEN; 2ND BATTALION 321 INFANTRY REG I-

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MENT, 26 OFFICERS 657 MEN; 1ST BATTALION 321 INFANTRY REGIMENT , 20 OFFICERS 698 MEN; 44TH TELERADIO COMPANY, 4 OFFICERS 218 MEN; 5TH PLATOON SPECIALISTS, 1 OFFICER 5Ø MEN; NUCLEUS ARTILLERY INSTRUCTORS, 2 OFFICERS 26 MEN; 54TH MEDICAL SECTION, 5 OFFICERS 22Ø MEN. TOTAL 246 OFFICERS, 6152 OTHER RANKS. TOTAL TONNAGE 7Ø TONS. ETA DUKO 5 SEPTEMBER.

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COPY

CIPHER

FROM: DISTONE 311745

TO ACTION CIL
INFO : MAIN AAI REAR EIGHTH ARMY MOV REAR EIGHTH ARMY DISTWO DISTHREE 51 AREA 71 SUB AREA 60 SUB AREA MOVEIT DELEGAZIONE A ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC

Q22 . SECRET . WITHDRAWAL OF CIL . AWAITING ARRIVAL YOUR REP . FOLLOWING PROPOSED PLAN DISCUSSED WITH CHIEF OF STAFF DELEGAZIONE A . ONE . TRAINS DEPART APPROX 1800 HRS DAILY COMMENCING ASSISI TWO SEPT ORTONA FOUR SEPT ARRIVING DESTINATIONS 24 TO 36 HRS LATER . PERSONNEL LEAVE PRESENT LOCATIONS EARLY MORNING DAILY TO REACH ENTRAINING STATIONS BY 1600 HRS SAME DAY GIVING TIME FOR MEAL . STORES WAGGONS READY FOR LOADING 0800 HRS DAILY . STORES WITH LOADING PARTY MINIMUM 50 TO ARRIVE BY 0730 HRS DAILY COMMENCING ASSISI TWO SEPT ORTONA FOUR SEPT . TWO . PERSONNEL TRANSPORT WILL RETURN FORTHWITH OR FOLLOWING DAY ACCORDING TO YOUR TRANSPORT AVAILIBILITY . THREE . ALL PARTIES CARRY RATIONS FOR COMPLETE JOURNEY PLUS DAY OF ARRIVAL AND COOKING UTENSILS . PETROL REFUELLING AT PSP BASTIA AND (UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTWO) ORTONA . FOUR . TAKE NECESSARY ACTION ON ABOVE BASIS . CONFIRMATION AND DETAILED ROAD AND RAIL TIMING FOLLOW AFTER MEETING WITH YOUR REP . FIVE . SEND AN EARLY ONE SEPT TO REPORT 25 FMA ASSISI RH TO MAKE RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS . THESE ARRANGEMENTS AT ORTONA BEING MADE BY ITALIAN UNIT UNDER ORDERS SELEGAZIONE A WHO WILL CONTACT 60 SUB AREA

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SECRET

Copy to :- G MMA LO by hand from Q 1 Sep 44 437/115 Q

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SUBJECT:- Withdrawal of CIL and Delegazione 'A'

SECRET

5 District
Ext 7
17/11/C

31 Aug 44.

G4 Garrison
Movements Western Italy

Copy to:- Q
MMIA LO

Ref this HQ letter 110 Q of 28 Aug 44. to MMIA (LO) only.

The att copy of AAI 1605/50/25/1/G(SD1) of 28 Aug 44 is forwarded for information.

Further instrs will be issued later as required.

JPW/HP

(JP WATSON) Major
for Lt col
G S

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SUBJECT:- Instructions for the withdrawal of CIL and Delegazione 'A'

SECRET

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILBOT 23

1605/50/25/1/G(SD1)

28 Aug 44

Eighth Army (5)
1 District (5)
2 District (2)
3 District (5)
Army Sub Commission, ACC (5)

Copy to:- G(Ops)
A
G (2)
G(AE)
Mov

1. INFORMATION

CIL and Delegazione 'A' are NO longer required for operations and as at present situated are imposing an unwarranted strain on Eighth Army maintenance.

