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HQ 3 District
Ext 9

15 Apr 45

SUBJECT: 803 Italian BRD.

FROM: Major R.B. SPURRY

TO: Major GARDNER
OS Brit Cadets, 803 BRD.

Dear *Cornett*,

1. During the past few days I have had occasion, together with officers of this HQ, to visit both AFRAGOLA and RAVISCANERA and thought it might be well to place on record some of our impressions and hope that you may perhaps find something useful in your rather 'herculean' task of converting the depot into a going concern.

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(e) Could you examine the existing system under which the depot compiles its strength returns? I am particularly anxious that the strength on the ground should bear some resemblance to the strength on paper.

(f) To enable 3 (e) to be achieved, the introduction of a proper roll call is necessary and your new Brit. Movement should be able to get this organised. I gather No. 1 Bn has already started on these lines.

4. DISCIPLINE.

(a) Regular routine daily parades should be introduced as quickly as possible.

(b) As soon as practicable a system of checking in and out of the camp should be introduced.

(c) Turnout of GIs should be improved and they should be fully briefed regarding paying of compliments to both Allied as well as Italian officers.

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- (d) 1 Bn have already started system of tent inspection, laying out kit etc., and this should be standardised.
- (e) Are bivouac tents available for use in detention compound? If possible might get Bns to fix something in the way of lighting at nights.

5. TRAINING

- (a) MMIA have authorised release of 1000 rifles forthwith. Rifle drill and small arms instruction should be started forthwith. What are chances of introducing 30 x ranges?
- (b) Daily marching drill and physical training should take place. SOPT att Bn 3 District is visiting camp today and will advise DAVIS on best means of using local resources for PT i.e., construction simple assault courses, improvised gym equipment etc.
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- (d) Organised games should be introduced. Basket ball pitches should be completed in each Bn area.
- (e) Cross country running, and hill climbs might possibly be introduced.
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7. GENERAL AIM

(a) Rifles should be distributed to each Im and armories, with rifle racks, provided and made secure. It will be necessary to introduce a foolproof system whereby rifles drawn and NOT returned can be traced immediately to the soldier responsible.

(b) I am informed that 1000 Messinas have been released to 227 Div and I am strongly requesting our MMIA IO to ensure that these go direct to 803 HAD.

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In preparing all these various points, I fully realize that many of the points are already being fully taken care of, and that real difficulties exist before others can be carried out as efficiently as we would like. However, if we use to the best possible advantage those resources; in the way of personnel and facilities that the GOC has or is prepared to place at our disposal, I am convinced that we can make a success of this camp - very marked improvement in the organization and general bearing of the men up there are already evident.

I will leave it to you to pass on to Col MUNRO such portions of this letter as you think fit.

Yours

Rul

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Subject:- K.D. Clothing

J. Q/W.

To:- MMIA LO 3 District.

3000/37
14th. June 1945. 103

Herewith a request from the Command of this Camp for K.D. clothing for the Officers on the strength. We understand that this matter has been put up to Division but can you please authorize a special release in this instance.

MMIA LO
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File
HQ 3 District.

J. A. Anderson Capt.
(J.C.A. Anderson)
Capt. RSF.
(Br. Cadre) 803 Italian Base Rft. Depot.

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CO DE DELLA 227 DIVISIONE
S.M. - Sez. Servizi

N. 2/2254/Ord. di prot.

P.N. 126, li 14 giugno 1945

OCCORRENZA: Distribuzione sapone alle reclute e ai richiamati. =

AL COMANDO 803° CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI (ris. fl. 2087/6 dell' 11/5/1945)	<u>P.N. 126</u>
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AL COMANDO VICE COMANDO 227 DIVISIONE	<u>B.A.R.I.</u>
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DI	<u>B.A.R.I.</u>
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Si trasmette, per norma, copia del foglio n. 19412/8/1 in data 1 corrente del Ministero della Guerra - Dires. Gen. Servizi Coman/to e Ann/vi - che modifica, per i Campi Affluenza Complementi in indirizzo, quanto precedentemente disposto con circolare n. 5566/9/1 del 21 aprile 1945.

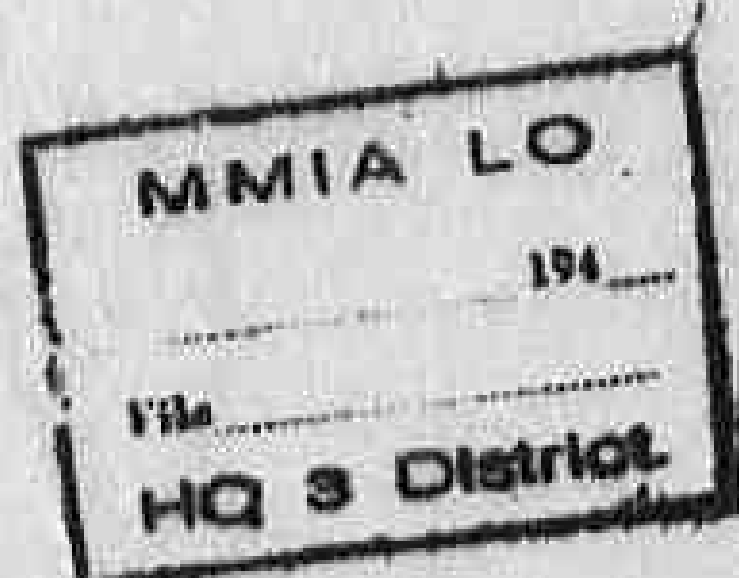
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Alleg. n. 1. =

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IL CAPO DI STAFFO MAGGIORE a.p.l.
(Maggiore Gaetano Amato)



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
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I Centri di Affluenza ai quali si riferisce la circolare 2566/S/1 del 21 aprile u.s. debbono intensificare quelli che fungono da centri di mobilitazione destinati a ricevere i giovani chiamati alle armi e i richiamati dal congedo i quali, dopo una sosta di pochi giorni, vengono avviati ai rispettivi reparti di assegnazione e ai centri di addestramento.

Tenuto quindi presente che i Campi di Affluenza Complementari, dipendenti da codesto Comando, non esplicano tale funzione, questo Ministero autorizza l'erogazione delle normali aspettative di deterrivo ai militari che sono in forza ai Campi predetti.

La Direzione di Commissariato di Napoli è pertanto pregata di disporre in conseguenza anche nei riguardi di quegli enti, della propria circoscrizione, che dovessero trovarsi nella stessa posizione dei Campi di Affluenza in questione.

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P. IL MINISTRO
F.to Pelligrà



SUBJECT:- Ration Maintenance - 803 Base Reinforcement
Camp, RAVISCANINA.

Ministry of War.

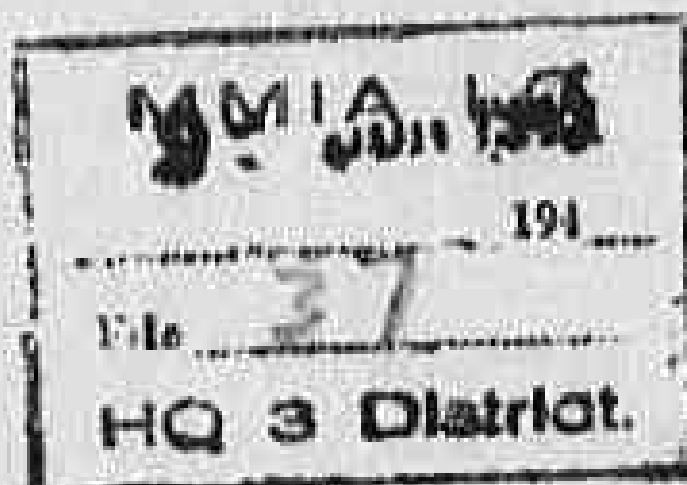
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NAPLES 3 DISTRICT
O.C. Br Cadre 803 BRD
HQ 3 District.

Land Forces Sub Com. AG.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/33/18

8 June 45.

Further to our letter ST/33/18 of 1 April 45.

1. Supply of rations for 803 BRD RAVISCANINA will be extended w.e.f. 21 June 45.
2. Arrangements have been made with MMIA LO NAPLES - Direzione Comandariato Naples - HQ 227 Division - OC 803 BRD RAVISCANINA that rations will be drawn from No. 59 Italian Food Distribution Depot, CASERTA, by road transport of 803 BRD RAVISCANINA. All components of the ration will be supplied from No. 59 Food Distribution Depot, with the exception of wine.
3. Please make arrangements to program rail movement of wine to VAIRANO, where it will be off-loaded by personnel of 803 BRD.



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ADST, Land Forces Sub Com. AG. (MMIA).

INTERNAL:- 'Q' MMIA
Mov MMIA

ITALIAN LO HQ 3 DISTRICT

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14 May 45

Subject : Punishment compound at 803 BRD.

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MMIA LO

Herewith translation of 227 Div letter

01/3656/Op dated 7 May 45.

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MMIA LO
14 MAY 1945 ¹⁹⁴
File <u>37</u>
HQ 3 District.

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J. Brizzo
(Lieut. Col.) Lt Col
Chief ITALIAN LO

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HQ 227 DIVISION
General Staff - Op and Org

M/3656/Op

7 May 45

Subject : Punishment compound at 803 BRD.

HQ No 3 District

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This matter must be settled mainly from the point of view of the personnel to be chosen for the guard to the punished men and to the compound itself.

Considering that these duties could not be efficiently performed if entrusted to the permanent staff of the BRD, I think this matter could be properly resolved :-

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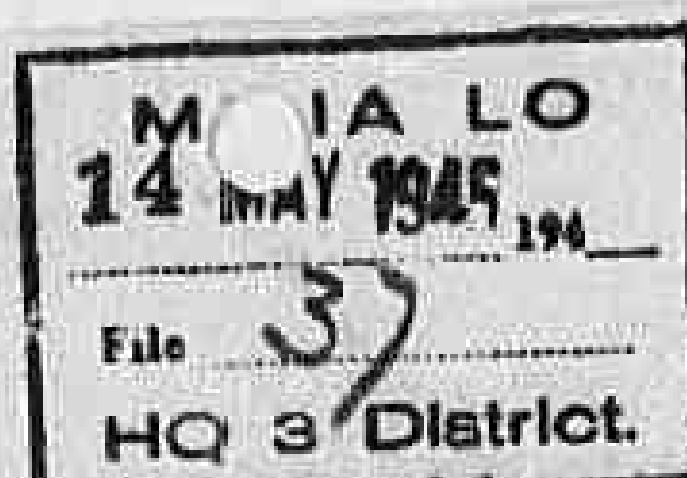
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4. Once the question of the guard personnel resolved in either way, the establishment of a punishment compound away from RAVISCANNINA would offer no difficulty, except for the allotment of few materials (tents, barbed wire, cooking implements, sanitation stores) sufficient for a strength of say 200 or 300 men and of some transport for the needs of the compound.

5. It proves at present of no use to look for the compound location and to indent the stores needed, for the scheme cannot be effected until the problem of the supervisory personnel has been properly resolved.

Thereafter the remainder can be studied and carried out very quickly.

35d. (SILVIO ROSSI) DIV GEN
GOC 227 Division.



SUBJECT : Training Publications

Land Forces Sub Com A.O.
(MMIA)

G/Trg/16

12 May 45

TO : 3 DISTRICT

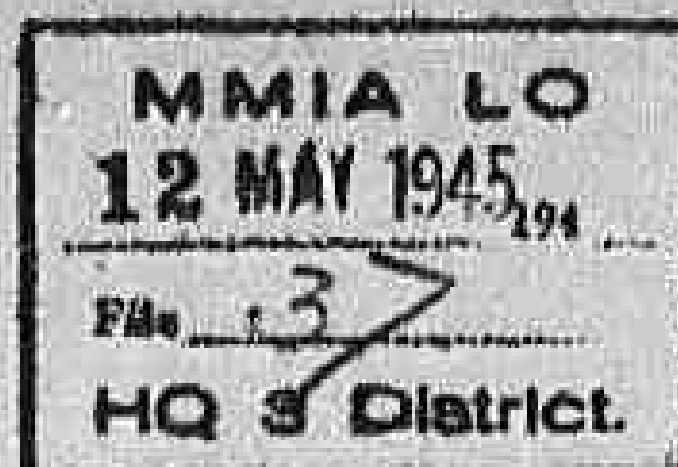
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(your BL 386 of 7 May refers)

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Herewith 3 copies of Hygiene Notes in

Italian as requested by MMIA LO

Alfred Calt
for Major General
M.M.I.A. 7159

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SUBJECT: Wes Italian Base Rft Depot.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/29/2

9 May 45

TO : HQ 3 Dist.

Ref para 2 of your 803/G of 1 May.

1. Recommendations should be submitted on the basis of the present figures.
2. This HQ will inform you as soon as there is any change in the present rft policy.

L.M. J. Green
Major-General,
MMIA.

Copy to: 54 Area (for 804 ITALIAN Base Rft Dep) (2)
56 Area (for 803 ITALIAN Base Rft Dep) (2)
227 ITALIAN Div
230 ITALIAN Div
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MMIA LO HQ 3 DISTRICT
ITALIAN LO att HQ 3 DISTRICT

SUBJECT: 803 BRD

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APHQ (C-1 Br)
 APHQ (C-3 Org For)
 APHQ - DMT
 MIA - Naples
 Comd 56 Area

Gen Rossi, Comd 227 Italian Adm Div,
 Brit Cadre 803 Italian Base Rft Dep.

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MIA LO

Italian Liaison Officer, 3 Dist.

MIA LO
 11 MAY 1945
 HQ 3 District

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
 Ext 8
 338/G

10 May 45

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WELFARE

- (a) A canteen has been established; it was poorly stocked on the occasion of my recent inspection, but the situation will, presumably, improve when the Depot begins to receive its share of rations for canteen use. The premises were completely devoid of furniture.
- (b) A reading and writing room exists but is devoid of furniture and reading material.
- (c) Cinema. A projector is urgently required.
- (d) Recreation. Beyond a few footballs, no sports gear has been provided. More footballs, some indoor games, books and periodicals, and a radio receiver are required.

Sheet 2

4. TRAINING. Elementary training is now carried out and is reasonably satisfactory. This, however, is largely due to the supervision of the Br officers and NCOs att'd to the Cadre. The anticipated early withdrawal of the latter accentuates the necessity for improving the standard of the Italian officers and NCOs by:-

- (i) Replacement of the inefficient.
- (ii) Cadre training under Br officers and NCOs while the latter are still available.

Attendance at parades is disappointingly small, a reflection of the poor state of discipline prevailing in the Camp.

5. MESSING. I am not altogether satisfied that the men are getting enough to eat, and have arranged for a Br Catering Supervisor to visit the Camp and to report on the matter.

NC/JUN

J. Collins
Maj Gen.
Comd.

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EL 386 (.) ref your G/Trg/16 of 05 (.) DISTHRE request

3 copies in Italian of HYGIENE NOTES

B. Shalby

Routine

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SUBJECT : Italian Training Publications

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(MMIA)

G/Trg/16

MMIA LO
7 - MAY 1945
HQ 3 District

DMT
15 ARMY GROUP
FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY
50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
F' BLU (6)
HQ CMTC
Pack Mule Trg Centre
OO Brit Cadre 802 Base Rfts Depot
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5 May 45

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J. L. S. 14-45
Major General
MMIA

50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
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'F' BLU (6)

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MMIA IOs - Distribution List

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Rear FIFTH ARMY	(" ")	Sicily	(" ")
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PBS	(" ")	54 Area	(" ")
1 Dist	(" ")	52 Area	(" ")
2 Dist	(" ")	HQ FLORENCE Comd	(" ")

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I have signed for
Major General
MMIA

List of Italian trained Publications translated on the English

Infantry

SA Trg.

Weapon Training (Vol I No 1)
Application of Fire (Vol I No 2)
Rifle (Vol I No 3)
Bren LMG (Vol I No 4)
2 in Mortar (Vol I No 8)
3 in Mortar (Vol I No 9)
Revolver .38 in (Vol I No 11)
Bayonet (Vol I No 12)
Grenades (Vol I No 13)
Range Courses - War (Vol I No 18)
Thomson SMG (Vol I No 21)
PIAT (Vol I No 24)

Infantry Training. Fieldcraft, Battle Drill, Section and Platoon
Tactics. (Part VIII)

Engineer

Bailey Bridge
Mines and Minefields
Air Compressor, Truck Type
Data for Bailey Bridge

Artillery

Regulations for the Training of Div Arty Regts with British Equipment
Arty Trg.

Preparation for Opening Fire (Vol III No 2)
Employment of Base Ejection Smoke and Chemical Shell
(Vol III No 5)
Barrages and Concentrations (Vol III No 6)
Calibration (Vol III No 7)
Concentrations of Observed Fire (Vol III No 12)

AA Trg. Aim Off (Vol IV No 24)
Gun Drill for 25 pr Mk II
Gun Drill for 6 pr A tk and 17 pr A tk
Gun Drill for 40 mm AA gun
Maintenance Manual for Ordnance QF 25 pr Mark II
Maintenance Manual for 17 pr A tk
Maintenance Manual for 6 pr A tk
25 pr Fire Tables, provisional

Signal

Wireless Set No 18
Wireless Set No 18 Pt I, Operation and Maintenance

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Infantry Training. Fieldcraft, Battle Drill, Section and Platoon Tactics. (Part VIII)

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Gun Drill for 25 pr Mk II

Gun Drill for 6 pr A tk and 17 pr A tk

Gun Drill for 40 mm AA Gun

Maintenance Manual for Ordnance QF 25 pr Mark II

Maintenance Manual for 17 pr A tk

Maintenance Manual for 6 pr A tk

25 pr Fire Tables, provisional

Signal

Wireless Set No 18

Wireless Set No 18 Pt I, Operation and Maintenance

Wireless Set No 18 Mk I, Mk II, Mk III

Wireless Set No 19

Wireless Set No 19 Pt I, Operating Instructions

Wireless Set No 22

Wireless Set No 22, Operating Instructions

Fullerphone

Fullerphone Mk IV

Telephone 'F'

Telephone 'F' and 1+, Operation and Maintenance

Telephone 'D'

Telephone 'D' Vol III No 22, Operation and Maintenance

Telephone 'L'

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Signal (contd)

Switch board - 10 Lines
Wavemeter Class D, Operating Instructions
Charging Set 550 Watt No 2 4B, Operating Instructions
Charging Set 1260 Watt No 1
Charging Set 1260 Watt No 3
Charging Set, mobile, 4/5 KW ACL No 4
Procedure for RF and WT for Italian Combat Groups
How are your Batteries ?

Miscellaneous

Hygiene Notes
Anti Gas Training
Inspection, Care and Maintenance of Army Vehicles - Wheeled

Posters

Bren IMG
Bren - Handling
Bren - AA Position
Bren - Trench Position
Bren - Advanced Handling
Mines No 1
Mines No 2
Telephone 'D'V - Circuits (7)

Being Printed

Comrades in Arms
Ready Reckoner - English Italian Weights and Measures
Know your Mines
Switchboard, 6 and 10 Lines
Carrier Universal
First Aid and Hygiene
Supply and Transport

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Being Translated

Bailey Bridge (1944)
Signal Training, All Arms, Procedure
Wireless Set No 48, Operating Instructions
Wireless Set No 11, Operating Instructions
Wireless Set No 9, Operating Instructions
Wireless Set No 19 Mk I and Mk II, Operation and Maintenance
Dictionary, Military Technical, English-Italian, Italian-English

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MIALO DISTREK

06 1155 B

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803 END RAVISCANINA

EL 384 (.) arrange collection 3 lt carts at 290 engr depot
FUORIGROTTA (.) rep to report to 2 lieut FONTANA who will release (.)
further 3 carts under repair

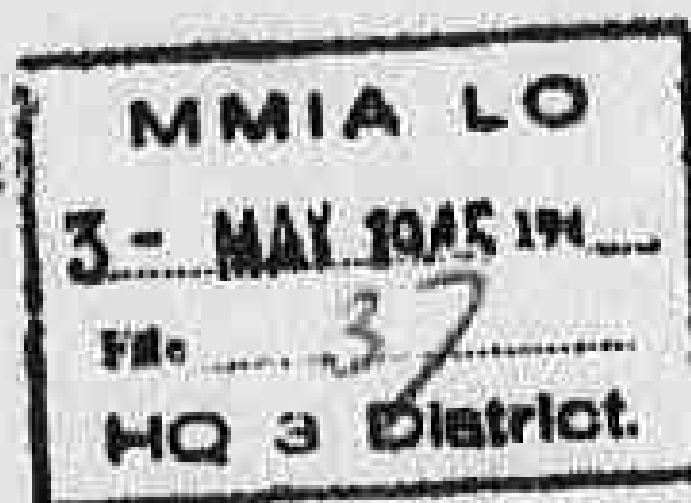
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Routine

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Subject: - BRI-ITI Transit Personnel

O.C. Br Increment
803 Italian BRD



Q 808

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1. HQ 3 District is making application for a Staff for the Italian Transit Camp AFRAGOLA.
2. In the meantime you will maintain at AFRAGOLA a skeleton ^{Italian} staff sufficient to enable the Transit Camp to function and to provide security for the Camp structures existing on the site.
3. Supervision of the Italian Staff will be your responsibility.

In the Field
2 May 45

AMM/

Copy to: - Q 3 District - your 146/4 Q of 30 Apr refers
MMIA LO 3 District
HQ Mov Southern Italy
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Lt Col.
AA & QMG.
HQ 56 Area.

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FINAL DISTURB

WIA

EL 374 (..) may 1000 tent pieces and ~~recessed~~ poles and
pickets please be allocated 803 B20 *necessary*

[Signature]

Footnote

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Subject: BSL-IPZ Transit Personnel

MMIA LO
1- MAY 1945
HQ 3 District

3 District
BAGGAGE 12
146/4 Q
30 Apr 45

MMIA (Land Forces Sub Commission)

Q 56 Area
HQ Movements Southern Italy
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A
MMIA (12)

1. It is requested that the commitment for men of BSL-IPZ personnel in transit at NAPLES be defined. This is a necessary preliminary to the application which is pending for provision of a staff for the Transit Camp and of the necessary accommodation.

2. It is thought that the commitment can be subdivided :-

(a) Casual personnel passing through NAPLES on leave, on posting, etc.

(b) Local call-up.

(c) Drafts (i) from SICILY and South (ii) from SARDINIA

3. The casual transients can be accommodated in the building at AFRAGOLA transit camp.

Drafts ex SICILY and CALABRIA should be routed through to VALLANO by train.

4. The numbers of future call-ups and the likelihood and frequency of the call-up, need to be defined. It would seem that the best way of dealing with these would be to take them by road direct to NAVIGAROLA.

Transport will be a bottleneck and assistance from ITI-IPZ sources may be necessary.

5. It is considered that MMIA should arrange with Mov for drafts ex SARDINIA to go direct from port to destination by train. It would not be economical to maintain a camp and staff

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1. It is requested that the commitment for soon of III-ITI personnel in transit at NAPLES be defined. This is a necessary preliminary to the application which is pending for provision of a staff for the Transit Camp and of the necessary accommodation.

2. It is thought that the commitment can be subdivided into:

(a) Casual personnel passing through NAPLES on leave, on posting, etc.

(b) Local call-up.

(c) Drafts (i) from SICILY and South
(ii) from SARDINIA

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3. The casual transients can be accommodated in the building at AFRAGOLA transit camp.

Drafts ex SICILY and SARDINIA should be routed through to VAIRANO by train.

4. The numbers of future call-up and the likelihood and frequency of the call-up, need to be defined. It would seem that the best way of dealing with those would be to take them by road direct to RAVENNA.

Transport will be a bottleneck and assistance from III-ITI sources may be necessary.

5. It is considered that USA should arrange with Navy for drafts ex SARDINIA to go direct from port to destination by train. It would not be economical to maintain a camp and staff on the scale necessary to look after such drafts, since the commitment arises only at infrequent intervals.

6. If immediate onward move by train cannot be guaranteed, may it be confirmed that you can arrange soon for such drafts with III-ITI units in NAPLES.

7. An early reply is requested.

8. For 55 Area. Pending a reply to this letter it remains necessary for you to arrange for skeleton staff from 505 and to function at AFRAGOLA.

(Sgt) E.A.M. GOODWIN
(E.A.M. GOODWIN) Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Good

WANG/TWP

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MMIA LG DISTANCE

28/6/58

MMIA

SL 367 (.) may 6 CARRETTA LEGGERA be assigned 803 BRD
for interior camp use please (.) to be used hand drawn

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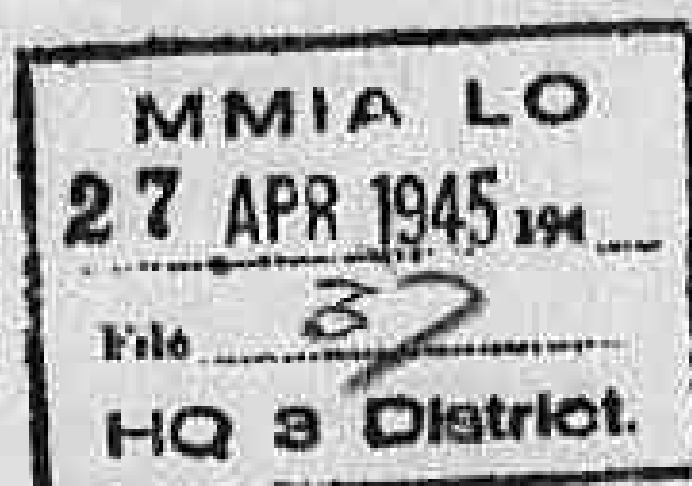
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SUBJECT:- Italian DED RAVISCANINA

HQ 227 Ital Division

MMIA IO
Italian IO



3 District
BARRACK 14
712 Q

26 Apr 45

NT

Ref your letter 05/297/Ord dated 6 Apr 45.

1. A special case was submitted to AME for supply of certain items from British Stocks for the RAVISCANINA Depot but a reply has been received stating that stocks will not permit this and that it has not been possible to fully implement the special concessions made to the GRUPPI.

2. Information has been received from MMIA that supplies of the following commodities have been released for Welfare for Italian Forces in this District for the month of May:-

Flour
Preserved Meat or Fish
Sugar

Coffee
Olive Oil
Salt

3. When an allotment has been made to you by the Italian War Ministry the quantities should be sufficient to establish a satisfactory canteen at the Reinforcement Depot.

RBL/mic

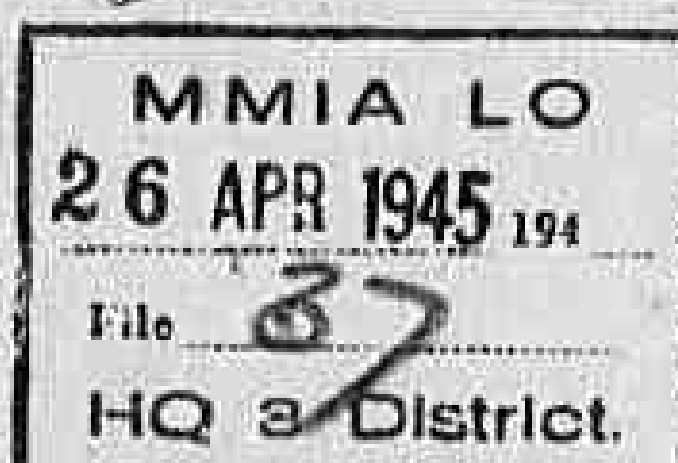
Ann M. L.
(H.B. LEECH) Lt Col
for Col
DA & QMG

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Subject - Stores

Ref. BC/Q.

To,
MMIA LO 3 District



24 Apr 45

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Owing to the distances involved in drawing and carrying rations in this Camp, an release be given for 6 Carretta Leggera for use in this connection.

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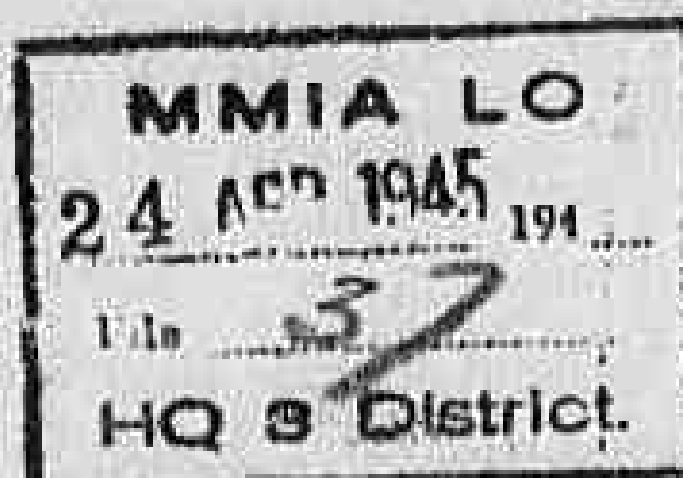
for J. H. Anderson Capt.

(R.E. GARRETT)

Major, RA

O.C. (Br Cadre) 803 Italian Base Reft Depot

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LAND FORCES SSG COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O H E
5/23/7
22 April 1945

SUBJECT: Area for 804 BRD

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

NT

1. Letter this headquarters, C/DG/30 of 17 April 1945 is hereby cancelled.

2. You are authorized to release to 804 Base Reinforcement Depot the following arms and ammunition for training purposes:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>UNDER CONTROL OF</u>
Piculi Mod. 35 Cal. 7.35	1000	801 Artillery Direct.
Cartouches a ball per armi 35 Cal. 7.35	100,000 rnds.	" "

3. Instruct Bari Territorial Command to notify MMIA L/O, 54 Area, when above are ready for issue. 804 Base Reinforcement Depot will arrange to draw on notification from MMIA L/O, 54 Area, of locations of Depot where above have been prepared.

F. A. Cole
F. A. COLE, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

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JCN/ac

Copy to: "C" Training, MMIA
O.C. British Cadre (attached 804 BRD)
MMIA L/O, 54 Area
MMIA L/O, 3 District

MMIA LO	
COM 23 APR 1945	377 DIVISIONE
Servizi	
HQ 3 District.	

N° 92/1281/ord. di prot. P.M. 3406 li 5 aprile 1945

O G G E T T O : Rifornimento corredo e materiali d'equipaggiamento per 1'803 Campo Affluenza Complementi. (Afragola).-

AL COMANDO 3 DISTRICT	= <u>N A P O L I</u> =
AL COMANDO 56° AREA	= <u>N A P O L I</u> =
ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M. I.A. 3 District	= <u>N A P O L I</u> =
ALL'UFFICIO ITAL. COLLEGAM. 3 DISTRICT	= <u>N A P O L I</u> =
ALL'UFFICIO ITAL. COLLEGAM. 56 AREA	= <u>N A P O L I</u> =

1°)- Lo S.M. (a seguito di visita effettuata ad Afragola dal Capo di S.M. dell'Esercito) aveva richiesto d'urgenza al Ministero della Guerra l'assegnazione dei materiali di cui al foglio alleg.1.- Il Ministero della Guerra ha risposto come da allegato N.2.- Per quanto si riferisce a sapone e nero lucido la questione è stata prospettata a parte da questo Comando con foglio 04/754/comma. odierno.-

2°)- Con successivo foglio 11940/ord./I datato 27 Marzo lo S.M.E.E.- d'accordo con la M.M.I.A.- prescrive testualmente :

a)- "VESTIARIO:

Le richieste saranno inoltrate al BR-CADRE del Campo"

Questo Comando ritiene - salvo diverso avviso di quelli in indirizzo - che possa essere continuato il sistema di rifornimento in atto del Sottodeposito Divisionale.- Gradirei conferma in merito.-

b)- "EQUIPAGGIAMENTO :

Sarà richiesto al BR-CADRE del Campo che provvederà ad interessare le autorità britanniche.-

Dette richieste comprenderanno :

- materiali di equipaggiamento di reparto (in conformità alla lista di equipaggiamento generale 6508/7, in possesso del BR-CADRE);

- eventuali materiali di equipaggiamento speciale o tecnico (da stabilire d'intesa col BR-CADRE).-

In merito faccio presente:

- nè questo comando, nè quello del Campo conoscono la lista di equipaggiamento generale 6508/7 che dovrebbe essere trasmessa con cortese urgenza per poter stabilire subito le varie deficienze ed inoltrare le conseguenti richieste;

- dai rifornimenti in parola sembra esclusa qualsiasi competenza di questo Comando e di quelli superiori.-

Trego confermare e comunicare le eventuali modalità che dovranno essere in merito osservate dal Campo.

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c)- " I mezzi di trasporto occorrenti per i servizi del Campo sono compresi negli organici del BR-CADRE (CM/731/1).-"

Questo Comando gradirebbe avere conferma e notizia del numero complessivo di automezzi su cui potrà fare affidamento il Campo per tutti i vari servizi.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
(Silvio Rossi)



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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Generale dei Serv. Comm. e Ann. vi
Divisione V.E.C.E.A.

Prot. N° 15153/VE.

P.R. 3800 23 Marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Richiesta di oggetti di corredo.

ALLO S.M.R.E. -Uff. Serv. Sez. Comm/to	= SEDE
e, per conoscenza:	
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE di	= NAPOLI
AL COMANDO 227° DIVISIONE	= P.R. 186
AL COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA	= AFRAGOLA
ALLA DIVISIONE SUSESTENNE	= S E D E
" " AM/ME DEI COMPI	= S E D E

Com'è noto, tutte le richieste di oggetti di corredo e di equipaggiamento occorrenti alle truppe dipendenti dagli Alleati devono essere rivolte al Comando Alleato dal quale dipendono le truppe stesse.

Fregasi attenersi alle norme in vigore per i materiali occorrenti al Campo Affluenza di Afragola.

Nei riguardi della mancata distribuzione (da circa due mesi) del sapone e nero lucido saranno date notizie a parte dalle competenti divisioni.-

p. IL MINISTRO
F.to Pelligrà

P.C.C.

DELLA SEZIONE SERVIZI

Amato



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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Uff. Servizi - Sez. Comm/to

N. 3/1057 di prot. Serv.

P.M. 3800 17 marzo 1945

OGGETTO : oggetti per il Campo di Afragola.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-Dir. Gen. Serv. Comm. e Amm.vi - P.M. 3800
e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI NAPOLI
AL COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE P.M. 186
AL COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA DI AFRAGOLA

Si prega assegnare con ogni urgenza possibile al Comando Campo Affluenza di Afragola i seguenti oggetti :

- gavette	n° 100 ✓
- cucchiali	" 1000 ✓
- tute e grembiuli da rancieri	" 50 ✓
- berretti di panno g.v.	" 200 ✓
- stellette	p. 3000 ✓

Si prega inoltre di voler di porre che ai militari del suddetto campo sia distribuita la razione di sapone e nero lucido che non ricevono da circa due mesi. -

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
P/to G. Linzi



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SUBJECT:- Baking Arrangements - 803 B R D.

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Baseball 2

23 Apr 45

HQ 227 Div.

Copy to:- MMIA Naples.

803 B R D

I L O

It is desired to move the personnel now engaged on baking for RAVISCANINA camp. This personnel belongs to Commissariato, Naples and is required for work elsewhere.

You are therefore requested to replace the personnel as soon as possible from camp resources. This includes the Officer i/c Bakery.

Personnel for whom replacements have been found should be sent to Naples as and when individually relieved.

71 *[Signature]*

Major,
MMIA CO,
3 District.

SUBJECT: 803 BRD RAVISCANTINA

All Concerned.

MMIA LO

21 APR 1945

File 37

HQ 3 District

SECRET

3 District
Ext 8
338/G

1. The following points were raised during visit to 803 BRD RAVISCANTINA by Col PIDSLEY, MMIA, on Thursday, 19 Apr 45: -

2. DISCIPLINE

- (a) MMIA strongly pressing SMRE to revise the present Italian Army judiciary system, to institute detention barracks and to grant amnesty to a large number of the soldiers at present awaiting trial, numbers of which, it was stated, exceed 88,000.
- (b) Infm
Present difficulties aggravated by fact that US rations are NOT available for non-effective soldiers of the Italian Army, i.e. Soldiers undergoing imprisonment for periods exceeding 30 days. Staff of 'corrective' institutions would also be regarded as 'non-effectives'.
- (c) Infm
Plan of 'Discipline Bn' under consideration but difficulty in reconciling views of SMRE with our own. Various forms of field punishment, i.e. stringing soldiers up by wrists, have been used with good effect.

3. WELFARE

- (a) Infm
Writing Materials. SMRE are being pressed to have printed form of military letter card similar to our air letters. At present Italian forces are obliged to purchase writing paper and envelopes at high prices. SMRE have adequate paper stocks and intention is that letter forms should be sold at small charge and proceeds used for welfare purposes.
- (b) Funds. Col PIDSLEY stated SMRE have considerable funds for welfare at their disposal and that a substantial grant had been made to 227 Div. Details will be fwd to this HQ by Col PIDSLEY. 71.9
- (c) Mail. Letters from Florence Area taking about 17 days. Delay with military mail leads to soldiers using civil post which is quicker thus evading censorship regulations. AFHQ has been investigating problem but no decision has yet been forthcoming. Could DADAPS 3 Dist assist? Postal

4. TRAINING

Infm

- (a) MAIL strongly pressing SMRE to revise the present Italian Army judiciary system, to institute detention barracks and to grant amnesty to a large number of the soldiers at present awaiting trial, numbers of which, it was stated, exceed 38,000.
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Postal

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TRAINING

Infm

- (a) Agreed that trg arrangements practicable are limited to marching and rifle drill, weapon trg, PT, recreational trg, lectures on discipline, first aid, etc., and regular parades and inspections.
- (b) SOPT to make arrangements soonest to att APTC Instructor to 803 BRD for period of one month.

SOPT has agreed to supply wof 24 Apr 45.

HYGIENE

- Brit Officer & NCO att for temp duty have been posted. Can ADH replace either permanently or on temp basis?

MED. (ADH) has since agreed to provide MCD for 2 weeks.

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6. ORG

Col FIDLEY considers camp needs re-org within existing bns into special holding units for individual arms and services and is fwd recommendations on these lines. Numbers held as rfts for each arm and service to be related to the anticipated rft demands.

Infm

R.B. Spray
(R.B. SPRAY) Maj.
for Lt Col.
GS.

DISTRIBUTION.

56 Area (5)
CC Brit Cadre, 803 BRD
ADC for GOC.
DA & QMB.
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SOPT
MIA LO

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VIA LC DISTANCE

BY CABLE 803 DRD NAVISCANIA

SOPT (by hand)

EL/150 (.) arrange collect PFC instr during morning 24 at SOPT
office this HQ (.) ack

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ROUTINE

SUBJECT:- Stores for 803 BRD.

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Baseball 2

20 Apr 45

HQ 227 Div.

Copy to:- ILO

803 BRD

Ref your 02/1412/Ord of 18 Apr 45 covering
SMRE letter 3/1241/Serv of 10 Apr 45.

It is not understood why this matter should
be referred for action to this office.

In accordance with established procedure,
803 BRD should submit their indent to War
Ministry for the stores required and send a copy,
for information, of that indent to this office
for onward transmission to WHIA. You are
requested to arrange this.

In view of the improved accommodation situation
at RAVISCANINA and the recent allotment to the
camp of a further quantity of Italian tents, ⁷¹⁵⁷
bid for 1000 Italian tent pieces should, it is
considered, be reviewed in the light of absolute
necessities.

[Signature]
Major,
WHIA LO,
3 District.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi
Sezione Vomm.to e Arm.Va

MM'A LO

20 Apr 1945

File 37

HQ a District.

N° 3/1241/Serv. di prot.

P.M. 3800 li 10 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Materiali per il funzionamento Campo Afragola

AL COMANDO DELLA 227^a DIVISIONE

P.M. 3400

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'803 CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI

P.M. 3400

Il Campo Affluenza Complementi di Afragola, in occasione di una visita di S.E. il Capo di S.M., ha rappresentato la necessità di disporre, per i militari dipendenti, dei materiali di cui appresso:

- marmitte grandi oppure n. 60
- fusti benzina " 30
- mestoli " 100
- marmitte da campo " 48
- teli da tenda " 1000 (oppure 145 tende americane)

Si prega interessare l'ufficiale di collegamento della M.M.I.A. affinché trasmetta la richiesta di cui sopra alla L.F.S.O.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
P.to Giorgio Liuzzi

COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE

S.M. c/o Sezione Servizi

N° 02/1412/ord.

P.M. 3400 li 18 aprile 1945

➔ ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A. 3° DISTRETTO = NAPOLI
e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO COLLEG. 3° DISTRETTO = NAPOLI

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.....per il cortese interessamento richiesto dello S.M.R.E.-

AL COMANDO DELLA 227^a DIVISIONE P.M. 3400
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'803 CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI P.M. 3400
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F.to Giorgio Liuzzi

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COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE
S.M. 803 Sezione Servizi

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N° 02/1412/ord.

P.M. 3400 11 18 aprile 1945

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e, per conoscenza:
ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO COLLEG. 3° DISTRETTO = NAPOLI

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.....per il cortese interessamento richiesto dallo S.M.R.E.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Mese. Ugo Scotto Isvina)

u/du

227. DIVISIONE
COMANDO

MMIA FO
18 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District

Subject: Infestation - Italian Combat Reinforcements

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

M/2/1652

16 April 45

DDMS

Rear 8th Army

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3. In view of above it is considered that further action should be of a disciplinary nature against the individual officers concerned. It is therefore requested that future incidents of this nature be reported in full giving the details of the draft concerned, date of departure, number of cases etc. and if possible the name of the doctor examining the troops before departure from the Base Reinforcement Depot.

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Rear 8th Army

A.C. (MMA)

ROME

W/2/1652

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/RFG

Copy to: DMS AFHQ

DDMS 1 District
DDMS 2 District
DDMS 3 District
ADMS 5th Army (Br Iner)

for info

Lieut-Col.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMA)

'F' BLU R.T.C. I.C.F.