2. INTENTION

CIL and Delegazione 'A' will be withdrawn immediately to the area PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE (Map Reference H 50) for reorganisation into two GRUPPI di COMBATTIMENTO.

3. METHOD

(a) CIL and Delegazione 'A' less:-

Piemonte Bn
Montemarano Bn
IV Gr Sonegriato
V Gr Sonegriato
51 Sec Sanita
250 Pack Tpt Coy

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Eighth Army (5)
1 District (5)
2 District (2)
3 District (5)
Army Sub Commission, ACC (5)

Copy to:- G(Ops)
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G (2)
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3. METHOD

(a) CIL and Delegazione 'A' less:-

Piemonte Sn
Monte rancro Sn
IV Gr Semeggiato
V Gr Semeggiato
51 Soz Sanita
250 Pack Tpt Coy

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will move as follows with all organic equipment and first line ammunition. NBIA will arrange with CIL the order in which units will move.

(b) by RAIL

(i) From ASSISI to VAIRANO at the rate of one train (capacity 300 personnel, 100 tons stores) per day, starting on 2 Sep 44 under arrangements Mov AI.

(ii) From ORTONA to CASERTA at the rate of one train per day starting 4 Sep 44 under arrangements Mov AI.

(iii) All personnel, stores and equipment which cannot be carried in unit transport, except as set out in para 4 below will move by rail.

/(c) Road Moves.....

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3. (c) Road Moves

(i) From present Locations in areas SASSOFERRATO, LORO PICENO and MACERATA to railhead at ASSISI under arrangements to be made by CIL with 1 District, in transport to be provided by CIL.

(ii) From Locations as in para 3 (c) (i) above to CORTONA under arrangements to be made mutually between CIL and 1 District. Detailed plan will be submitted to CIL by 1 District.

(iii) From VALENZO and CASTEL to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE:-

Stores under arrangements to be made by 1 District

Personnel by march route.

(iv) Vehicles will move by road to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE when released by CIL, in parties, under orders 1 District.

4. ADMIN PLANS

(a) Disposal of ammunition and reserve equipment etc:-

(i) All reserve ammunition will be returned under arrangements 1 District to 1 A.D., BENEVENTO (P 23) at a later date when transportation facilities permit. Reserve equipment will be concentrated in dumps in 1 District under arrangements Delegazione 'A' with 1 District and CIL. Delegazione 'A' will be responsible for provision of guards and depot personnel for these dumps and also for dumps of ammunition remaining temporarily in 1 District. When transportation facilities permit, reserve equipment will be moved to Italian Ordnance Depots under orders CIL.

(ii) Vehicles

(a) Vehicles of Italian origin which are beyond local repair will be returned to the Italian repair organisation by Delegazione 'A' under orders CIL.

(b) Vehicles of British ownership which are beyond local repair will be returned for repair under arrangements 1 District.

(iii) Rear Parties

Rear parties for care of reserve ammunition and equipment will be provided initially by CIL until dumps

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Stores under arrangements to be made by 3 District

Personnel by march route.

(iv) Vehicles will move by road to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE when released by CIL, in parties, under orders Nov 1 District.

4. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Disposal of ammunition and reserve equipment etc:-

(i) All reserve ammunition will be returned under arrangements 1 District to 14 BAD, BITONTO (J 20) at a later date when transportation facilities permit. Reserve equipment will be concentrated in dumps in 1 District under arrangements Delegazione 'A' with 1 District and CIL. Delegazione 'A' will be responsible for provision of guards and depot personnel for these dumps and also for dumps of ammunition remaining temporarily in 1 District. When transportation facilities permit, reserve equipment will be moved to Italian Ordnance Depots under orders MCIL.

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(b) Vehicles of British ownership which are beyond local repair will be returned for repair under arrangements 1 District.

(iii) Rear Parties

Rear parties for care of reserve ammunition and equipment will be provided initially by CIL until dumps are taken over by Delegazione 'A'.

(iv) Animals

Animals will be retained by units at para 3 (a). The animals belonging to S/M M/TOO Bn will be handed over to 250 Pack Tpt Coy.

(b) Maintenance at PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE

Clearance of supplies from railhead to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE will be the responsibility of 3 District who will also provide sufficient water carts for maintenance of CIL.

(c) Boundaries

The PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE area is the area two miles NORTH and two miles SOUTH of the road between road junction H 180070 and road junction H 260030.

/s

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5. Disposal of remaining units of CIL

(a) The following units will be concentrated in 1 District under orders 1 District:-

Piemonte Bn
Montegrenero Bn
IV Gr Sonoggiato
V Gr Sonoggiato
51 Sor Sanita
250 Pack Tpt Coy

(b) Under orders HHA, these units will be completed in personnel and equipment to their present Italian AT and equipment table by withdrawing personnel and equipment from other units of the CIL.

(c) HHA will make recommendations to AAI on the further reorganisation of these units for an operational role as mountain troops.

6. Cond

(a) Units at para 5 (a) will pass to under cond 1 District w.e.f. 31 Aug, but will NOT be employed on gd or pm duties without reference to this HQ.

(b) Remaining units of CIL will pass to under cond 1 District by 1 Sep on a date to be agreed between Eighth Army and 1 District. 1 District will report date cond passes.

(c) On arrival FRENCH d'AFF area, CIL will pass to under cond Italian General Staff.

(d) The two inf coys of CIL allotted to Fifth Army under my SD 1230 of 25 Aug will remain under cond Fifth Army pending further orders.

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for Lieutenant General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Italian Combat Gps

3 District
Tel Ext 19
110 Q

28 Aug 44

C
A

MAIA(LO)

1. Copy of T.S./C/29 dated 25 Aug 44, is forwarded. So far the soan requested from this HQ has been for;

4 Combat Gps of 9,500 each.

a body of 25,000.

2. It would appear that two of the Combat Gps are the FRIULI and CREMONA Divs. No more can be taken in the S. GIORGIO area.

3. It is probable that two more of the Combat Gps are included in the 25,000, who are to go to the AIIFS area. The numbers may later be augmented to make a fifth Gp.

4. No information is at present available regarding the sixth Gp, nor the Adm tail.

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Lt Col
DA & QMG
(R.A.H.GOODWIN)

RAHG/rm

COPY

HEADQ : RGHS 48908/
Ref 553

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, MMIA
T.S./G/29
25 Aug 44.

Dear

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

1. I want to put you in the picture of the reorganisation of Italian divisions with British equipment. General BROWNING, MMIA, has made me responsible for the MMIA part of the job with the help of a GSO 2 (DOBBS) and a DADOS (HEAD).

2. My efforts are based on:-

(a) CCS approval in principle to allot arms and equipment of three British divisions to the Italians.

(b) War Office agreement to their reserves in MIDEAST and N AFRICA being used towards this end.

(c) AFHQ request for detailed organisations, WE etc, which have been produced (less G 1098 now being worked on by Q (AF) Staff (BROMHEAD) assisted by my DADOS.

(d) AAI instructions to MMIA to organise and train selected Italian Units as follows:-

3. My terms of reference (approved by C-in-C) are:-

(a) Strength. 57,000 organised in 6 Combat Groups of 9,000 each with 3,000 in adm tail. First two Groups (FRIULI and CREMONA) concentrating in S GIORGIO area now.

(b) Organisation. (as in attached summary) to be based on Italian (rather than British) principles to simplify and save time on tactical and adm training.