Brit. Cadre 802 Reinforcement

" " 803

" " 804

All MMA L.Os. ✓

Internal - 'A'

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MMIA LO
17 APR 1945 194
File 37
HQ 3 District.

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MMIA

96 AREA: MEET CHAIRMAN 803 *1730* MEET CHAIRMAN
THROUGHOUT FOR MMIA LO

OO 376

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RECOMMENDED (.) and your A79 of 15 apr (.) our MMIA LO and your MMIA LO and
96 area with MMIA LO MEET CHAIRMAN 803 and will meet you at BAYVIEW at
1130 hrs 19 apr (.) for 96 area MEET - BAYVIEW MEET SPEAK



MEDY V LROF NR 2750 ~~3~~
QVR ~~2~~

FROM MMIA 151430B
TO DISTHREE

INFO DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

803 BRD RAVISCANINA VIA LRLC

MINISTRY OF WAR

GR 45 BT

REF A 79 RESTRICTED

COL P I D S L E Y AND MMIA TRG REP PROPOSE

TO VISIT R A V I S C A N I N A CAMP THURSDAY

19 APR TO DISCUSS FOLLOWING SUBJECTS (.) RFTS

DISCIPLINE WELFARE TRG (.) ARRIVE 1130 ~~11~~ HRS

LEAVE 1500 HRS (.) PLEASE CONFIRM IF CONVENIENT AND

WHETHER SENDING REP (.) FOR MMIA LO PENSOUTH (.) SEND REP

BT 151430B

MMIA LO
16 APR 1945
File 37
HQ & District.

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MMIA LO
16 APR 1945
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File 37
HQ 3 District.

DISTANCE

MMIA

Copy to C(45) MMIA ID

ED 351

RESTRICTED (.) ref your C/3 of 9 apr and ED 2596 of 13 apr this hq reply follows correct

CD-Banneriff

7132

Subject: Supply of Paraffin.
Ref: IRD/Q/10.
To: MMIA LO,
3 District.

MMIA LO
14 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.

13 Apr 45.

The Italians have been asking if it is possible for us to obtain paraffin for them for lighting purposes at Ravascanina Camp. As this does not appear to be available from Italian sources, can you advise us as to whether we can be given authority to draw on their behalf, or what arrangements can be made in this matter.

Field.

[Signature]
Major RA.
O.C. Br Cadre, 803 Italian Base Rft Depot

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SUBJECT: EFI Sups for Italian BRD RAVISCANINA

3 District
BASEBALL 14
286 Q

'Q' (Maint)., AFHQ.

14 Apr 45

227 Italian Div
MMIA
DC EFI
MMIA LO
ILO

1. As you may be aware, I am in the process of moving the Italian Base Rft Depot from AFRAGOLA to RAVISCANINA (M.R. 1/200.000 H 2008). The object of this move is to prevent the almost wholesale absenteeism by Italian Rfts in NAPLES, and also to provide adequate training country near their camp. The new site conforms with my object, but by its remoteness, it does mean that small necessities normally purchased in NAPLES are not available to Rfts to buy locally.

2. I am particularly anxious to give this camp a good start and I request, therefore, that an issue of the following, on the scale already authorized for Combat Groups, should be extended to this Depot:-

Razors	Shaving Brushes
Razor Blades	Toothpaste
Tooth Brushes	Shaving Soap

3. I realize that this is not in accordance with present policy, but I request that in this particular case, it should be given a trial for three months, and if this camp shows a vast improvement over the old one, then you might consider the issue justified.

4. The numbers involved at any one time are approximately 6,000.

710

IL/CMC.

Maj Gen
Comd

MEDY V LROF NR 2221 P

QVR -2

FROM MMIA 132100B

TO 3 DISTRICT

INFO MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT

GR 75 BT

SD2596 RESTRICTED

FURTHER OUR 2/5 OF 9 APR (.)

ONE (.) 1 DISTRICT RECOMMEND AMENDMENTS TO PERSONNEL AS FOLLOWS (.)

A (.) UPGRADING COMMANDANT (LT COL) TO (COL)(.)

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

B (.) ADDITION OF TWO COOKS AND TWO CLERKS PER COY AND OFFICERS MESS AND

WAITERS ON BASIC ONE EACH FOR BR OFFICERS MESS (.) TWO (.)

REASONS CMA INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES AT ERDS (.) THREE (.) REQUEST

~~XXXX~~ YOU INCLUDE COMMENTS ON PERSONNEL IN YOUR REPLY OUR LETTER

SO THAT ALL AMETS MAY BE COORDINATED HERE (.)

BT 132100B

SENT NR 2221

1035B JB B1

IMI WB HERE LAST LINE

COORDINATED HERE (.)

MMIA LO
14 APR 1945
FILE 37
HQ 3 District.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (5mm) **MESSAGE FORM** Registered

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FROM (A) MMIA LO NAPLES	Originator	Date-Time of Origin 131230 B	Office Date Stamp MMIA LO 14 APR 1945 File 37
TO MMIA	For Action	(W) For information (INFO)	Message Instructions HQ 3 Dist. OR

Originator's No. 9454-STN/57. RESTRICTED (.) DESPATCHED TO VAIANO FOR 808 BMD 12 APRIL
FOLLOWING RAIL CARS (.) WAG 110740 WINE 8560 LITRES, WAG 221253 WINE 8156
LITRES (.) PLEASE ARRANGE COLLECTION (.)

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SIGNED *St. Gann* *maph* SIGNED

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MMIA 40 Dist

IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT:- Move of I Ion Base Rft Depot

Q 3 District

MMIA 103 808
14 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.

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Ref your 146/49 of 7 Apr 45.

1. The ISCHIROUMIO Bldg was inspected by reps of all addressees on 13 Apr and was found to be unsuitable for an Italian Transit Camp, for 2000.
2. The bldg is too small for the numbers to be catered for and it cannot be sub-divided satisfactorily.
3. The RE works required would cost in excess of £1500.
4. The above comments were agreed by rep 3 District and by the other officers present. In view of this situation it is understood that you do not wish to proceed with the scheme.

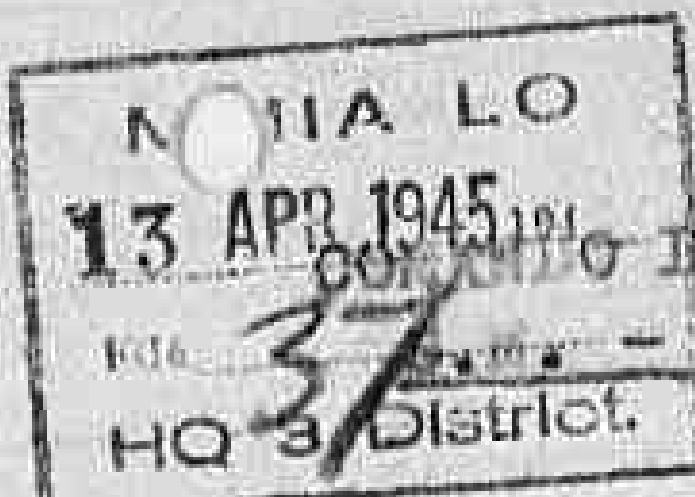
In the Field

13 Apr 45

COPY to:- Br Cadre 803 It BRD (2)
DS MMIA IO 3 District (2)
18 CRN Works
Med 56 Area

Brigadier,
Cmd 56 Area.

7127



URGENTE

N° 02/1357/ord. di prot.

R.M. 3400 11 12 aprile 1945

OGGETTO : Ampliamento del 231° Ospedale da Campo presso l'803 Deposito Affluenza Complementi - Raviscanina.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE di NAPOLI
- S.M. - Ufficio Servizi -

e, per conoscenza:

➔ ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A. 3° DISTRICT - NAPOLI
(rif. f. 3 DLO/37 del 7 corrente)

Seguito comunicazione telefonica di ieri 11.

- 1.- Il Comando 3° District ha chiesto che la capacità del 231° Ospedale da campo, attualmente dislocato presso l'803 Deposito Affluenza Complementi - Raviscanina - sia urgentemente portata a 200 posti letto.
- 2.- Nessuna difficoltà per quanto si riferisce ai locali, poiché la nuova sede, con la sua notevole attrezzatura - baracche, impianti di acqua potabile, luce elettrica, ecc. - consente agevolmente l'ampliamento.
- 3.- E' necessario, invece, fornire l'ospedale dei materiali elencati in allegato, per i quali si prega codesto Comando di voler disporre, con cortese sollecitudine, l'assegnazione. - In caso di indisponibilità di tutti o di parte di essi, si prega interessare, con ogni possibile urgenza, il Ministero della Guerra.
- 4.- Si sarà grati a codesto Comando se vorrà fornire all'ufficiale latore del presente foglio, ragguagli in merito alla questione che - come già detto - è urgente.-

Allegato : 1



COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE
S.M. - Sez. Servizi

alleg. al 1° 02/1357/ord.
del 12/4/1945

BIENCO DEI MATERIALI OCCORRENTI PER IL PROGETTATO AMPLIAMENTO
DEL 231° OSPEDALE DA CAMPO

- Lettini	150	- Sanicie per infermi	300
- Comodini	75	- Coprilatti	130
- Materassini	150	- Fazzoletti	400
- Guanciali	150	- Fodere per guanciali	400
- Lenzuola	400	- Pantaloni per infermi	50
- Coperte	300	- Pignelle	50
- Asciugatoi	150	- Catinelle	50
- Papaline	100	- Bicchieri	140
- Calze di cotone	400	- Tovaglioli	100



MMIA LO
12 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District

MMIA LO
HQ 3 District
File 167
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12/4

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Penal Centre for Italian Army Personnel

AFHQ (G3 Org For)(2) - spoke WATSON - GRAHAM 7 Apr
AFHQ (G1 Brit)

3 District
Ext 5
766/G

11 Apr 45

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) - spoke CHEYNE - WATSON 7 Apr
227 ITALIAN Div
230 ITALIAN Div

AA & QMG
A
Q (2)

MMIA LO
227 Div LO

NT

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Ref my 166/4Q of 15 Mar and 766/G of 4 Apr 45 (neither to all addressees)

1. I am anxious that arrangements be made forthwith for the provision of a penal centre for ITALIAN Army personnel in this District, to enable the existing indiscipline at APRACOLA to be eliminated at an early date and the new camp at RAVISCANINA to be established on a more satisfactory basis.
2. I understand that a proposal has been submitted by SMRE to MMIA for the formation of a Discipline Battalion of four coys which could deal with a total of 960 soldiers under sentence.
3. This number is, I think, larger than is required for this District alone. I am, however, prepared to find a site and carry out the necessary construction work for a penal centre, provided that the centre is available to deal with all ITALIAN soldiers under sentence from the District.
4. An alternative plan is that after the formation of such a discipline battalion, a nucleus HQ and one or two coys should be allotted to this District to deal with soldiers under sentence from ITALIAN units in this District only. This latter proposal would involve less construction work in any one place and could hence be put into effect more quickly. So far as this District is concerned, if two discipline coys were allotted, two penal centres might be formed, one at RAVISCANINA and one at TRANI, each to deal with approx 240 soldiers under sentence.
5. In any event, the effectiveness of the centres would depend ^{2128y} on the quality of the discipline unit and I would urge that if this project is adopted the provision of experienced and well disciplined tps for this must be insisted on.
6. I request that approval in principle may be given at an early date to one or other of the proposals made at paras 3 and 4 above to enable the necessary preliminary work to be put in hand at once.

G. Clow

Maj Gen
Gen

SUBJECT:- Release of Italian Tentage for 803 BRD.

3DLO/37.

Baseball 2

12 Apr 45

CC. 803 Italian BRD.

Copy :- CC. Br Cadre 803 Italian BRD.
HQ 227 Div (through ILO)

The following tents have been released to
you on MMIA serial AQ/BRITI/65 dated 9 Apr 45.

MMIA Clothing Releases

Tents	SAPORITI	-	1
Tents	PASTORE	-	1

Please arrange to collect at MMIA, Naples office,
a copy of the a/q release where also you will be
informed where the tentage may be collected.

HS
7123
Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

ARMY FORM C-136 (Small)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
	67/8/9/90	11A787	12 APR 1945		12/12/68
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM (A)			Originator	Date	Time
56 Area				11	37
For Action					
OG Br Cadre 803 Italian Base 2nd Depot ABRACOLA					
Hand + 13 CDE via + 4 Distances + MILA 10 DISTANCE ✓					
TO			(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions	
Italian 10 56 Area				GR	
Originator's No.					
OG 808 (.) Confirming telephone conversations all action addressees (.)					
sitting board for Italian Transit Camp 1000 hrs 13 Apr at ISCHIROGENO Bldg					
map ref NAPLES Town Plan 237492 (.) MILA 10 Distances arranging for reps					
227 Div and Comando Territoriale NAPLES (.) OG Br Cadre 803 Italian BHD					
to bring rep Italian Hq BHD					
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COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE

S.M. = Sez. Op. Ord.

N° 01/2728/op. di prot.

P.M. 3400 = 7 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: movimento di personale.-

MMIA LO
12 APR 1945
37
HQ 3 District.

AL COMANDO 3 DISTRICT

C.M.F.

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 56° AREA

C.M.F.

A LO MMIA-3 DISTRICT

C.M.F.

ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO

PRESSO 3 DISTRICT

C.M.F.

Risposta foglio 405/40 del 24 marzo u.s.-

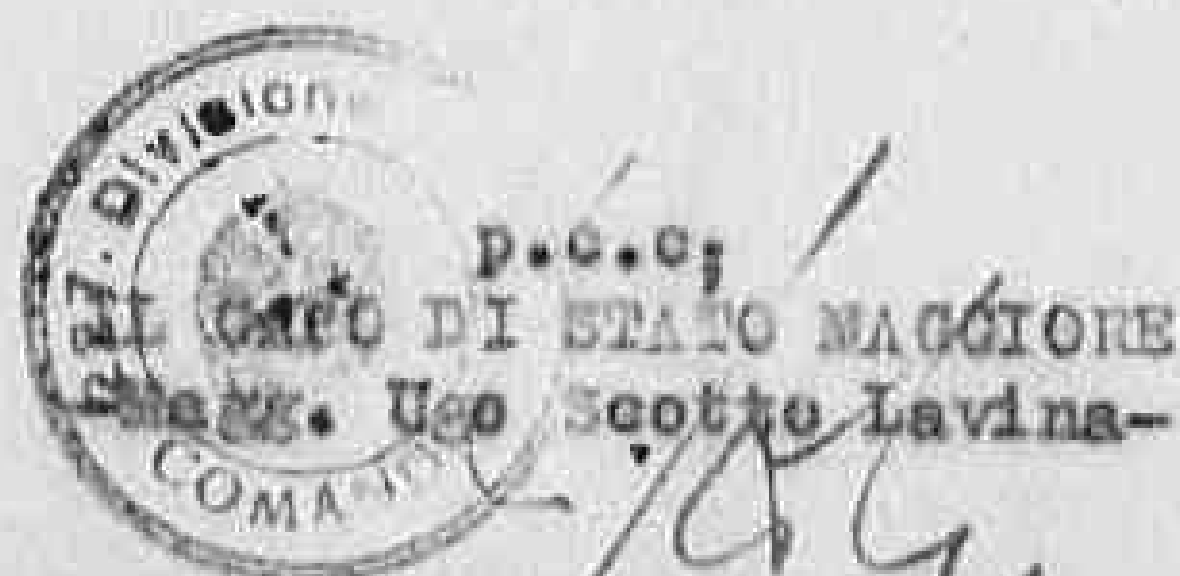
1.- Le manchevolezze riscontrate come da foglio a riferimento furono conseguenti agli inconvenienti già da tempo rilevati nella gestione del campo di Afragola e per ovviare ai quali fu proposta e cominciò ad essere messa in atto tutta una serie di provvedimenti.

2.- Con il trasferimento in corso di effettuazione a Raviscanina e con la diversa sistemazione che ivi sarà data, si rileverà certamente un graduale miglioramento.

3.- Gli ordini circa le funzioni amministrative da compiere prima di ogni partenza erano già stati dati e sono stati ora anche ribaditi. In quelle occasioni il Comandante del campo omise di proposito di effettuare le predette operazioni prima della partenza allo scopo di evitare il diffondersi della notizia e l'allontanamento di molti militari che però avvenne lo stesso.

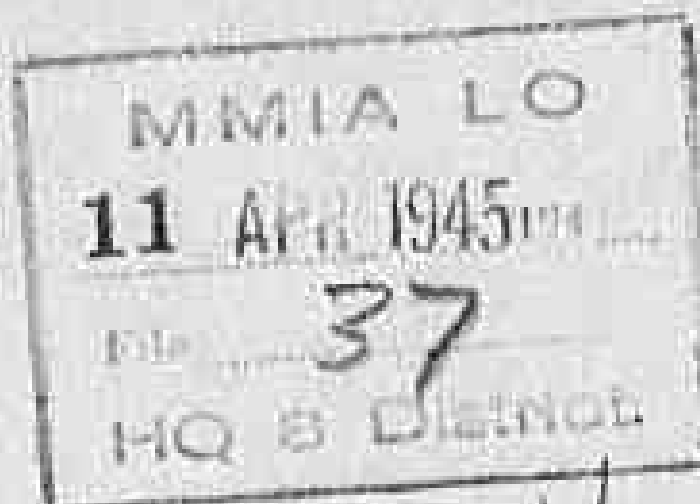
4.- Per una migliore organizzazione e disciplina al campo ho già richiesto alle autorità superiori, in base ai nuovi organici, l'assegnazione di 20 capitani e 30 subalterni ottimi. Poiché essi sono assolutamente indispensabili al buon andamento delle cose e dato che sembra vi siano difficoltà per averli, sarà grato se tale richiesta potrà anche essere appoggiata da parte vostra.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Silvio Rossi -



Subject : Transport - AFRAGOLA - ORVIETO.

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

Q/5

9 April 45.

I District,
3 District.

1. It has been represented that the scale of transport authorized on the present WE of a Brit-Itl B.R.D. is insufficient. A particular application has been made for an increase in load carriers at AFRAGOLA and at ORVIETO. It was understood that 3 District proposed to submit a recommendation for the WE to be ~~revised~~

2. In theory, ~~the~~ basic scale of transport should suffice for each B.R.D. but it is realized that local conditions vary between Trani Ravascanina (Afragola) and Orvieto. It is suggested that if ~~the~~ District will submit their recommendations to this Hq, any proposed amendment could be co-ordinated and the necessary change to the WE recommended by this Hq. Please say if you concur and submit your proposals not later than the 15th of April.

3. It is considered that in any event, the Depot will need occasional assistance from transport under District control. As the number of Italian Army vehicles at the disposal of Admin.Div. increases, it should be possible for these Division to assist.

Alberty

R.A. JUNTIES, Lt. Col. 7120
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : -British Cadre, 802 B.R.D. your BI/3/76, dated 10th of Feb. refers.

-M.M.I.A. L.O.

I District,

✓ 3 District.

-G.S.D. for file 42/2.

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MEDY V LROF NR 127 IMMEDIATE

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FROM MMIA 08 1755E

TO DISTHREE

INFO PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

QQX GR 28 BT

Q.159. RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) CANCEL NY Q.458. (.) ACTION AS NECESSARY TO
REALLOCATE ITALIAN ARMY HUTS NAPLES AREA WILL BE TAKEN **7119**

MMIA LO NAPLES (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

BT 08 1755E

MMIA LO
9 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.



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Returned from NMIA LO Napoli
at 101100Z

10 APR 1945

MMIA LO
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File 37
HQ 3 District

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MEMO V. DROF NR 9503
FROM NMIA 071730Z
TO DISTRICT
ON 14 BT

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0455 (..) RESTRICTED (..) FOR MMIA LC (..) SUBJECT HUNTING FOR
RAVISCANINA REF DEPOT (..) REPORTS RECEIVED INDICATE EXISTENCE OF
TWENTY ITALIAN ARMY UNITS LOCATED IN NAPLES AREA (..) SUGGEST SOME
OF THESE MIGHT BE DISBANDED AND REDIRECTED AT RAVISCANINA
ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE DIRECT WITH COMANDO TERRITORIALE

CAN

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see folio 65

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 63

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FROM
(A)

Originator

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MMIA LO NAPLES

071230 B

For Action

MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA

Originator's No.

9410-STN/57. RESTRICTED (.) DESPATCHED TO VAIRANO FOR 803 BRD 6 APRIL THE
 FOLLOWING RAIL CARS CONTAINING RATIONS (.) WAG 7106608, 10306 KGS, WAG 1026441,
 17816 KGS, WAG 19920, 11521 KGS (.) PLEASE ARRANGE COLLECTION (.)

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8 APR 1945

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MMIA 40 Dist

IMPORTANT

SUBJECT:- 231 Italian Fd Hospital.

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Baseball 2

7 Apr 45

HQ 227 Div.

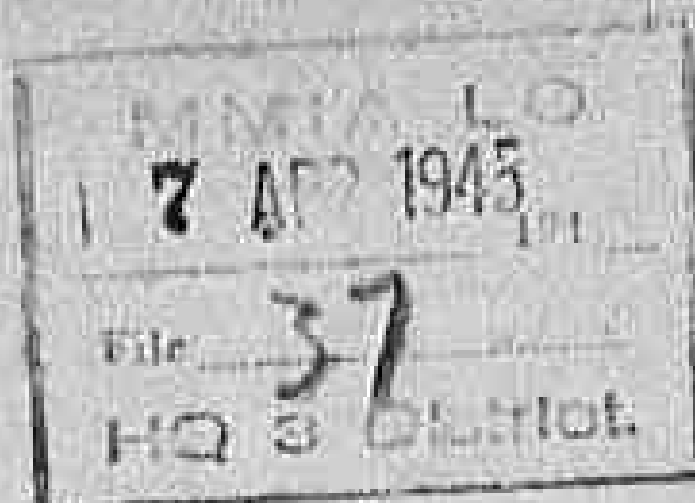
Copy to:- 803 BRD, AFRAGOLA.
CC, Mr Cadre, 803 BRD, AFRAGOLA.
ILO 3 District.

It is desired urgently to step up the capacity of the a/n Fd Hospital to accomodate a total of 200 bed patients.

Please take immediate action to put this increase into effect and inform this office of progress by 15 Apr 45.

[Signature] 7116

Major,
MMIA IO,
3 District.



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SUBJECT: Crg of BR-ITI Base Rft Depots 802, 803 & 804

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No: SD/31
10 Apr 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

copy to: MMIA LO Distone.
" " Disthree
" " 54 Area.
OC Br Cadre 802 BRD.
" " " 803 "
" " " 804 "

NT

Ref your letter 12081/ORD/I/ dt prot dated 31 Mar.

1. Further to this H.Q. letter SD/42/1 of 24 Mar 45. The fourth bn staff will not be included in the W.E. It will be carried under Cat 6 and will only be implemented on authority of this H.Q. when the strength of any depot is planned to be in the region of 6000 at any time.

2. It is confirmed that you will implement the additions to W.E. CM/730/1 proposed in MMIA letter SD/42/1 of 21 Mar forthwith (pending final approval). by:-

NT

- (a) posting a further 3 medical offrs to each depot.
- (b) forming a sub-unit escort detachment of 3 offrs and 51 O.R's total 54 all ranks at each depot vide this H.Q. SD/42/1 dated 28 Mar.

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Bick

tns.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:

A. MED
Q (2 copies)

Subject: Move of Italian Base Reinf Depot.

MMIA LO
7 APR 1945
HQ 3 District

Q 56 Area

C
Q 1
E
MMIA LO

3 District
Barracks II
145/4 Q
7 Apr 45

Reference para 8 of Minutes of Conference on Italian Base Rft Depot held in AQH(2) office at 0900 hrs 23 Mar 45.

1. It is proposed to close the Italian Base Rft Depot site at APPAGOLA after the move of the Main Depot to RAVINCAVINA, if alternative soon can be found for a Transit Camp. The ISCHIORENO Bldg (Town Plan MAPERS BR 237492) at present the Depot of 31st Italian Inf Regt is being made available by MMIA, if suitable for this purpose.

2. Local administration of this Camp, which may have to hold up to 2000 men, is a 56 Area responsibility.

3. An Area sitting board will be held at which it is suggested the following should be present in addition to Area staff and service reps:-

- Rep Br Oudre 503 RD
- " Italian HQ "
- " 227 Div HQ.
- " MMIA LO 3 District
- " Commando Territoriale MARLES (to be notified by MMIA 3 District)
- " Q 3 District (in attendance).

4. The sitting board will consider if the bldg is suitable and include in its proposals recommendations on the following points:-

- (a) Method of subdividing the building. It is hoped that present occupants may remain being confined to one portion definitely partitioned off from the remainder.
- (b) The services required for initial occupation and completion to permanent scale.
- (c) Italian Staff required (for

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Reference para 3 of Minutes of Conference on Italian Base
Rft Depot held in AQER(2) office at 0900 hrs 23 Mar 45.

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- " 227 Div HQ.
- " MEIA LC 3 District
- " Commando Territoriale NAPLES (to be notified by MEIA 1314
3 District)
- " Q 3 District (in attendance).

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- (c) Italian Staff required (for recommendation to MEIA)
British Staff required (inr to EV Cadre HQ).

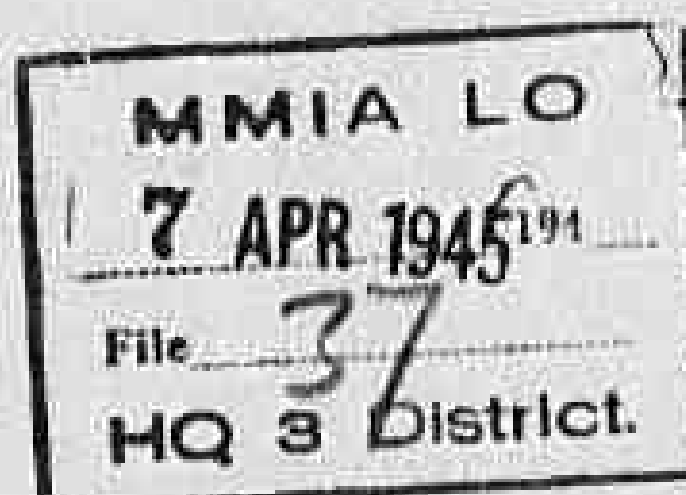
5. Very early action is requested as this matter is urgent. In
the meantime ME services authorised at AFRAGOLA will be held in abeyance.

7.8.81.86

(F.O. CHRISTIE) Maj
for Col
DA & QMS

Subject: Formation of New Units.
Ref: DC/Q/8.

To: DA & GAG,
3 District.
Copy to - MMIA IO.
ADMS 56 Area.



5 Apr. 45.

Br Cadre, 803 Italian Base Rft Depot.

Ref HQ 3 Dist 656/18/29 dated 13 Mar 45.

1. Transport to scale of WE has been received with the exception of one Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 G.S. and three Bicycles.

With regard to the Truck 15 cwt, this Unit letter DC/Q/5 dated 28 Mar 45 points out that on collecting the vehicles, it was stated at 9 Veh Park that one of the Trucks 15 cwt had already been issued to another Unit, and this Unit made application for release of a Truck to make up the deficiency.

2. Equipment No Unit Equipment scale or Special Equipment List has so far been received by this Unit.

Field.

O.C. Br Cadre, 803 Italian Base Rft Depot.

Major R.A.

7113

ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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803 Italian Base Reft Depot

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For Action

MMIA Rome

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA LO Disthree
MMIA LO Distone
MMIA LO Naples

Originator's No.

6/28/50 (.) Movement bid 16-22 Apr (.)

(a)

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Brindisi (Ancona)

Distone

231 Inc 11 Flt Rcy

16-22 Apr

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MMIA
5 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District

CONFIDENTIAL
3 District
Dist 10
766/G
4 Apr 45

SUBJECT: Italian Base Reinforcement Depot.

Gen. Rossi, Comd 227 Italian Arm Div.

Copies to: AFHQ (G1-Br)

AFHQ (G3-ORG-TOR)

AFHQ - DE

MAIL

MAIL - Naples

Comd 56 Area

Brit Cadre 803 Italian Base Rft Dep

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MMIA LO

Italian Liaison Offr, 3 Dist.

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As regards the quality of the officers and NCOs on the permanent strength of the depot, it is appreciated that in many cases this is low. Representations have been, and will continue to be, made with a view to improving this state of affairs, but for the present the situation must be accepted, and steps must be taken to improve the state of efficiency of those that are available. To this end it is obviously necessary that they themselves should undergo some training.

In order to assist in the training, both of the recruits and of the officers and NCOs of the permanent staff, I am endeavouring to arrange to reinforce the British Cadre at the depot by the attachment of a number of British officers and NCOs. These, I hope, will be made available for a period of about six weeks, after which I hope that the permanent staff will itself be better able to undertake the further training at the depot.

4. As regards para 2 (ii) above, it appears to me that under existing conditions little or nothing is done in the way of punishing wrong-doers, and that one of the chief deterrents against crime is, therefore, lacking. I am astonished that there are at present no facilities which enable the Camp Commandant to make use of the power to award terms of detention and confinement to barracks which is vested in him. This state of affairs must be quickly rectified, and I have instructed my staff to take up the question with the appropriate authorities.

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In the absence of permanent arrangements some temporary arrangement should be made. I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity for adopting prompt and firm measures in order to improve the state of discipline in the depot.

5. I have referred only to what I regard as the fundamental causes of trouble at the depot; other problems remain to be solved. These include:-

- (i) The disposal of the (apparently) large number of absentees and deserters now shown on the strength of the depot.
- (ii) Arrangements for dealing with drafts in transit.
- (iii) Measures to prevent absentees and deserters obtaining meals at the transit camp, wherever it may be.
- (iv) The provision of welfare amenities at RAVISCANINA.

6. The move of the depot to RAVISCANINA affords an opportunity of rectifying most of the present troubles, and it is incumbent on all concerned to use their utmost endeavour to do so.

I am providing substantial assistance in the shape of British personnel and facilities, and I look to you to give all assistance in your power, and to the permanent staff of the depot to give loyal and whole-hearted service with a view to making the depot one of which the Italian army may be proud.

11/11/48
Maj Gen.
Comd.

ARMY FORM 2136 (Small)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.									
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FROM (A)	Originator	Date - Time of Origin	HQ 3 District											
	For Action													
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)													
MMIA TO 3 DIST = "3" 56 AREA = DET 306 HES BNC														
Originator's No.														
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MMIA LO
4 Apr 1945
File <u>37</u>
HQ 3 District.

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SUBJECT:- Ration Maintenance - 803 Base
Reinforcement Camp, RAVISCANINA.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ST/33/18

Ministry of War.

1 April 45.

Copy to:- MMIA LO, NAPLES
O.C. British Cadre 803 BRD RAVISCANINA.
DDET 3 District.

1. Please prepare a ration pack of 42000 balanced rations weekly for the maintenance of Italian troops at 803 BRD RAVISCANINA.
2. Ration pack will be prepared, under your direction from the Naples Bulk Food Depot, and rail wagons despatched to railhead VAIRANO for 803 BRD RAVISCANINA. Unloading of wagons and transportation of rations to Reinforcement Camp will be accomplished by personnel and transport of the Camp.
3. Initial pack of 42000 balanced rations will be despatched from Naples on 6 April 45. This Headquarters has arranged for movement on 6 April 45 and for inclusion of rail movement of 42000 balanced rations during period 9 - 15 April 45. Subsequent weekly rail movement bids made by you to this Headquarters will include bid for the above pack.
4. Please ensure that the schedule below is followed :

DESPATCH FROM NAPLES

NUMBER OF RATIONS

6 April
14 "
21 "
28 "

42000

"

"

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5. In the future, following 28 April it is essential that you maintain a weekly schedule of 42000 balanced rations.

KRM/jc

Internal: Q MMIA
Mov MMIA

Lt.Col. RAGO,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

9	300	
10	300	
11	1050	
12	1800	
13	1800	
14	1800	
15	1800	
16	1900	10650
17	2050	
18	3300	
19	3300	
20	3300	
21	3300	
22	3300	
23	4050	7108
24	4000	27900
25	4000	
26	4000	
27	4800	

750

750

750

750

750

750

} balance

29

30

Roll total of changed
situation 4/4

17	750	14	1800	106.50
18	750	15	1800	
23	750	16	2050	
24	750	17	3300	
29	} Balance	18	3300	
30		19	3300	
		20	3300	
		21	3300	
		22	3300	
		23	4050	7108
		24	4200	27900
		25	4800	
		26	4800	
		27	4800	
		28	4800	
		29	5350	
		30	6300	31050

Bill total of changed
situation 4/4

SUBJECT:- Visit of GOC.

ILO

MMIALO ✓

MMIA LO
3 APR 1945 ¹⁹¹
File 37
HQ 3 District.

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3 District
Baseball 19
81/1A
31 Mar 45

The GOC will visit Italian Reinforcement Camp, AFRAGOLA at 0900 hrs, 4 Apr 45. Please arrange for General ROSSI, Comd 227 Div to meet the GOC there at that time, and for yourself to be present there.

IL/MR

Lami
Col
DA & QMG

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SUBJECT:- Transit Camps.

3DIO/37
Baseball 2
2 Apr 45

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MMIA LO
HQ No.1 District.

The attached correspondence appears to have been
addressed to this office in error.

Rs

Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

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2 APR 1945

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HQ 8 District.

SECRET

3. DISTRICT OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 21

MOVE OF 803 ITALIAN BASE RTD DUE

1. 803 Italian Base Rtd Dep will move by road from SURACOLA to RAVISCANINA in accordance with the following programme:-

Adv Party	Approx Str all marks	Date of Move	Tpt
	300	4 Apr 45	
Main Body	6000	Commencing 11 Apr 45 at rate of 750 per day.	
(Ca. Andt NE 1 and)			
Rear Party	100	As arranged by 227 Adm Div.	See para 7

2. Detailed arrangements for move will be made by HQ 56 Area in consultation with 227 Italian Adm Div and OC Brit Cadre.
3. The following Brit personnel have been adv from RAID until Sunday 8 Apr 45 to advise and assist the adv party at RAVISCANINA:-

1 Major (to be known as "Supervising Officer (SO) Adv Party")
 1 Subaltern
 1 BAMS
 3 ORs

80 Adv Party has been briefed as to his duties and this party proceeded to RAVISCANINA Sunday, 4 Apr 45, and will be act for rations to 306 Wks Sec RE 8 Apr 45. OC Brit Cadre will arrange for this party to return to RAID on 8 Apr 45.

4. Recce

Preliminary recon has been carried out by OC Brit Cadre, ITALY 7105

ADM

5. Sups

(a) Rations. MIA have arranged for delivery of following rations by 227 Italian Adm Div.

Adv Party	Approx Str all ranks 500	Date of Move 4 Apr 45	Tip
Main Body	6000	Commencing 14 Apr 45 at rate of 750 per day.	See para 7
(S. Am. N. 1. 1st)			
Rear Party	100	As arranged by 227 Adm Div.	

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1 Major (to be known as "Supervising Offr (SO) Adv Party")
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3 ORs

SO Adv Party has been briefed as to his duties and this party proceeded to RAVISCANINA Sunday, 4 Apr 45, and will be att for rations to 506 Wks Sec R3 W2 this date. OC Brit Cadre will arrange for this party to return to RAND on 8 Apr 45.

4. Recce

Preliminary reco has been carried out by OC Brit Cadre, Italy 7185
Comd and En Comds.

ADM

5. Supp

(a) Rations. MGIA have arranged for delivery of following rations by rail to VAIRANO:

Date loaded	Date due to arrive VAIRANO	No. of rations
6 Apr	8 Apr	42,000

SO Adv Party will arrange collection from VAIRANO and storage at RAVISCANINA on 8 Apr 45.

(b) Pet. Pet pt CALVI RISORTA (M283).

ST 56 Area will make any arrangements necessary.

(c) Fuel and stn. 227 It Adm Div will be responsible for delivery of adequate stocks to camp NOT later than 10 Apr 45.

..... Para 6

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6. Tentage.

- (a) AFHQ have authorized release of 30 Tents CS. 56 Area will arrange collection and delivery to RAVISCAINIA NOT later than 6 Apr 45.
- (b) Tentage as listed in para 6(a) above will suffice to accommodate first flight of main body, who will bring with them tentage on AFRAGOLA for second flight - this procedure to hold good throughout. Full details of tentage which will accompany each flight is att as Appx 'A' (to follow).
- (c) Final details of tentage which is to remain at AFRAGOLA are NOT yet known but it is proposed that the 500 bivouac tents be used to meet the main requirements of the proposed AFRAGOLA transit camp.

7. Eqpt.

- (a) WE includes 3 x 3 tonners. All held out 5 VOR. MIA are making immediate arrangements for release of 5 load carrying vehs to 227 Adm Div who will arrange for all 5 vehs to be att to 305 Rst Dep from 2 Apr 45 for the duration of the move.
- (b) Adv Party. MIA are providing one pl (approx 24 vehs) for use as required by Adv Party and for ferrying stores from AFRAGOLA during period 7/10 Apr incl. 227 Adm Div, in consultation with OC Brit Centre, will arrange details with MIA.
- (c) Main Body. 56 Area will provide daily during period 11/13 Apr incl one pl vehs for move of personnel.
- (d) Any further ~~not~~ required for movement of stores. Responsibility of 56 Area.

8. Comms.

One telephone from VAIRANO to the RS Det at the camp is already functioning. 'X' Branch 5 Dist will arrange forthwith

- (a) to provide telephone for OC Brit Centre
- (b) to investigate possibility of providing phone for Italian Comando.

The above represents the Dep's minimum requirements.

9. RT Services.

See Andlt
Nº 1 att.

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7. RE.

(a) WE includes 5 x 3 tanners. All held out 3 VOR. MIA are making immediate arrangements for release of 5 load carrying vehs to 227 Adm Div who will arrange for all 5 vehs to be att to 303 Rlt Dep from 2 Apr 45 for the duration of the move.

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9. RE Services.

(a) Compound is required for camp prison. Details given to Q rep 56 Area. Completion NOT later than 10 Apr 45.

(b) Lighting is required in Office of OC Brit Cadre, Comando, Hospital, MI Room, Stores, and, if practicable, in Officers Mess room. It is understood that generators have previously been used for this purpose.

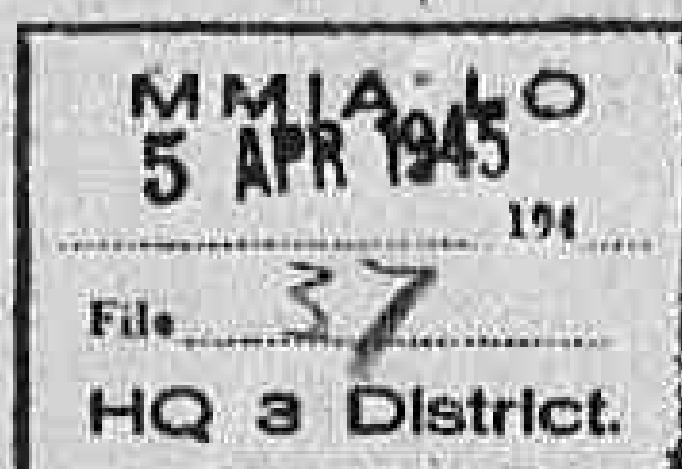
(c) Ration stores will be made secure.

10. ACK.

See Handl.
No 1. att.

[Handwritten signature]

(RB SPRAY) Maj
for Lt Col
GS



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SECRET

4 Apr 45.

AMMIBATT NO. 1 TO 3 DISTRICT OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO. 21 -

MOVE OF 803 ITALIAN BASE RFT DEP

Ref para 1 of 3 District Operational Instruction No. 21 of
1 Apr 45. — 52

1. Movement of main body will now take place as follows:-

11 Apr	750
12 Apr	750
17 Apr	750
18 Apr	750
23 Apr	750
24 Apr	750
29 Apr	
30 Apr	

) Balances. Figures, when available,
) to be advised by OC Brit Cadre to
all concerned.

2. Tpt. 56 Area will make available one pl of vehs on dates quoted
above (para 7 (c) of 3 Dist Op Instr No. 21 should be amended accordingly)

DISTRIBUTION: As for Op Instr No. 21
dated 1 Apr 45.

(R.B. SPRAM)

Maj.
For Lt Col.
CS.

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Distribution

Action

56 Area (4)
227 Adm Div (4)
803 Italian Base Rft Dep (4)
Q1
Q2
X
E

Info

AFHQ (G3 Org For)
MOVWIT
MMIA
MMIA NAPLES (2)
List A (less action addressees)
Italian IO 227 Adm Div

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MMIA LO
1 APR 1945
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File <u>37</u>
HQ 3 District

DISTRICT

56 AREA: 227 ITALIAN ADM DIV:

AFHQ (G3 ORG FOR): MOVING: MMIA: MMIA NAMES: MMIA LO: 227 DIV LO: 57
Copy to Q:

GO 155 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) WARNING ORDER (.) 803 ITALIAN BASE RPT DET will move
by road from AFRAGOLA to RAVISCANINA adv party 4 Apr main body commencing 11 Apr (.)
main body will move at rate of 750 per day (.) detailed movement orders follow

*Refer to
Plan*

IMPORTANT

MMIA LO
1 APR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.

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187 50
13 26 April
1945

Subject: Italian Rft Camp - Afragola

376 Roma Reg 12

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1. Further to my letter No 18044 384 dated 27 Mar 45 and enclosing conversation of 30 Mar 45.
2. 1 MI 745 (Ital) A.W. Coy 38 is being made available for work on the construction of the Italian Rft Camp, Afragola, ref 2 April 45. Work should now proceed as quickly as possible on the basis of accommodation for 2000 personnel as previously advised.
3. Italian personnel employed up to present should still be worked to capacity.

John H. ...

V 13 Col
Commander 38
181 16 4500

Field
181 16 4500

Copy - 1
745 (Ital) A.W. Coy 38 - Confirms tel conversation
HQA 3 District 30 Mar 45 OC/ASST.

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31 MAR 1945 191
File <u>37</u>
HQ 3 District.