(c) Equipment. One British Div will equip two Italian Groups and leave enough over for the tail. Certain weapons and vehicles have been left out altogether to simplify training and maintenance; the detailed equipment is to be on an austerity basis.

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(d) Training. To be intensive and mainly devoted to tactical

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3. My terms of reference (approved by C-in-C) are:-

(a) Strength. 57,000 organised in 6 Combat Groups of 9,000 each with 3,000 in adm tail. First two Groups (FRIULI and CREMONA) concentrating in S GIORGIO area now.

(b) Organisation. (as in attached summary) to be based on Italian (rather than British) principles to simplify and save time on tactical and adm training.

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(c) Equipment. One British Div will equip two Italian Groups and leave enough over for the tail. Certain weapons and vehicles have been left out altogether to simplify training and maintenance; the detailed equipment is to be on an austerity basis.

(d) Training. To be intensive and mainly devoted to technical handling and maintenance; if time permits, exercises will be held later and tactical employment of British equipment in Italian units.

(e) Time. In short, if equipment arrives early enough the first two Groups should be ready for action by end of October, second two by end November, third two by end of December.

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4. I need not enlarge on the political, psychological and post-war aspects of this undertaking, or the hesitance of the Italians themselves, but want you to know that the Supreme Commander himself sent for General BROWNING and told him in the presence of General GAMBIER, that he fully approved the plans as far as they have gone and wished particularly there should be no failure to supply British Shield battledress and shaving equipment.

Yours

/s/ FIDDLER.W.
(Colonel)
M.M.I(A).

To:- Officers concerned at HQ
including_____

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Subject :- Instructions for withdrawal of CIL and Delegazione 'A'

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28 Aug 44.

1. INFORMATION.

CIL and Delegazione 'A' are no longer required for operations and as at present situated are imposing an unwarranted strain on Eighth Army maintenance.

2. INTENTION.

CIL and Delegazione 'A' will be withdrawn immediately to the area PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE (Map reference H 30) for reorganisation into two GRUPPI di COMBATTIMENTO.

3. METHOD.

(a) CIL and Delegazione 'A' less :-

Piemonte Bn
Montegranaro Bn
IV Gr Sorveglianza
V Gr Sorveglianza
51 Sec Sanita
250 Rock Bat Gar

will move as follows with all organic equipment and first line ammunition. MMIA will arrange with CIL the order in which units will move.

(b) by RAIL

(i) From ASSISI to VAIRANO at the rate of one train (capacity 600 personnel, 100 tons stores) per day, starting on 2 Sep 44. under arrangements MOV AAI.

(ii) From ORTONA to CASERTA at the rate of one train per day starting 4 Sep 44 under arrangements MOV AAI.

(iii) All personnel, stores and equipment which cannot be carried in unit transport, except as set out in para 4 below will move by rail.

(c) Road Moves.

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2. INTENTION.

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3. METHOD.

(a) CIL and Delegazione 'A' less :-

Piemonte Bn
Montegranaro Bn
IV Gr Sorveglianza
V Gr Sorveglianza
51 Sqn Sanita
250 Rock Tnk Coy

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(ii) From ORTONA to CASERTA at the rate of one train per day starting 4 Sep 44 under arrangements NOV AAI.

(iii) All personnel, stores and equipment which cannot be carried in unit transport, except as set out in para 4 below will move by rail.

(c) Road Moves.

(i) From present locations in areas SASSOFERRATO, LORO PICENO and MACERATA to railhead at ASSISI under arrangements to be made by CIL with 1 District, in transport to be provided by CIL.

(ii) From locations as in para 3 (c) (i) above to ORTONA under arrangements to be made mutually between CIL and 1 District. Detailed plan will be submitted by AAI to 1 District.

(iii) From VAIRANO and CASERTA to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE :-

Stores under arrangements to be made by 3 District

Personnel by march route.