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SUBJECT: Functions and Duties - British Cadre.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No: SD/42
21 Mar 45.

TO : Ministry of War (1)
MMIA LO 1 Dist (2)
" " 3 Dist (2)
" " NAPLES (2)
" " 54 Area (2)

copy to: MMIA LO 52 Area (1)

1. Copies are attached of AFHQ letter CR 2008 GI(Br) of 13 Mar 45 giving instructions on the Function and Duties of British Cadres at Italian Base Reinforcement Depots.

2. Please ensure that these instructions reach the Italian authorities concerned.

tvs.

Spore Copy Held
20 Airborne Corps, 17th. 2/4/45
Gen. St. Leger
6/4/45
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL DISTR:

A (2)
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ST (2)
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C O P Y

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: Base Rft Depots - BR-ITI

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/2008/G.1(Br)

13 March 45

HQ 1 District (with 3 copies of instructions)
HQ 3 District (with 5 copies of instructions)

1. Attached Instructions on the Function and Duties of British Cadres at Italian Base Rft Depots are forwarded for your guidance.
2. Will you please ensure that a copy is dispatched to the O.C. of each British Cadre concerned.

/s/ B. A. Burke, Lt. Col. AAG
/t/ B. A. BURKE,
for Major General, DAG
G-1(Br)

Copies to: Land Forces Sub Commission AC (with 20 copies
of instructions for distribution to the Italian
authorities concerned).
G-3 (ORG) (A)
Q (Maint)
Q(AE)
IMT

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement Depots BR-ITI

Function and Duties of British Cadre.

GENERAL

1. The Italian authorities are responsible for supplying reinforcements for all BR-ITI Service Units through B.R.D.'s in accordance with MMIA letter SD/42 dated 14 Feb 45.

FUNCTION

2. The Function of the British Cadre attached to each B.R.D. is three fold.

- (a) Liaison
- (b) Supervision and advice
- (c) Control

DUTIES OF THE O.C. CADRE

Liaison

- (a) Represents the British District Commander.
Transmits British orders to the B.R.D. Italian Commander and ensures compliance.
Passes to District HQ with his recommendations, requests of the Italian Commander, though generally the Italian Commander will employ normal staff channels i.e. HQ appropriate Adm. Div.
- (b) Is the link with HQ MMIA directly, or through local MMIA LO.
- (c) Keeps close contact with local Movements, District HQ and HQ MMIA, for moves into and out of the camp.

Supervision of and advice on:

- (a) Camp organisation to meet requirements incl selection of personnel according to their qualifications.
- (b) Documentation as ordered.
- (c) Trg incl liaison with DMT (later C(Trg) MMIA) and supervision of Trg programmes.
- (d) Allocation of rfts.
- (e) Formation of units.
- (f) Discipline.
- (g) Hygiene.
- (h) Welfare.
- (i) Standing Orders.
- (j) Watch weekly strength return to be rendered by Italian Depot Commander.
- (k) Watch strength demands submitted by HQs Adm. Div. and obtain priorities as necessary.

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- (b) Supervision and advice
- (c) Control

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Control

- (a) Drafts moving out.
- (b) Personal equipment and clothing.
- (c) Rations.
- (d) Transport.
- (e) G. 1098.
- (f) Medical Stores.

6.

Movement Rids.

Arrange movement of Rft Drafts in accordance with instructions contained in MMIA letter SD/42 of 14 Feb 45.

7.

Reports.

Submit a general report to District HQ copy to MMIA on 1st day of each month covering the points in paras 3 - 6 above for the previous month.

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Progress Report - 803 BRD.

3DLO/37
Baseball 2
30 Mar 45

"Q"
HQ 3 District.

Ref your 146/4 Q dated 24 Mar 45.

The following progress report is submitted :-

1. Ref para.5 Sups.

Matter is still under discussion.

Clothing.

Will be supplied from 227 Div Sub Depot as at present.

2. Ref para. 6.

Proposed WE (Italian) for Afragola Transit Camp has been submitted to G (SD).

3. Ref para.7

Pending orders from "G".

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Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

MMIA LO
30 MAR 1945₁₉₄
File 37
HQ 3 District.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Move of 803 Italian Base Rft Dep.

56 Area
MMIA NAPLES
OC Brit Cadre 803 Italian Base Rft Dep AFRAGOLA
DA & QMG
A
Q1
Q2
E
MMIA LO
Spares (3)

3 District
Ext 8
338/G

30 Mar 45

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Ref Minutes of Conference held at this HQ on 23 Mar 45 regarding the proposed move of 803 Italian Rft Dep from AFRAGOLA to RAVISCANINA.

1. The GOC has delegated the responsibility for the preparation of op plan and co-ordination of arrangements for this move to Maj R. B. SPRAY G2(O) HQ 3 Dist.
2. Maj SPRAY is authorised to deal direct with HQ 56 Area, MMIA NAPLES, OC Brit Cadre 803 Italian Rft Dep and Heads of Branches concerned, on all questions affecting this move and all possible assistance will be afforded him to ensure that this move is carried out in as efficient and expeditious a manner as possible.

MParks
Lt Col.
GS.
(C.F. PARKS)
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MMIA LO
30 MAR 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Reinforcement Draft.

File 37
HQ 3 District

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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27 March 45

TO : 'F' BLU? RTC ICF
British Cadre 802 BRD ORVIETO
British Cadre 803 BRD AFRAGOLA
British Cadre 804 BRD TRANI

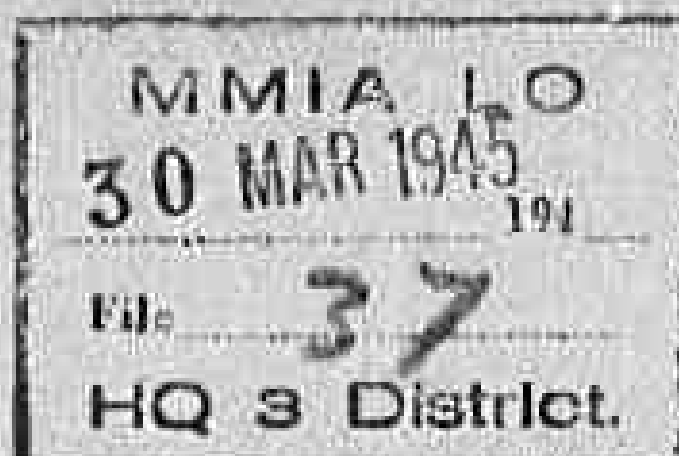
Copy to: Ministry of War
MMIA LO Rear 8 Army
MMIA LO British Increment 5 Army
MMIA LO 1 District
MMIA LO 3 District
MMIA LO 54 Area
MMIA LO 52 Area

1. It is reported by MMIA LO 8 Army that some confusion arises when drafts of reinforcements arrive at railhead sometimes in bits and pieces, at less than strength stated.
2. You are requested to arrange for each draft to be given a Serial Number, and that this Serial Number together with their classification (Combat, pns, Engineers, etc.) be used and emphasised from the time of bidding until the completion of move.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Form of Escort Det for B.R.Ds (BR-ITI)

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No: SD/42/1
28 Mar 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

copy to: OC Br Cadre 802 BRD.)
" " " 803 ")
" " " 804 ") copy Appx "A" att
MMIA LO 1 District.) for ease of reference.
" " 3 District.)
" " 54 Area.)

Ref this HQ letter SD/42/1 dated 21 Mar 45.

Pending receipt of AFHQ authority you should proceed to organise a sub unit escort detachment at each of 802, 803 and 804 Base Reinforcement Depots forthwith in accordance with the proposed P.L. at Appx "A" to that letter.

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INTERNAL:

A.
Q/S.1 (2)
SD/12/1

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
SD/42/1 dated 21 March 45

PROPOSED SUB UNIT ESCORT DETACHMENT TO BE
INCORPORATED IN WE CM/730/1

ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT

	Numbers		
	Det HQ	Three Sections each	Total
(1) <u>Personnel</u>			
Det Comd (Capt)	1	-	1
Lieuts	2	-	2
Serjeant Major	1	-	1
Serjeants	-	1	3
Corporals	-	2	6
Clerk(Private)	1	-	1
Storeman(Private)	1	-	1
Privates	-	13	39
Total	6	16	54

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(11) Transport

Nil

SUBJECT :- Italian Base it's Camp, AFRAGOLA

MMIA LO

28 MAR 1945

File

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HQ 3 District.

370 Wks Sec RE

1. Ref your letter No 2/141 dated 24 Mar 45 and further to my even no dated 24 Mar 45. — NT
2. It is confirmed that the Afragola camp site is now to accommodate only 2,000 and not the 6,000 originally intended.
3. All accommodation will be cut down accordingly.
4. It is noted that progress towards completion is only approx .1 % per day. Not with-standing difficulties in connection with Italian labour this progress must be raised to at least an average of 3% per day.

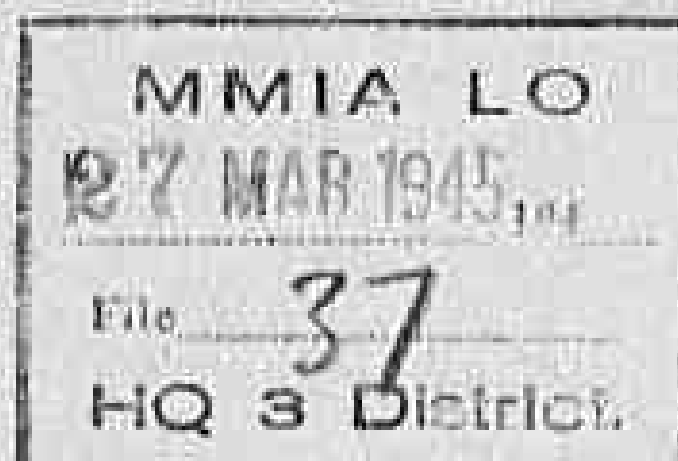
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Lt Col
Commander RE

Field
27 Mar 45

Copy to :- 'Q'
MMIA LO, 3 District.

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SUBJECT: 802, 803, 804 Base Reinforcement Camps (BR-ITI)



LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/42/1
24 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: OC BR CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO
OC BR CADRE 803 BRD AFRAGOLA
OC BR CADRE 804 BRD TRANT
MMIA LO 1 DIST
MMIA LO 3 DIST
MMIA LO 54 AREA

Ref this HQ letter SD/42/1 dated 15 March 45.

1. The present War Establishments of Italian Base Reinforcement Camps are based on a holding of 4,500 reinforcements. As the actual holding in camps over the next two months is likely to amount to up to 6,000 men, you are directed to insure that the necessary reinforcements are held back over this period to form the battalion staff for the fourth battalion.

2. The full training staff of one officer and 9 corporals per company will be provided for each company in addition to the War Establishment holding.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

WB

Internal: File: SD/42/2
SD/42/3
SD/42/5

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Q(OS)
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SUBJECT:- Move of Italian Base
Reinforcement Depot

MMIA LO
27 MAR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.

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3 District
Baseball 14
137 0

16 Mar 45

Q 56 Area

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MMIA LO

Ref Minute No 7 of the meeting held at this HQ on 23 Mar, forwarded under ref 146/4 Q dated 24 Mar 45

1. The following points arise out of the proposed movement by train:-

- (a) The difficulty of maintaining any control over entrainment of any large body of Italian Troops, this HQ letter 405/4 Q of 24 Mar 45 added 227 It Div refers. (38)
- (b) A special train will move 800 - 1000 men which is in excess of the daily number agreed at the meeting.
- (c) MOVESIT state that the box wagon position is unsatisfactory at the moment.

2. In view of the above, the move will be carried out by BASG tpt provided from your Area pool.

HRL/mic

Ann. Blum
(R. D. LEECH) Lt Col
for Col
DA & QMG

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MMIA LO

24 MAR 1945 194

File 37

HQ 3 District

SECRET

145/40

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE ON ITALIAN BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT FIELD
IN 1007(2) OFFICE AT 0800 HRS 23 MAR 45

1. Present

ADMG (2) Chairman 3 Dist
CSO 1 " "
ADMG (1)
G1 Dpt
G2 DMT
G3 Br Cadre att Depot
LO MMIA NAPLES

2. The object of the conference was to discuss arrangements for the proposed move of the Depot from AFRAGOLA to RAVISCANINA, to formulate a plan and agree on action required.

3. Security. Agreed that proposal should not be revealed to Italians until planning had reached an advanced stage. Action All concerned

4. Layout of New Camp. Agreed that Br Cadre are responsible and would inform MMIA and 56 Area of requirements. Br Cadre to give a target date for occupation. Br Cadre 56 Area

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Clothing. Depot is in NAPLES. MMIA to arrange for clothing of all intake at RAVISCANINA. MMIA

6. WE. (a) Vets to be made up to establishment.
(b) Incr to WE (Italian)) required for Transit Camp, MMIA
(c) Incr to WE (Br Cadre)) and for 4th Trg Bn now
(d) Amendment to vets WE required, to provide for 56 Area MMIA
at both RAVISCANINA and

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5. Sups. MIA will arrange for establishment of sup F at VAIRANO and move of sups from nearest Italian RIB.

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6. VE. (a) Vchs to be made up to establishment.
(b) Incr to WE (Italian) required for Transit Camp, AFRICOLA - see para 8 below
(c) Incr to WE (Br Cadres) authorised.
(d) Amendment to vchs WE required, to provide for daily requirements at both RAVISCANINA and AFRICOLA.
Suggested increase 5 x 5 ton lorries.

7. Move. (a) MIA are responsible for moves of Briti units, and will issue orders to 227 Div.

(b) The op plan will be prepared by G HQ 3 Dist in consultation with all concerned, and passed to 227 Div for execution.

(c) G 3 Dist will ask for a Bn of Mantova Gp to be made available for one week's escort duty.

(d) WE will be used for the move if available. Q1 will exlore with Morwit the alternative of movement by train to VAIRANO, at the rate of 2 Coys (500) per day. Entrainment to be not before 1200 hrs daily.

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Br Cadres
58 Area

MIA

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Action

6. It will still be necessary to have a small Transit Camp at AFRAGOLA operated by det from Depo. (to incl Br Cadre reps). Agreed that this camp could only function for Britis if MIA can produce a fool proof system to enable genuine Idi-iti transients to be identified. All services at present in hand will proceed.

8. DMT will consider immediate provision of training iner to be attached to Br Cadre. DMT

10. A progress report is required from Br Cadre (through 56 Area), MIA and branches concerned in one week. A provisional target date for the move was agreed as 14 days from today i.e. 5 Apr 65.

Br Cadre
MIA
G
Q1

26/4/65

(E.A.H. GOODMAN) Lt Col
for Col
DA & QMG

14 Apr 65
FUC/MP

Distribution:-

56 Area
MIA NABERS
OC Br Cadre, It Base Rft Depot, AFRAGOLA
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SUBJECT:-- Vehs - 803 Ital Base Rft Depot

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56 Area

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MMIA LO
25 MAR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.

3 District
BASEBALL 16
656/15 Q
25 Mar 45

Reference attached copy letter received from OC Brit Cadre
803 Ital Base Rft Depot.

1. The following vehs have been released to this unit against
authorized Wt 68/731/1 :-

	Released	Entitlement
1/2 Solo	4	4
Car 4x2 Lt Utility	-	1
Car 4 str 4x2	-	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	5	5
Trailer 2 wh water 180 gal	1	1

2. Cars 4x2 Lt Utility and Cars 4 str 4x2 are not available for
issue from present stocks. Truck 15 cwt GS WD No. 2 4759759 will
therefore be taken on charge in lieu Car Lt Utility. It is believed
that unit holds one Car 5 cwt 4x2, if so, veh will be taken on charge
against deficiency of Car 4 str.

(B.K. MICHAELSON) 7588
for Col
DA & QMG

END/CHAP

COPY

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Subject - Transport

22 Mar 45

Ref. Q.

To

AQ 3 District

FORM 15 cert. No. 2 4759752

The above vehicle is held on loan from you to this Unit. Now that the W/E has come through allowing two 15cws to be held on the Camp strength, can the above vehicle please be vouchered over to us.

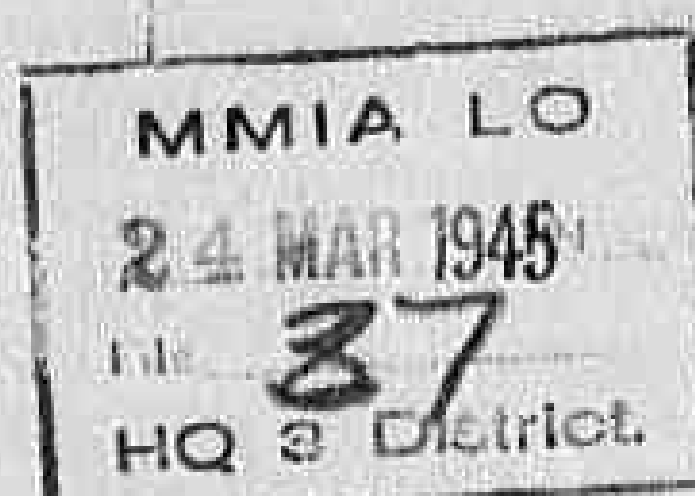
(Sgt) H.M. ADAMSON

Field.

Major, RA
O.C. (Br. Cadre) 803 Italian Base Reft. Depot

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Subject: TRANSFER OF VEH.



No. 116/15a.

22 MAR 45.

CC,
SO4 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot.
CMF.

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Ref this HQ letter 116/15 dated 16 MAR 45 - para 2.

1. The following vehicle transfer has been authorised by HQ 3 District :-

<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>	<u>Veh.</u>
65/34. LAA Regt R.A.	231 Pro Coy, CMF.	Car 50wt 4x4 Willys WD No. M 483,967.

2. Veh will be collected by 231 Pro Coy. CMF.
3. Authys 3 District letter 658/3 Q dated 21 MAR 45.

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Field.

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Geoffrey Haddley
COO 440010101,
Captain R.A.,
S/Capt 22 A.A. Bde.

Copy to:- MMIA, LO. - For information.

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SUBJECT: Movement of Italian Personnel

MMIA LO
24 MAR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District

3 District
BASTIA 15/Dial 10752
405/4 Q

227 Italian Div

MMIA
Q 56 Area (2)
Movements Western Italy
G
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MMIA LO
ILO

24 Mar 45

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9 Mar 45:-

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110 Lab rfts for ROME
1510 Total

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(b) (i) Rfts due to depart from CASORIA at 1100 hrs 13 Mar
45 :-

224	Sussunenza Rfts to ROME
302	Sardinia Lab Rfts to AREZZO
410	Italian Rfts to FROSINONE
<u>936</u>	Total

(ii) At the scheduled departure time only 180 personnel had arrived, and the party was not complete until 1130 hrs.

(iii) Water bottles had not been filled at the camp, with the result that the men rushed to the water points on arrival. To restore order it was necessary to post guards, assisted by two Brit OR, on the water points. The two Brit OR were eventually withdrawn at 1125 hrs. There was then a rush of troops from the train to the water points again, and in the

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resultant disorder one Italian Officer and one Brit Officer were assaulted.

3. It will be appreciated that this unsatisfactory state of affairs must cease immediately, and you are requested to take drastic action to ensure that :-

- (a) Administrative functions such as pay, issue of rations and water, are completed before personnel leave the camp.
- (b) Parties are organised at the camp in a satisfactory military manner, and that they arrive at the station in good time for embarkment.
- (c) Sufficient Officers and NCOs are detailed to maintain discipline.

4. Please confirm to this HQ that the necessary steps have been taken to effect the above.

JN/ser

Robert R. Leach
(R. R. Leach) Lt Col
for Col
Di & QMG



MEDY V LROF NR 5348 QVR3/4

FROM M.M.I.A. 221125A

TO 52 AREA FOR MMIA LO

225302

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54 AREA FOR M.M.I.A.LO - HQ 3 DIST - 3 DIST FOR MMIA LO -

MINISTRY OF WAR .

GR --- (BT)

SD 2504 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) MOVE ONE HUNDRED GARIBOLDI
PERSONNEL INCLUDING OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'S TO AFRAGOLA ON
FIRST AVAILABLE TRAIN (.) PERSONNEL TO BE OLDER MEN WHOSE HOMES
ARE IN ENEMY OCCUPIED ITALY (.)

(-BT-)

SENT NR 3348 DML (B)

RD NR 5348

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22 MAR 1945 194
File 3
HQ 3 District.

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225302

INMIA LO

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SUBJECT: WE Committee Meeting

MMIA LO

MMIA LO

22 MAR 1945

File

HQ 3 District.

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 5
302/G

21 Mar 45

The following extract of Minutes of AFHQ WE Committee Meeting No.173 dated 9 Feb 45 is forwarded for information:-

Addition to Minutes of Meeting No.142

1542

'X' ITALIAN RECEPTION CAMP

(CM/593/1)

This establishment is cancelled wef 20 Feb 45.

File: 742/Org-3

Watson
(J.P. WATSON) Maj.
for Lt Col.
GS.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

214517

To MMIA LO Naples
 MMIA LO Disthree
 MMIA LO Distone
 MMIA LO Rome

MMIA LO
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194
File 37
HQ 3 District

From 803 Italian Base Ref. Depot

Originators No.
6/13/JFDate
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Ref your SD/42 of 14 Feb (.)

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
A/1	28	Brindisi (Ancona)	1 District	1004 GI Coy	2-8 Apr
A/2	12	ditto	ditto	252 Pack Tpt Co	ditto
A/3	10	ditto	ditto	231 Incr 11 Fld Bakery	ditto
A/4	15	ditto	ditto	1/401 It Par Regt	ditto
A/5	5	ditto	ditto	2/401 It Par Regt	ditto
A/6	5	ditto	ditto	2/413 It Par Regt	ditto
A/7	33	Arezzo	ditto	1005 Tipper Coy	ditto
A/8	29	Brindisi (Iesi)	ditto	612 Incr 6 Vet Hos	ditto

This signal may be sent as
written by any meansOriginator's instructions
Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

Signed *J. C. Anderson Capt.*
for Major R.A.

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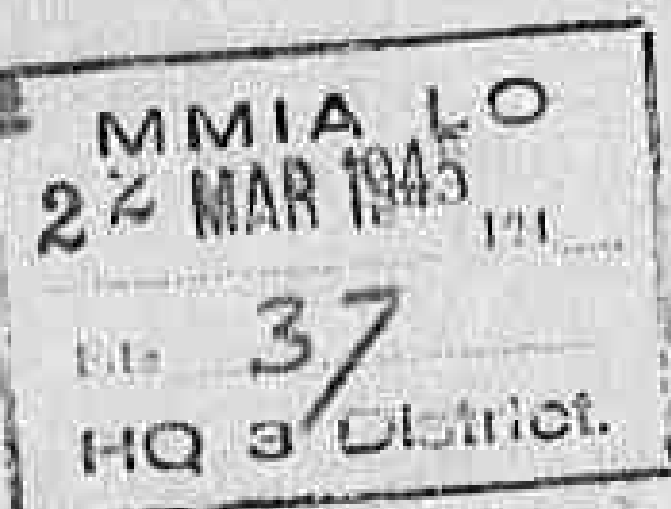
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MMIA 20 DIST

IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Vets



3 District
HARRIS 16
658/3 0

21 Mar 45

22 A/ Bde

Grd

Pro

MMIA LO

Further to this HQ 658/3 0 of 16 Mar 45.

1. The following vet transfer is authorized.

From

To

65/34 LAA Regt RA

231 Pro Coy QRP

Our 5 out 434 HQ No
14834967

2. Vet will be collected by 231 Pro Coy QRP from 804 Hrd/Iti Base
Rft Depot.

3. Please ensure publication of casualty in Part X Orders, one
copy of which will be forwarded to this H.

[Signature]
7-81
(L. E. KEMMELSON) Maj
for Col
DA & QRP

HQA/sdr

C O P Y

Subject:- Italian Base Rpts Camp Afragola

370 Works Section R.M.

Tel:- Dial 51035

Ref:- W/141

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18 0 2 (Works)

21 MAR 1945

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HQ 3 District

17 Mar 45

1. Your 18 CRE 206 dated 5 Mar to HQ 56 Area, copy to this Unit refers.
2. During the past week, an average of not more than 16 tradesmen has been available, and these are all of low grades.
3. Although lists of other men classed as tradesmen, both in the Camp itself and in 41 Ital Increment of 656 AW Coy RE (which increment is now in the camp for disbanding), have been supplied it has been found on questioning and trial, that these others are unskilled and completely lacking in experience of the building trade etc. e.g. a man who claims that his civilian occupation was that of a tailor, is recorded as a painter.
4. On account of the almost entire lack of discipline in the camp, it has proved impossible to procure working parties at the specified time, especially in the afternoons.
5. Many of the troops are Neapolitans and they leave camp after their meals about midday and return to their homes. Instances have occurred of working parties adopting similar tactics.
6. The effective working hours are thus reduced by more than 50%, and British Sappers, instead of being able to devote their energies to technical supervision, spend their time in endeavouring to find working parties.
7. Transport is also seriously delayed.
8. The organisation outlined in this Unit's letter W/122 dated 28 Feb 45, has not eventuated. An Italian Engineer Officer was appointed and did his utmost to assist, but is now absent on account of illness.
9. It is understood that the Italians are paid only 9 lire per day. Most of the men in the camp do no work and the working parties feel that, if they work they should receive extra pay.
10. As there is apparently no interest on the part of the Italians and no cooperation or desire for improvement, C.S.M. McNulty (recently sent to the Camp by you) finds that he can be of very little use in organising working parties.
11. The Italian officers themselves state that they can do nothing if the men do not want to work.
12. Considerable quantities of stores have been delivered to the site during the past week but the progress of the work extremely slow. It is anticipated that at least four months will be required for completion under present conditions, that equipment was made available.

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12. Considerable quantities of stores have been delivered to the site during the past week but the progress of the work extremely slow. It is anticipated that at least four months will be required for completion under present conditions, even assuming that plumbers are made available from other sources.
13. Will you kindly make available as soon as possible, Italian E & M personnel for reticulation of the camp water supply and, after completion of the huts, for internal plumbing in bathhouses.
14. In connection with the progress of the camp the present system having proved unsatisfactory, it is suggested that consideration be given to handing the work over to an Italian A.W. Coy. This Coy, if provided, must live away from the camp, to minimise the risk of contamination of its personnel by the prevailing indiscipline.

(Sd) W.G.R. CILFILLAN Capt R.E.
for Major R.E.
O.D. 370 Works Section R.E.

MMIA LO

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HQ 3 C/CH/CH/CH

Subj: AFRAGOLA BRITISH DEPOT

Q(Maint) AFHQ (2)

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MMIA (LO)

3 District
BASEBALL 11

145/49

11 Mar 45

Reference your 6228/4/Q(Maint) dated 10 Mar 45.

1. (a) Instructions had already been given on 23 Feb 45 for the necessary services at the Italian Base IFT Depot, AFRAGOLA to be carried out as a British RE Wks commitment. As far as possible personnel, materials and tools will be an Italian supply, but delays in provision will not be accepted and any shortages will be made up from British resources.

(b) The work put in hand is detailed in Appx "A". The target date for completion of this work is 12 Apr.

(c) In addition the factory building on this site, of which a small portion only was in occupation by the Italian Army, has now been requisitioned in toto and made available. This will provide offices, stores etc which would otherwise have had to be constructed.

(d) The position as regards tentage is slowly improving. Q(AE) have stated that Italian Army resources exist and must be fully used. This has not been contested by MMIA, and responsibility for adequate provision lies with them.

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3. In the meantime the whole question of the location of a Camp for the holding and basic training of BRITIS has been under consideration. It is a question of whether or not this should be in place.

DMT AFHQ
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MMIA (LO)

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3. In the meantime the whole question of the location of a Camp for the holding and basic training of SPITIS has been under consideration. It is a question of whether or not this should be in close proximity to NAPLES. AFRAGOLA was originally selected as a site because of the movement problem arising from the arrival of drafts from SICILY, SARDINIA and from various local call-up centres (NOLA, AVELLINO etc); and the subsequent despatch of equipped rifle and units.

This is the only cogent reason for the retention of AFRAGOLA Camp and the movement problem is not, on analysis, so serious as at first appears.

4. Over a period the movements of personnel in and out of AFRAGOLA Camp have been as follows:-

	In	Out
10/13 Feb	1105	264
17/25 "	1102	305
26 Feb/4 Mar	2092	1230
5/11 Mar	869	1424

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Drafts arrive (a) from SARDINIA by boat (b) from CALABRIA and SICILY by rail (c) from local call-up centres by MT supplied from Area resources. To deal with (a) it would be necessary to retain a transit camp in NAPLES, probably at AFRAGOLA, staffed by a det of the Base Rft Depot staff. This involves an increment to that staff, which will be the subject of a separate letter. Movement from AFRAGOLA to Rft Camp would be by rail.

Drafts arriving by rail can be routed through to final destination.

The local call-up would have to be taken to final destination by MT, if the conditions now prevailing at AFRAGOLA are not to be perpetuated.

Drafts departing would all move as at present, by rail.

5. The conditions at AFRAGOLA Camp have been the subject of this HQ letter 146/40 dated 15 Mar 45 addressed to G-1 (Brit). They present a very serious problem. Indiscipline prevails and no training is going on.

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Lesser movement problem.

No separate transit camp required.

Local amenities available for troops.

It DID arrangements exist.

OUTSIDE NAPLES

Solves problem of Neapolitan call-up.

Far more suitable for training and discipline.

The advantages of a Camp removed from NAPLES are considered far to outweigh the smaller adm problems which would arise.

7. Two possible locations have been considered: the advantages and disadvantages are summarised as follows:-

AVELLINO

For: Good Barrack accom. 5000/6000.

Local amenities available.

Fair training facilities.

RAVISCANINA

(SA Res. 2p Camp)

Good camp site for 6000, now empty.

Good training space.

by MI, if the conditions now prevailing at APRAGOLA are not to be perpetuated.

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The advantages of a Camp removed from NAPLES are considered far to outweigh the smaller admin problems which would arise.

7. Two possible locations have been considered: the advantages and disadvantages are summarised as follows:-

AVELLINO

For: Good Barrack Accn. 5000/6000.
Local amenities available.
Fair training facilities.

RAVISCANINA (34 Res (p) Camp)

Good camp site for 6000, now empty.
Good training space.
No considerable rail Mov problem.

Against: Barracks not immediately available.
Difficult for rail movement.
No it DID.
Accn may be required by WD post-war.

8/10 miles from RH (VAIRANO).
No local amenities (welfare problem).
No it DID.
Tentage required.

8. Summing up the considerations in para 7:-

(a) Rail movement to VAIRANO is easier than to AVELLINO and the numbers are not excessive. Movement from RH to Camp by MI is a minor problem but there are five 3-tonners on RH which will be a considerable help.

(b) The accn at AVELLINO is not immediately available, and may be required by G-1 (Brit) for post-war commitments.

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(c) Training and the process of breaking in a recruit to Military life will be easier in an isolated camp than in a town.

(d) Some amenities are essential but at present non-existent at RAVISCANINA.

9. On balance RAVISCANINA would appear to be the better proposition. It would be necessary

(i) To find means of providing a cinema and canteen in the camp.

(ii) To assist its Welfare in other (minor) ways - provision of games etc.

(iii) To make up, from Brit resources if necessary, a reasonable scale of tentage and stores.

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Approval of this plan is requested.

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BARO/EMF

J. L. L. L.
Maj Geny
Comd
(I. LAURIE)

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APPENDIX "A" to 3 District letter 146/43
dated, 7 Mar 45

(a) The existing cookhouse to be rehabilitated, extended and altered as necessary, to cook adequately for 6000 personnel, and to include:-

- (i) Wood fired batteries of built in cooking pots (in lieu of Sayer pots) and sawn off drums. The present smoke nuisance to be overcome by taking smoke pipes above roof as required.
- (ii) Food Store.
- (iii) Preparation Rooms.
- (iv) Vegetable Store.
- (v) Washing up facilities.

3 Dist, MMIA LO and OC BLU are definitely not in favour of providing separate Coy cookhouses in different sections of the Camp.

(b) Latrines to be concrete squatters to scale of 3%. Screening to be 3' 6" high tufa walls.

(c) Ablutions to be to scale of 1 x 9' bench to each 50 personnel, of raised precast concrete slab bases. Not to be provided with screens or roof.

(d) Showers to be provided to scale of 2% in Flambo hutting. A disinfector to be provided in one shower block.

(e) 6 Bay Flambo Hutting to be provided for 1st Command Post.

(f) Road through Camp to be increased up to 20' wide and made up with quarry waste and to have a surface coat of bitumen and chippings as second priority.

(g) All hygienic and drainage measures to be agreed by Hygiene Officer BLU.

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14MIA LO
18 MAR 1945
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District

RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Reinforcement Procedure -
BR-ITI Service Units

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(L.M.I.A.)

SD/42

15 March 45

TO : Ministry of War

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HQ 15 Army Group (3)
HQ Fifth Army for Br Iner (5)
for MIA LO (2)
Rear HQ Eighth Army (5)

INTERNAL:

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 802 Italian Rft (2)
 Depot for OC Br Cadre (2)
 ORVETO (2)

3 District (3)
 for MIA LO (2)
 803 Italian Rft Depot for (2)
 OC Br Cadre AFRAGOLA (2)
 804 Italian Rft Depot for (2)
 OC Br Cadre THANI (2)

2 District (5)
 HQ R.A.A.C. (5)
 Allied Commission for G-1(Br) (5)
 MIA LO NAPLES (2)
 MIA LO 54 Area (2)
 MIA LO 52 Area (1)

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INTERNAL:

A (4)
 Q (2)
 Mov (2)
 File (4)
 War Diary (2)

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Blk
 Major General
 M.A.I.A.

Subject: TRANSFER OF VEHs.

O.C.,
Bri/Iti Italian Base
Reinforcement Depot.
(Via MMIA L.O.)

MMIA LO
17 MAR 1945 194
File 37
HQ 3 District.

No. 116/15.
16 MAR 45.

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NT

Ref this HQ 116/15 dated 11 MAR 45.

1. Pending the publication of WE for Bri/Iti Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, the following veh transfers are authorized.

From.	To.	Veh.
65/34 LAA Regt	Bri/Iti Italian Base Reinforcement Depot.	M/C Solo 350cc WD No. G 4996471.
"	"	Truck 8 cwt 4x2 G 3 Ford WD No. 24660369.

2. Disposal instructions will be given in due course for Car 5 cwt 4x4 WD No. M 4834967.

3. Car Utility 4x2 will be demanded by you through ORD in normal manner.

4. Please ensure that all transfers of vehs are published in Part "X" Orders.

5. Authy: 3 District letter 658/31 dated 16 MAR 45.

Field.

PROFS.

G. Waddingham
G. WADDINGHAM,
Captain. R.A.,
S/Capt 22 A.A. Bde.

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Copy to:- MMIA, LO. - For information.

MMIA LO
18 MAR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District.

8 SUBJECT:- Transfer of Value

3 District
Number 2 16
6003
17 Mar 45

22 AA Info

Ord
MMIA LO

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Ref this HQ letter 658/3 of 16 Mar 45.

1. The Ref/HQ Italian Base Reinforcement Report referred to therein is OK. MMIA.
2. Please send accordingly.

MS/mio

[Signature]
(H.P. GUNNING) 24
FOR COL
DA & GEF

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SUBJECT - 803 Ital Base Hft Depot APRACOLA

CONFIDENTIAL

MMIA LO
17 MAR 1945
File
HQ 3 District.

3 District
Kasobelli 10
760/8
16
Mar 45

MMIA

AFHQ 6-1 (NR)

NYT

8d Area

CC Mr Cadre 803 Ital HSD

MMIA LO 8 Dist

Ref your 10/44/5 dated 14 Mar 45.

1. As regards the failure on the part of APRACOLA Base Depot to despatch more than 800 tps on 3 Mar, report submitted by the CC Mr Cadre (8/3/45 dated 10 Mar 45) affords an explanation of the matter. Following our discussion on the Camp this morning, and in view of the contents of my letter 148/45 dated 15 Mar 45, addressed to AFHQ 6-1 (NR), copy to you, you will appreciate that the remarks made by Maj Adkinson in his above-mentioned report regarding the organization and state of discipline in the Camp are, if anything, an understatement of fact.

I am greatly concerned at the state of affairs existing at the Camp and, as you will note from my above quoted letter, have recommended certain measures with a view to improving conditions there.

In addition, I am investigating the possibility of transferring the Depot to a site situated further from APRACOLA at which I consider control of the Camp generally and the enforcement of discipline would be facilitated. From a preliminary examination of the question the principal difficulty to be overcome appears to be that of movements.

2. Ref my letter 148/45/2/111 of 7 Mar 45 -

para 1(a) - Steps are being taken to enlarge the capacity of the Camp to accommodate 6000 reinforcements. In view, however, of the existing state of affairs at the Camp, and of the possibility of it being moved elsewhere, as mentioned above, I would most strongly urge that the numbers at the Depot be maintained at the lowest possible limit for the time being, even at the expense of a shortage of reinforcements.

para 1(b) - This question was raised by me with Gen Kosi who, however, assures me that with his existing resources it is virtually impossible for him to produce more and better Officers and NCOs. Any shortage which

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Ref your 15/42/5 dated 14 Mar 45.

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3. As regards the question of reinforcing the Brit Trg Depot at AYASULA. I am of opinion that, until the Depot is sufficiently well organized and disciplined to permit of trg being carried out, the provision of additional Brit personnel would merely serve to encourage the Ital Staff further to shirk their responsibilities. At present, therefore, I do not favour such a step, though at a later stage I think it will be desirable and justifiable.

HC/MOC

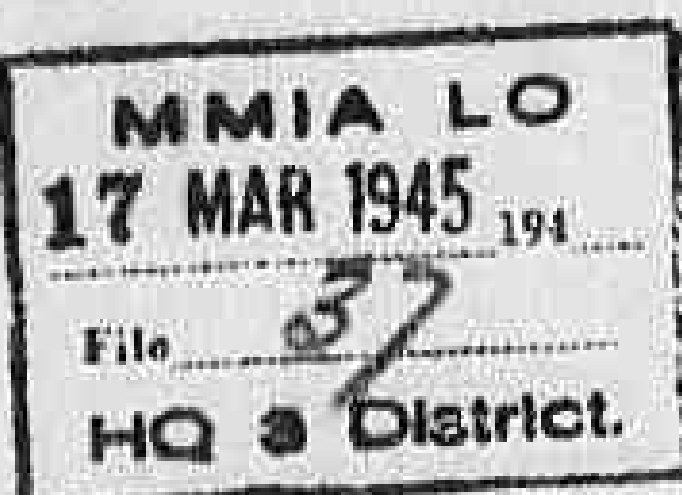
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MEMORANDUM:- Transfer of Vols

22 AA Bde

Ord
MMIA LO



3 District
BAGDAD, 16
658/3.2

16 Mar 45

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NT

Ref your 116/15 of 2 Mar 45.

1. Pending the publication of e/s for Bri/iti Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, the following veh transfers are authorized.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
65/34 LAA Regt	90th Bri/iti Italian Base Reinforcement Depot	M/C Solo 350 ccm 64996471
"	"	Truck 8 cwt 4x206 Ford 20 24660369

(804)
(TRP/1)

2. Disposal instructions will be given by this HQ in due course for Car 5 cwt 4x4 WD No 14834967.

3. Car Utility 4x2 will be demanded by unit through Ord in normal manner.

[Signature]

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(B.K. MUDARAKH) Maj
for Col
DA & QM

KPS/edr

MMIA LO
17 MAR 1945

File 37
HQ 3 District

SUBJECT: Plan of Base Reinforcement Depots (BR-IT)

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

SD/42/1
15 Mar 45.

TO : MIN OF WAR

802 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot ORVINO
803 " " " AFRAGOLA
804 " " " MYANI

Formation of the above Units is confirmed as

follows:

W.E. CM/730/1

TOTAL 21 OFFRS 514 ORS.

Supervising
Authr

802 - HQ No 1 District - 309 Adm Div HQ
803 - 3 District (56 Area) - 227 Adm Div HQ
804 - 3 District (54 Area) - 230 " "

Location

As Above.

W.e.f.

2 Feb 1945

Personnel

To complete, we will be posted by you. Please report situation soonest.

Clothing

Demands for replacement of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale to be submitted on OC Br Cadre of the Reinforcement Depot.

Equipment

OC Br Cadre attached to each reinforcement depot will obtain through the supervising authority:

(a) unit equipment (in accordance with

Basic equipment Dist 5506/7)

(b) any other special or technical equip-

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802 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot ORVINO
 803 " " " APRAGOLA
 804 " " " TRANI

Formation of the above Units is confirmed as follows:

M.L. CM/730/1

TOTAL 91 Officers 514 ORs.

Supervision
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802 - HQ No 1 District - 209 Adm Div HQ
 803 - 3 District (56 Area) - 227 Adm Div HQ
 804 - 3 District (54 Area) - 230 " " "

Location

As Above.

W.e.f.

9 Feb 1945

Personnel

To complete WE will be posted by you. Please report situation soonest.

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OC Dr Cadre attached to each reinforcement depot will obtain through the supervising authority:

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Basic equipment List 6536/7)

(b) any other special or technical equipment of Ord supply required additional

to AP G1098 scale in accordance with Spec-

ial Equipment List to be issued by Q(AE) AP

APHQ

(c) transport to complete to WE.

Trk

Truck transport will be demanded on Q(AE) APHQ by the supervising authority.

Postal

Postal address will be:

802 BRD PM 105

803 BRD HI 3400

804 BRD TRANI by civil Postal service.

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Sheet 2.

Br Cadre

There is a Br Cadre att to each BRD.
It is organised on H.E. C/731/1

tvs.

COPIES TO:

MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 54 AREA
MMIA LO PINEBUSH

SIGNALS OFFICE DARTMOUTH FOR O'DONNELL
OO BR CADRE 802, 803, 804 BRD's.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

INT :

A SD/42/2
Q.2. SD/42/3
Q(AE) SD/42/5
Q(CC) SD/4/3

Subject :- Movement of Italian Personnel.