(iv) Vehicles will move by road to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE when released by CIL, in parties, under orders NOV 1 District.

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4. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Disposal of ammunition and reserve equipment etc :-

(i) All reserve ammunition will be returned under arrangements 1 District to 14 BAD, BITONTO (P 28) at a later date when transportation facilities permit. Reserve equipment will be concentrated in dumps in 1 District under arrangements Delegazione 'A' with 1 District and CIL. Delegazione 'A' will be responsible for provision of guards and depot personnel for these dumps and also for dumps of ammunition remaining temporarily in 1 District. When transportation facilities permit, reserve equipment will be moved to Italian Ordnance Depots under orders MMA.

(ii) Vehicles.

(a) Vehicles of Italian origin which are beyond local repair will be returned to the Italian repair organisation by Delegazione 'A' under orders MMA.

(b) Vehicles of British ownership which are beyond local repair will be returned for repair under arrangements 1 District.

(iii) Rear Parties.

Rear parties for care of reserve ammunition and equipment will be provided initially by CIL until dumps are taken over by Delegazione 'A'.

(iv) Animals.

Animals will be retained by units at para (5)(c). The animals belonging to SAN MARCO Bn will be handed over to 250 Pack Tpt Coy.

(b) Maintenance at PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE.

Clearance of supplies from railhead to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE will be the responsibility of 3 District who will also provide sufficient water carts for maintenance of CIL.

(c) Boundaries.

The PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE area is the area two miles NORTH and two miles SOUTH of the road between road junction H 180070 and road junction H 280030.

5. Disposal of remaining units of CIL.

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(a) Vehicles of Italian origin which are beyond local repair will be returned to the Italian repair organisation by Delegazione 'A' under orders MMIA.

(b) Vehicles of British ownership which are beyond local repair will be returned for repair under arrangements 1 District.

(iii) Rear Parties.

Rear parties for care of reserve ammunition and equipment will be provided initially by CIL until dumps are taken over by Delegazione 'A'.

(iv) Animals.

Animals will be retained by units at para (3)(a). The animals belonging to SAN MARCO Bn will be handed over to 250 Pack Tpt Coy.

(b) Maintenance at PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE.

Clearance of supplies from railhead to PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE will be the responsibility of 3 District who will also provide [illegible] water carts for maintenance of CIL.

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(c) Boundaries.

The PIEDIMONTE d'ALIFE area is the area two miles NORTH and two miles SOUTH of the road between road junction H 180070 and road junction H 280030.

5. Disposal of remaining units of CIL.

(a) The following units will be concentrated in 1 District under orders 1 District :-

Piemonte Bn.
Montegranaro Bn.
IV Gr Sonneggiato
V Gr Sonneggiato
5i Ben Sonita
250 Pack Tpt Coy.

(b) Under orders MMIA, these units will be completed in personnel and equipment to their present Italian WE and equipment table by withdrawing personnel and equipment from other units of the CIL.

(c) MMIA will make recommendations to AAI on the further reorganisation of these units for an operational role as mountain troops.

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6. Cont.

(a) Units at para 5(a) will pass to under comd 1 District w.e.f. 31 Aug but will NOT be employed on gd or grn duties without reference to this HQ.

(b) Remaining units of CIL will pass to under comd 1 District by Sep 1 on a date to be agreed between Eighth Army and 1 District. 1 District will report date comd passes.

(c) On arrival PIEDMONTE d'ALIFE area CIL will pass to under comd Italian General Staff.

(d) The two Inf Coys of CIL allotted to Fifth Army under my SD 1280 of 25 Aug will remain under comd Fifth Army pending further orders.

(SGD) G. MORGAN. Maj.
for Lt. Gen.
Chief of General Staff.

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SECRET (.) CREMONA Div is expected to arrive NAPLES 1 Sep from SARDINIA (.) on arrival Div is to move under orders MOVWT to Area S GIORGIO for concentration under comd SMRE

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