To :- HQ 3 District.

Copy to :-
 Mov LO HQ MIA.
 MIA LO HQ 3 District.
 MIA LO Naples.
 RTO Casoria.
 Delegazione Trasporti Militari, Naples.

MIA LO
 16 MAR 1945
 HQ 3 District.

HQ Movements,
 West Italy,
 C.M.F.

Q(M)R/22.
 15 Mar 45.

1. Reference MIA LO Naples letter SD/2 dated 13 Mar 45; please confirm para 9 of this HQ letter Q(M)R/22 dated 12 Mar 45.

2. A further instance has been reported where :-

- (a) there has been a complete lack of entrainment discipline and organisation in connection with the movement by rail from Casoria of Italian Military Personnel,
- (b) the personnel have not been available at Casoria Station by the scheduled time of departure, and
- (c) personnel did not fill their water bottles at the Camp with the result that confusion arose at the station.

3. Reference is made to this HQ Signal Mov/R/208 as amended by Mov/R/409 both dated 12 Mar 45, wherein arrangements were made for movement by rail from Casoria of the following personnel scheduled to depart at 1100 hours on 13 Mar 45:-

(a) Sussistenza Rfts	224	All Ranks to Rome.
(b) Sardinia Med Rfte	302	" " " Arezzo.
(c) Italian Rfts	410	" " " Grosinone.
Total:		<u>936</u>

4. At the time when the train was scheduled to depart from Casoria, viz: 1100 hours on 13 Mar 45, only 180 All Ranks had arrived at the station and it was not until 1130 hours that all personnel were available.

5. Upon arriving at the station the troops immediately crowded round the water points for the purpose of filling their water bottles, and it became necessary for the RTO to approach the Draft to restore order and expedite entrainment.

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Delegazione Trasporti Militari, Naples.

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6. At 1125 hours the situation became more normal and the two British ORs were withdrawn. This was followed by a sudden rush from the train of Italian troops, and one of the Italian Officers who endeavoured to prevent the men from reaching the water points was manhandled and sustained a severe cut over the right eye. It was later reported that Lieut Roberts (MIA) who also assisted with the entrainment had been subjected to a Knife thrust, fortunately without serious results.

cont'd/para 7.

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It will be appreciated that unless drastic steps are taken to enforce discipline when Italian Military personnel entrain at Casoria serious consequences may well arise, and it is considered that immediate action is necessary to ensure that :-

- (a) the administrative functions associated with personnel movement by rail, e.g. filling water bottles, drawing rations, etc. are performed at the Camp before personnel report to the station for entrainment,
- (b) the personnel are made to march to the station in a soldierly manner and in sufficient time to enable entrainment to be completed in time for train schedules to be maintained, and
- (c) a reasonable standard of discipline is shown at entrainments.

8.

In order to obtain the desired results for (b) and (c) above it is recommended that adequate armed British escorts are provided.

9.

Please advise what measures you are able to introduce in order to avoid a recurrence.

LTC/NCB.

(G.W.BROWN)
Lt Col.
for COL Q(M).

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SUBJECT: 803 Italian Base Rft Depot AFRAGOLA.

MMIA LO
16 MAR 1945 194
File 37
HQ District

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/42/5
14 Mar 45

TO : 3 DISTRICT

copy to: MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
PENSOUTH for MMIA LO
OC Br Cadre 803 Italian BRD AFRAGOLA
ADHQ for CI (Br) & D.M.T.

1. I view with alarm the movement of only 800 tps from AFRAGOLA Base Depot on 9 Mar when movement for 1500 had been arranged and the camp strength stood at 3002 all ranks.
2. The part played by MMIA is set out at Appx "A" from which you will see that my staff did everything possible from ROME to ensure that the correct draft was forwarded. The matter is also being taken up with Italian War Ministry.
3. I forward this information to you for further action as you will probably want to enquire into the adm of this Depot which is under your comd through H.Q. 227 Adm Div.
4. Att at Appx "B" is copy of British Cadre Comd's letter 6/3/JT dated 10 Mar. Will you please accept action The addition of an escort company to the BRD WE has been proposed.
5. Att at Appx "C" is copy of DMT letter DMT/39/2/MTI dated 7 Mar.

A. Will you please take action on:

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PERSONNEL FOR MMIA LO
OC Br Cadre 803 Italian BRD AFRAGOLA
ATHQ 20r GI (Br) & D.M.I.

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A. Will you please take action on:

para 1 (a) - see ATHQ letters, AG 370.092/
001 COT-O of 8 Mar and 6228/4/Q
(Maint) of 10 Mar.

para 1 (b) - see ATHQ letter, OR/1116/G.1
(Br) (Ser 1650) of 22 Feb.

Sifting of staff should be carried out by 227 Adm Div HQ

B. For action on para 1 (c) see MMIA letter SD/42 of 14 Feb. It will be appreciated that the procedure initiated by this letter comes into effect during the current week (12 - 16 Mar) for planning against the week 26 Mar - 1 Apr.

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5. B. (Contd)

The procedure in force until the current week for the reinforcement of BR-ITI service units is contained in AHHQ letter, AG 091.711 /169 GCT-0 dated 16 Nov 1944 para 18.

C. This HQ will inform DMT of agreement to att of additional Br NCO Instructors.

d. Braving

Major General
M.M.I.A.

tvS.

INTERNAL:

M.A. to G.O.C.
DA & QMG
Col FIDSLLEY
G.2.L(2)
Q 2
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Appx "A" to MMIA letter
SD/42/5 of Mar 45

803 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot - AFRAGOLA

<u>Para</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.	22 Feb	AFHQ were asked to move the following from AFRAGOLA Camp during week 5 - 11 Mar:- Serial 6 (.) 1000 lab to AREZZO " 7 (.) 500 screenees to AREZZO Both for 5 Army Br Iner Movement of ser. 6 asked for early in week. Movement of ser. 7 asked for late in week. Serial 8 (.) 110 lab to ROME for smoke.	SD 2331 of 22 Feb 45
2.	1 Mar	AFHQ were asked to move the following from AFRAGOLA during the week 12 - 18 Mar:- Serial 34 (.) 400 guard bn rfts to SIENA	SD 2370 of 1 Mar 45
3.	5 Mar	Owing to operational moves AFHQ ordered the move of 400 gd bn rfts to take place during the week 5 - 11 Mar and did not order the move of 500 screenees vide para 1 serial 7 above.	P O M
4.	7 Mar	AFHQ ordered the following to move from AFRAGOLA at 1400 hrs 9 Mar:- 1000 lab rfts to AREZZO	FX 39575 of 072051A

Serial 6 (.) 1000 lab to AREZZO SD 2331 of
" 7 (.) 500 screenings to 22 Feb 45
AREZZO

Both for 5 Army Dr Inor

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in week.

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12 - 18 Mar:- 1 Mar 45

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SIENA

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screenings vide para 1 serial 7 above.

4. 7 Mar AFHQ ordered the following to move
from APRAGOLA at 1400 hrs 9 Mar:-
1000 lab rfts to AREZZO
400 gd bn rfts to AREZZO
100 lab rfts to ROME
FX 39576 of
072051A
7.07

5. 7 Mar Local Mov warned MMIA LO who warn-
-ed APRAGOLA Camp by phone 'Phone

6. 8 Mar (a) 3 Dist MMIA LO requested HQ
MMIA to stagger trains in order to
facilitate departure of drafts con-
-plete. He was instructed to give
3 Dist and APRAGOLA every help and
to impress 227 Div HQ with their
responsibilities 'Phone
1445 hrs

(b) HQ MMIA requested CI (Dr) AFHQ 'Phone
to arrange trains to be staggered 1500 hrs

contd/2:.....

Sheet 2.

<u>Para</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>References</u>
6(Contd)		(c) HQ MMIA told War Ministry to take steps to assist 227 Adm Div to despatch the draft.	'Phone 1600 hrs.
		(d) MMIA LO NAPLES was instructed to keep in touch with Movements	'Phone 1630 hrs
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		(b) Drafts actually departed - vide Appx "B" to this letter 110 to ROME. 400 for Gd Bns 290 for 5 Army Br Increment labour	
		(c) 5 Army Br Incr warned by HQ MMIA of deficiency in draft of 700 labour.	'phone
8.		804 BHD IRANI have been ordered to make up part of this 700 deficiency by the despatch to AREZZO on 13 Mar of 300 l-b rfts for 5 Army Br Incr.	

24A
 Appx "B" to MMIA
 letter SD/42/5 dated
Mar 45

SUBJECT: Movement 9 Mar

Ref: 6/3/JF

To : MMIA ROME

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Field.

S/A (H.M. ADAMSON)

Major RA

OC (Br Cadre)

ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT & TRAINING
DEPOT, AFRAGOLA

WVS.

SUBJECT: APRAGOLA Base Rft Depot

guy B

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel : 11667

DMT/39/2/MTI

7 Mar 45.

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (WHLA)

copy to:

G-3 Org (F), AFHQ

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The CO of the British Increment states that great difficulty is experienced due to the varying periods rfts spend in the Depot; some rfts are posted away the day after they arrive while others have languished there for months. In some cases this is inevitable but on the present scale any organized try becomes chaotic.

It is requested that a minimum and maximum time for the stay of a rft in the Depot should be laid down e.g. 1 week and 4 weeks.

contd/2.....

Sheet 2

(c) (Contd)

It is realised that it will not always be possible to adhere to these timings completely, but it will help the trg very considerably.

(a) British Trg Cadres

The CO of the British Increment states that under present conditions the only hope of getting any basic trg started is by British help. He suggested a temporary attachment of some 9 British NCOs - 1 per 2 coys.

This Directorate does not agree with this in principle but under present conditions it is thought probably necessary for AFRIGOLD and TRAMI. It is not considered necessary at ORVINO.

Your views are requested. If you agree this Directorate will endeavour to get such attachments authorised and select the NCOs.

2. It is realized that the last point only of the above is directly a trg matter. The other points are made however because they do very definitely effect training.

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Bris.,
D.M.T.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 370.092/001 GGT-0

SUBJECT: Capacity of Italian (BR-III) Rft Depots
and Training Center

TO : All Concerned

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s/d R.H. PRISE

Captain, AGD

Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser 1560)
22 Feb 45

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS

1. (a) The Units detailed in Appendix "A" to this letter will be formed as shown.
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Personnel will be provided through normal BR-IMI reinforcement channels.

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- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.P.L. 1392) to ADPES, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the "Poste Militaire" number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory Authorities will report to G.1(E) A.I. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

s/a ?
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.
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+++ ASD/922.8(b) of 14 Feb refores

COPYAPPENDIX "A" to GR/1116/Q-1 (BR) (Ser 1660) of 22 Feb 45

Unit	W.E.	Serial No Allotted	Supervisory Authority	Location for Formation	Effective Date
(1)	(11)	(111)	(1v)	(v)	(vi)
281 Italian Iner to Pack Tpt Trg Centre	CM/627/1	93858	HQ No 1 District	FOSSOMBRONE	29 Jan 45
802 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93859	HQ No 1 District	ORVIETO	9 Feb 45
803 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93860	HQ No 3 District	AFRAGOLA	9 Feb 45
804 Italian Base Rft Depot	CM/730/1	93861	HQ No 3 District	TRANI	9 Feb 45
390 Italian Iner to HQ 557 BOD, RAOC	CM/702/1	93862	HQ No 3 District	PONTE CAGNANO	21 Feb 45
391 Italian Iner to 557 Gen Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/703/	93863	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
392 Italian Iner to 557 Tech Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/704/1	93864	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
393 Italian Iner to 557 Returned Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/705/1	93865	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-
394 Italian Iner to 557 MT Stores Coy, RAOC	CM/706/1	93866	HQ No 3 District	-do-	-do-

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EXTRACT FROM AG 091.711/169 GGT-O
dated 16 November 1944

18. REINFORCEMENTS AND REPLACEMENTS: The system and organization for the provision of replacement personnel will be as follows:

a. Recruits will be called up by the Ministry of War at the direction of MML.

b. Recruits will report to "Call-up Centers", the staffs of which will be ITI-ITI personnel.

c. Separate base replacement depots will be set up for US-ITI's, BR-ITI's and ITI-ITI's respectively. MML will be responsible for arranging delivery of recruits and personnel available from other sources to the depots and for their maintenance prior to arrival. Thereafter, the nationality concerned will be responsible for the maintenance and training of replacement personnel and distribution to units.

d. The responsibility for establishment, and maintenance of staffs of base replacement depots is as follows:

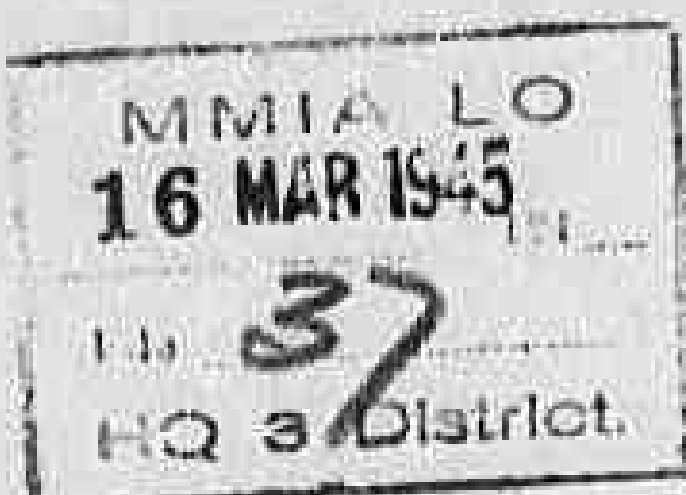
(1)	For US-ITI	-	CG MTCUSA
(2)	For BR-ITI	-	AFHQ (British Element)
(3)	For ITI-ITI	-	The Italian War Ministry

e. The replacements held on the rolls of replacement depots will not exceed the authorized number in each instance.

f. On the first of each month MML will forecast to this headquarters the output of types of personnel from Call-up Centers and other sources of personnel during the succeeding month and furnish any other information required to enable this headquarters to apportion the required quota between the US-ITI, BR-ITI and ITI-ITI, Replacement Depots. The distribution in specific Replacement Depots of the nationality concerned will be in accordance with the requirements of CG MTCUSA for US-ITI's, this headquarters for BR-ITI's, War Ministry for ITI-ITI's.

g. MML will authorize call-up of personnel on the basis of demands at f. above.

Subject: 231 Italian Evacuation Hospital



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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
H/17/1072
13 March 45

DIMS
HQ 3 District

1. 231 Italian Evacuation Hospital (HR-ITI) at Afragola will shortly be expanded to 200 beds in order to provide accommodation for troops at the 803 Italian Reinforcement Camp.
2. Equipment for the expansion of 150 beds will, as far as possible, be provided from Italian sources at present being shipped from Sardinia to the mainland. Tentage is however not available from Italian sources.
3. It is suggested that it may be possible to move 231 Evacuation Hospital into a building adjacent to the camp rather than expand it as a tented hospital. It is not known if suitable accommodation is available.

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A. C. Haggie

Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/RKG

Copy to: G.O. British Cadre, 803 Italian Reinforcement Camp.
MMIA L.O. Naples
MMIA L.O. 3 District - please contact DIMS and inform
this office of his decision.

SUBJECT: Movement of Italian Personnel

MMIA LO
25 SEP 1944
File <u>37</u>
HQ 3 District

14 FEB 1945

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
SD/2

13 March 1945

Hq. Movements, West Italy

Copy to: Hq. 3 District.
MMIA LO, 3 District ✓

Reference your Q(M)R/22 of 12 March.

1. Afragola Base Reinforcement Depot (BR-ITI) is under command 3 District. This office is in liaison with the Depot on questions of movement and disposal of personnel, but has no administrative authority.

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

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Subject: MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN PERSONNEL.

To: S.M.I.A. L.O. Copy to: G4(Mov & Trn) AFHQ
Naples.

MMIA LO

12 MAR 1945

File 37

HQ 3 District

HQ MOVEMENTS.
WEST ITALY.
C.M.P.

Q(M)E/22.
12 MAR 45.

MMIA LO HQ 3 District
HQ 3 District
RFO Casoria. Del Frase Mil: Naples

1. Reference your letter SN/2 dated 1 Feb 45 which outlined the procedure to be adopted for entraining Italian Military personnel at Casoria with a view to avoiding instances arising where numbers actually entrained are considerably less than those for which transportation facilities are ordered and provided.

2. Reference is made to this HQ signal MOV/H/596 of 8 Mar 45 which covered movement of the following personnel due depart Casoria 1400 hrs 9 Mar 45.

1000 Labour Rfts for Arezzo
400 Itl - Itl Rfts for Arezzo
110 Labour Rfts for Rome

60 box cars were allocated for these moves.

3. Upon receipt of the a/m signal RFO Casoria was informed by the British O.C. Camp that the numbers as shown would be available for movement, but when the troops arrived at Casoria Station the British Entraining Officer informed the RFO that he would only be able to entrain 896 all ranks and for this number the RFO reduced the allocation to 50 box cars.

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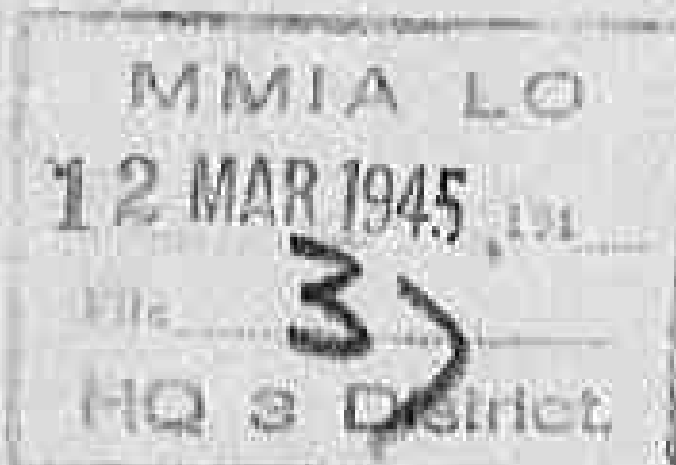
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7. The Italian Officers and NCOs made no attempt whatever to maintain any standard of discipline and the RFO and Staff experienced considerable difficulty in entraining personnel.
8. May the arrangements for entraining Italian Military personnel at Casoria Station receive your early attention please, and immediate action be taken to ensure:
 - (a) Railway rolling stock is not in future ordered to entrain personnel who are not available for movement (in this connection it is pointed out that considerable difficulty is being experienced in meeting rolling stock demands for urgent Allied Military traffic and in the instance quoted above the 50 wasted box cars could have been used with advantage for loading traffic at Naples Port).
 - (b) All administrative duties, e.g. pay, issue of rations and water etc, are carried out at the Camp before personnel are sent to the Station for entrainment, and
 - (c) Personnel entrain in an orderly and disciplined manner.
9. Your assurance that suitable arrangements have been made for future moves will be appreciated.

LPC/MH

Shout the whole 158me
Alwyn Davies
COL. (G. WYNDHAM) COL. (G. WYNDHAM)
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Subject: Authorization Notice--Tentage



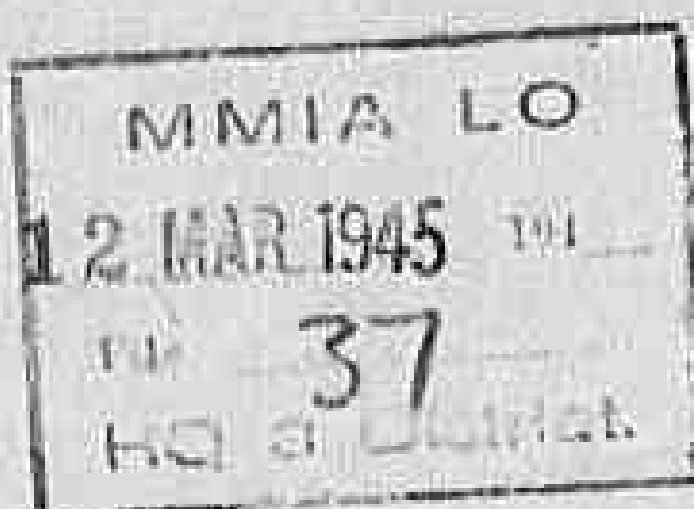
LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
AQ/4/SR/1

10 March 1945

MMIA Liaison Officer
III District

1. Forwarded herewith copy of authorization notice for tentage allotted to BR-ITI's.
2. Early collection is requested.

Done 12/3
George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer 7058



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SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

OC CADRE 802 ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVLETO

OC CADRE 803 ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA

OC CADRE 804 ITALIAN RFT DEPOT TRANI

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SE 2438 ~~NOT~~ RESTRICTED

YOUR 310/2A OF 25 FEB (X) ENSURE THAT ADM DIVS INCLUDE

NUMBERS OF MEN DUE FOR DEMOBILISATION AS SEPARATE ITEM

ON FORTNIGHTLY DEFICIENCY ~~REPLY~~ RETURN ORDERED IN MMIA 31/42

OF 14 FEB 45 (X) THIS CONFIRMS VERBAL AGREEMENT AT

MEETING OF CHIEFS OF STAFFS BR-ITI ADM DIVE 3 MAR

BT 111100A

DI

MMIA LO
11 MAR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District

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Subject:- Italian Base Rfts Depot, AFRAGOLA

Q 55 Area

MMIA LO

3 District
BASEBALL 12
146Q
11. Mar 45

Ref your letter Q 508 dated 9 Mar 45.

1. Authority is given for the erection of standard hutting at Italian Base Rft Depot, AFRAGOLA as under:-

Showers 40 bays
It Command Post 6 bays

2. Other work recommended in your letter or necessary for the improvement of the camp should be put in hand at once under supervision and control of 370 Rte Sec EE.

F.C. Christie

(F.C. CHRISTIE) Maj
for Col
DA & QMG

FCC/EMP

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URGENTE.

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Subject:- Engineer Wks - AFRAGOLA camp.

3DLO/37
11 Mar45.

Comando Genio Militare,
Comando Territoriale, Napoli.

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Ref your C.G/1757/L dated 9 Mar 45.

It is confirmed that w.e.f. 2359 hrs 11 Mar 45 the responsibility for the execution of engineer wk and the supply of stores at AFRAGOLA camp passes from you to 18 CRE.

It is further confirmed that Lieut DI RENZO will retain comd of the composite engineer unit now being reorganised for the purpose of carrying out the work. Lieut DI RENZO will be directly responsible to 370 Wks Sec RE.

Provision of the necessary tradesmen is being expedited by this office and it is expected that the unit will very shortly be firmly established.

Your co-operation in the initiation of these wks is greatly appreciated.

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Major,
MMIA LO,
3 District.

MMIA LO
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File 37
MILITARY TERROR

11-10
3/16
MAR 1945

P.M. 3400.11

Eng. Works

= NAPOLI =
(Rione Sirignano)

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- S'informa con l'occasione che la questione dell'indennità di £.20 da corrispondere ai militari del reparto, è di competenza della 227^a Divisione, da cui dipendono unità che già fruiscono di detto trattamento.-

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Risulta che il Comando Militare Terr/le ha già interessato in merito il Comando della 227^a Divisione.-

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GENERALE DI BRIG. COMANDANTE
(Gino Granata)

G. Granata

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MMIA LO
10 MAR 1945
HQ 3 District

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SUBJECT: ANCONA Ferry

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/61
March 45

TO 803 ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA
804 ITALIAN RFT DEPOT TRANI

Copy to: HQ 3 DIST
MMIA LO 3 DIST
MMIA LO NJLES
MMIA LO 52 AREA
MMIA LO 54 AREA
Capt. O'DONNELL SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA

1. AFHQ state that cases have occurred in which the numbers of personnel despatched from Rft Depots for the BRINDISI-ANCONA Ferry have been much less than those for whom movement was requested.

2. Since space on the Ferry is limited and in great demand, it is essential that all drafts move complete. If, for any reason, it is found that it will not be possible for a draft to be brought up to full strength, this HQ and the local Movements HQ will be notified immediately.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE
S.M. - Sez. I

MMIA LO
5 MAR 1945
File 37
HQ 3 District

N° 02/978/ord. di prot.

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OGGETTO : Carburante per il Campo Affluenza di Afragola.

➡ ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A. 3° DISTRETTO = NAPOLI
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'UFFICIO ITAL. COLLEGAMENTO 3° DISTRETTO = NAPOLI
AL COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA di AFRAGOLA
AL MAGG. ADAMSON presso CAMPO AFFLUENZA di AFRAGOLA

Il Comando Campo Affluenza di Afragola segnala che non può provvedere al rifornimento carburante per i mezzi italiani in carico, perchè gli enti alleati locali lo forniscono soltanto per i mezzi alleati in uso.-

Poichè anche i mezzi italiani sono oltremodo necessari all'attività del campo e, in base alle vigenti disposizioni della M.M.I.A. diramate dal Comando 3° Distretto con foglio 1532/ST/2 del 9/11/1944, il carburante loro occorrente deve essere fornito dagli organi alleati, preghi il cortese interessamento di codesto Ufficio al fine di designare l'Ente che deve provvedervi e definire le modalità per il rifornimento.-

Siffa con l'occasione presente che, per consentire per qualche giorno ancora il funzionamento dei veicoli in questione, questo comando ha oggi fornito un fusto di benzina, traendolo dalle proprie esigue disponibilità che, fra l'altro, ~~è~~ costituita da carburante di provenienza alleata.-



d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Magg. Ugo Scotto Lavinn)

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*Madan 5/11/45
Scotto*

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SUBJECT : Translation FT Tables.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel : 16282

DMT/127/41/MT.2

9 Mar 45

MMIA Office HQ 3 District.

Copy to :-

Br Inc Italian Base Rft Depot.



1. 5567989 Staff Sgt Instr Haldron APTC who is attached to the Italian Base Rft Depot has asked for 50 copies of the attached to be translated into Italian.

2. Confirming telephone conversation today (Vallance - Thrupp) will you be good enough to have one copy translated so that we can have the required number duplicated in the office for onward transmission to SSI Haldron.

*Sent to Haldron
for translation
G. L. L. L.*

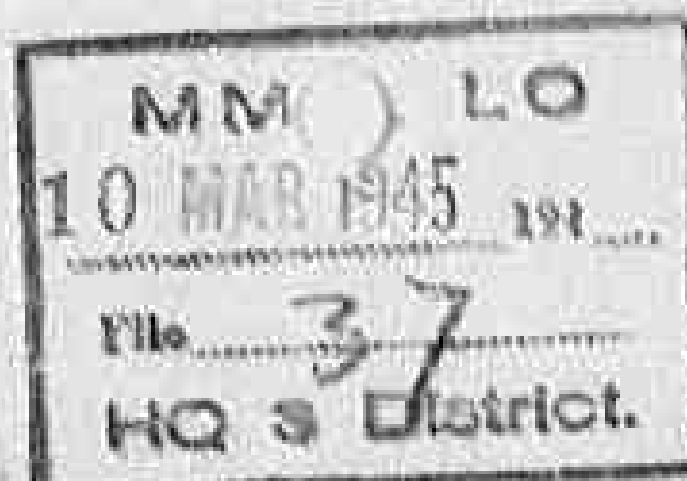
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Brig.,
D.M.T.

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Subject:- Italian Base Lifts Depot Afragola

'Q' 3 District



Q 808

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1. Further to our Q 808 of 19 Feb herewith relevant extracts from RE proposals for hastening the work at the Italian Camp AFRAGOLA.
2. Please say whether you approve these arrangements, and whether approval is given for the release of the hutting shown in para 5.
3. It is considered that unless some such action as is outlined is taken completion of the camp is likely to be delayed indefinitely. It is therefore recommended that these proposals be agreed as soon as possible.

In the Field
9 Mar 45

[Signature]
Brigadier.
Cmd 56 Area.

AMM/
Copy to:- MMIA LO 3 District
Maj Adamson - Br OC Italian Camp

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- 2 No. It. Clerks & Storemen
- 1 No. Interpreter
- 1 NCO & 20 Carpenters & Joiners
- 1 NCO & 10 Masons & Bricklayers
- 1 NCO & 10 Plumbers
- 1 NCO & 5 Concreters.

All personnel to be permanently detailed for carrying out the specific task.
Tradesmens' tools to be supplied by RE, if not available from It. Sources.
Necessary transport to be supplied by 56 Area.

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Target date for completion 12 April 45.

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total 46 Bays Flambo.

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MMIA LO
9 MAR 1945
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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF 02136

FROM	Originator	Time & Date	Office Date Stamp
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FOR ACTION

56 AREA

Message Instrs

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FOR INFORMATION

227 ITALIAN DIV: AFHQ (C) ORG BRIT:

copy: C(2): W: MMIA LO: 227 DIV LO

30 BOB (.) RESTRICTED (.) 41 ITALIAN increment to 656 art who day will move forthwith under unit arrangements from POLLENA TROCCHIA to AFRAGOLA for aft and trg dep reporting on arrival to OC brit cadre

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by any means EXCEPT
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Sgt. *William C. CARR*

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Originator

Date - Time of Origin
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Office Date Stamp

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

56 Area
AFRAGOLA Italian Camp for ADAMSON

Message Instructions

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Originator's No. EL/253 (.) RESTRICTED (.) ref ADAMSONS sig 56/JF (.) most strongly
 sp this request (.) impossible control present large drafts with gds
 now at disposal (.) DISTHREE endeavouring stagger over 3 days drafts
 serials 6 & 9 your SD 2331 of 22 feb and serial 34 your SD 2370 of
 01 all due dep in one train 09 Mar

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SUBJECT: Italian Base Rft Depots and Trg Estab ments

MMIA LO
8 MAR 1945

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

8/6/15
Mar 45.

TO : D.M.T. AFHQ.

copy to: MMIA LO 54 Area (with copy of DMT/89/2/MTI of 29 Feb)
MMIA LO 3 Dist " " " " " " " " " "
MMIA LO 1 Dist " " " " " " " " " "

Ref your DMT/89/2/MTI dated 27 Feb 45, and further to conver-
-sation with Col. OSBORNE, D.D.M.T. - 4 Mar.

1. A release of 1000 Italian rifles to each of TRANI, AFRAGOLA and ORVIETO as "depot stocks" has been arranged.
2. Your training programme (including night operations for per-
-sonnel about to be used as reinforcements for Labour Unit) is considered a little ambitious at this stage. However, your earlier lessons involving sound basic trg and discipline are being followed and as soon as the trg branch has been added to W.E. of MMIA you will be advised of any projects involving advanced trg which can be undertaken.

3. POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL.

The comments in your para B have been noted. MMIA has not been responsible for trg hitherto or the allotment of vacancies on courses run by BR-ITI's. However, the arrangements now made are that POLIGNANO Driving School has been placed under cond of HQ 230 Adm Div BARI. This Adm Div HQ also controls TRANI Base Reinf Depot and will arrange for stud-
-ents at Driving School in accordance with the needs of the Depot which in turn is influenced by the demands from Units. MMIA LO 54 Area will super-
-vise.

4. CONVERSANO.

A reply is awaited from AFHQ to MMIA letter SD/6/1 of 21 Jan, copy to D.M.T., and a reminder has been sent.

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INTERNAL:

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S/Sec.

Major General.
M.N.I.A.

Subject: Italian Base Rft Depots and Trg Establishments.

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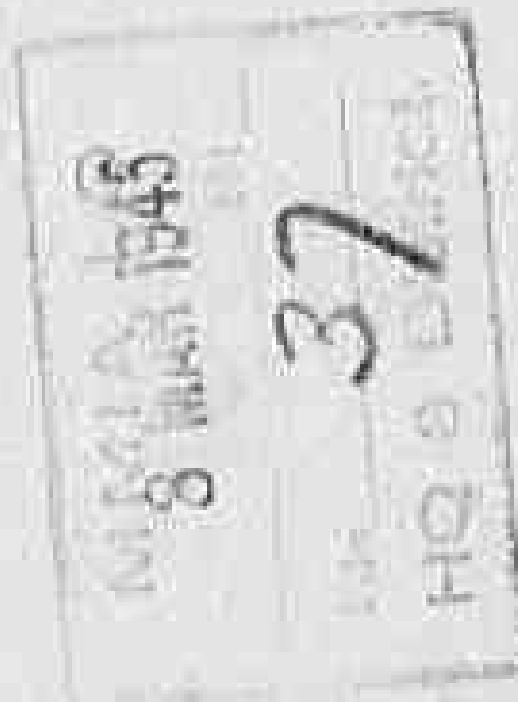
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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING.
AFHQ, CMF.

Tel: 11667

DMT/CS/2/MTI

27 Feb 45.



Mr. Land Forces Sub Commission MIA

Copy to:

G-3 OMS (Foreign) AFHQ
D.S.T., AFHQ

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Will you please confirm that action will be taken quickly to release adequate supplies of Italian arms to Base Rft Depots.

If supplies are short and only a small proportion of L of C units are to be equipped with arms it is suggested that rfts for these units be concentrated at one Depot and the issue of arms confined to these troops.

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B. POLIGNANO Driving School.

This school is sound but is being prevented from functioning efficiently due, apparently, to muddled control of allotment of vacancies and arrival and dispersal of students. On one occasion the School was inactive for 3 weeks due to lack of students, and on another was prevented from running a course efficiently by having to keep students long after their course was finished due to lack of disposal instructions. Frequently students have arrived for a course anything up to a week early or a week late.

All this means a considerable loss in the output of trained drivers and the efficiency of the trg.

As there has been up to now seemingly no controlled allotment of vacancies, the CO of the British Trg Inc to the School has made a temporary arrangement with the MMIA LO for students to be provided from rfts at TRANI on the correct dates and returned there immediately the course ends. This in fact may be the best solution in view of the difficulty of moving Italian students about the country, but, if so, care will have to be taken that the rfts so trained are posted as drivers to L of C Units and not wasted or lost to other jobs.

It is requested that, now that the School has become responsible for meeting the needs for drivers for all Italian L of C Units, and ceased to be an improvised District School, SMRE should take over the control of vacancies and dates of courses as quickly as possible.

C. CONVERSANO

It is understood that an attempt was made to set up a further driving school at CONVERSANO but has so far failed due to lack of vehicles.

It is requested that this may be stopped. POLIGNANO is capable of expansion. If further vehicles and instructors are available, it will be far more economical and efficient if they are added to POLIGNANO under the eyes of the British Increment, and the output of the School stepped up accordingly.

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Brig.,

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Subject:- It. Camp, Afragola

MMIA LO
7 MAR 1945 191
File <u>37</u>
HQ 3 District

RE 56 Area

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1. It has now become obvious that unless some firmaction is taken the completion of the It. Camp at Afragola is likely to be delayed indefinitely. It is therefore recommended that this HQ takes over the active control of the construction as soon as possible.
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1 No. Lt Engineer Officer	0	2
2 No. Lt. Clerks & Storemen	1	0
1 No. Interpreter	0	20/19
1 MCC & 20 Carpenters & Joiners.	0	174
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1 MCC & 5 Concrete.	1	

All personnel to be permanently detailed for carrying out this specific task. Tradesmen's tools to be supplied by RE, if not available from it. Sources. Necessary transport to be supplied by 56 Area

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In anticipation of your approval, instructions have already been given for Stores to be delivered to site.

Field
8 Mar 45

[Signature]
Lt Col
Commander RE

Copy to: 370 Works Sec RE - Please take action as under :-

- (a) arrange for delivery of stores to site to commence at once. 7040
- (b) Revise layout plan drwg No. C/3/22 to show new position for Shower Blocks & It Command Post.
- (c) Revise drwg No. C/5/22 to show showers housed in Flambo Hutting instead of tufa constructed buildings. Note that for economy and speed all Flambo Hutting should be erected on pickets with a CGI Skirt in lieu of brick walls.
- (d) Prepare plan of Cookhouse incorporating amendments.
- (e) Wherever possible floors to be in precast concrete slab construction instead of in situ concrete.
- (f) Keep in close contact with MMIA LO and ensure that all is in readiness for work to commence 12 Mar 45.

MMIA LO 3 District

CE 3 District - your letter No. CE 4096 dated 24 Feb 45 refers.

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ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO

CC BR CADRE ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA

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ONE (.) SUBJECT BASE RFT DEPOTS (BR-ITI) SERVICE UNITS (.)

MEETING OF O'S.C. BR CADRES FROM O R V I E T O, A F R A G O L A,

AND T R A N I HAS BEEN ARRANGED 1500 HRS FRIDAY 2 MAR AT

HQ M M I A (.) FUNCTIONS BR CADRE AND BR-ITI RFT PROCEDURE

WILL BE DISCUSSED

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28 FEB Recd

Subject - Movements - Italian Journal

Ref. 6/1/55.

26 Feb. 45

To,
"A" 56 Area
MIA 3 Dist.
MIA Rome
227 Div. (Italian)

REPORT on MOVEMENT Serial No. 2293/16

On the 26 Feb. 150 Italians were ordered to move from Afragola Camp to entrain at Casoria Station at 1100hours. The numbers were to be made up by 75 men from No.7 Coy and 75 men from No.8 Coy, and they were ordered to parade at 0900hours. Owing to the losses of personnel in previous movements, the British Cadre undertook to entrain these men. At 0900hours No. 8 Coy paraded the required number of men with rations and blankets ready to move off. This was good. No.7 Coy, with a strength of 600 men, paraded 28 men only at 0915hours. The Coy Commander was not present. On demand for the remaining 47 men the answer was that they were not available from No.7 Coy. At this point Capt Clarke of MIA (~~present~~) arrived and the O.C. British Cadre asked whether he should move off the men who were on parade and entrain them or whether he should endeavour to make up the full 150 men and the train should be delayed. Capt Clarke requested that the number be made up fully and he himself went to Casoria Station to delay the train. At 0930hours the men of No.8 Coy moved off to Casoria Station complete, and at 1050hours the numbers of No.7 Coy were made up by drawing men from other Coys. This was done by the British Lieut. actually going to the Coy lines and getting men and bringing them back himself. By this time the Commander of No.7 Coy was on parade. He had no authority and had constantly to be fetched back from his tent to take charge. At 1050hours this Parade moved off to Casoria Station. In the meantime the RTO had had to use the engine of the train for other purposes. All the men were entrained and the full complement of 150 finally left Casoria Station at 1700hours.

The Commander of No.7 Coy has been adversely reported on as at no time did he show the slightest initiative and had no power of command whatsoever.

Field.

(H.M. ADAMSON)

Major, RA

O.C. (British Cadre) ITALIAN RE-INFORCEMENT
& TRAINING DEPOT, AFRAGOLA.

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19 FEB Recd

SUBJECT: Reinforcement Procedure -
BR-ITT Service Units

RESTRICTED

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/42

TO : Ministry of War

14 Feb 45

1. RESPONSIBILITY

The provision, training and allocation of reinforcements for BR-ITT Service Units is the responsibility of the Ministry of War (MOW) within the terms of these instructions and with such help from M.M.I.A. as is required.

2. OBJECT

The object is to keep all units up to their approved War Establishment strength with men of the required types and trades without waste of manpower.

3. BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOTS

Reinforcements for BR-ITT Service Units will be supplied through Base Reinforcement Depots (B.R.Ds) which have been established at ATRIACOLA, TRAMI and ORVIEGO and which are administered through local Adm Div Hqs and through the Br Cadre attached to same. These are under Dists.

4. REPLENISHMENT OF B.R.Ds.

Replenishment of B.R.Ds is the responsibility of the Ministry of War after such consultations with M.M.I.A. regarding calling of men into the Army and other methods of raising manpower as are required to maintain the necessary holding of reinforcements. In planning for this consideration will be given to the anticipated wastage due to all causes, to returns from hospital or other absence, and to the likely yield of calls and recalls in various regions of ITALY so that strength may be maintained in all arms and units.

5. FUNCTIONS OF A B.R.D.

Each B.R.D. will be responsible for:-

- (a) Testing, selection and allocation of suitable personnel to appropriate units within the Depot according to their qualifications for the various arms of the service and in suitable proportions to meet expected requirements.
- (b) Documentation and administration in accordance with Italian Army regulations.

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The object is to keep all units up to their approved War Establishment strength with men of the required types and trades without waste of manpower.

3. BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOTS

Reinforcements for BR-III Service Units will be supplied through Base Reinforcement Depots (B.R.Ds) which have been established at AFRAGOLA, TRAMI and ORVIETO and which are administered through local Adm Div Hqs and through the Br Cadre attached to same. These are under Dists.

4. REPLENISHMENT OF B.R.Ds.

Replenishment of B.R.Ds is the responsibility of the Ministry of War after such consultations with M.F.I.A. regarding calling of men into the Army and other methods of raising manpower as are required to maintain the necessary holding of reinforcements. In planning for this consideration will be given to the anticipated wastage due to all causes, to returns from hospital or other absence, and to the likely yield of calls and recalls in various regions of ITALY so that strength may be maintained in all arms and units.

5. FUNCTIONS OF A B.R.D.

Each B.R.D. will be responsible for:-

- (a) Testing, selection and allocation of suitable personnel to appropriate units within the Depot according to their qualifications for the various arms of the service and in suitable proportions to meet expected requirements.
- (b) Documentation and administration in accordance with Italian Army regulations.
- (c) Equipment and clothing in accordance with approved scales.
- (d) Basic training in accordance with standards agreed between Allied Command and the War Ministry.
- (e) Allocation to Adm Divs and units in accordance with deficiencies reported.

6. UNIT DEMANDS (FURNIGHTLY)

Unit commanders of BR-III Service Units will demand replacements for all personnel struck off the strength of the unit and to bring units up to authorised W.E. strength as follows:-

- (a) Personnel who are wounded, sick, missing or absent will not be struck off the strength until, in the case of wounded or sick, 30 days after evacuation from the unit, or in the case of missing or absent, 30 days after being reported missing or absent.

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6. UNIT DEMANDS (FORTNIGHTLY) COME.

(b) Reinforcement demands giving the indicated at Appx "A" will be submitted fortnightly on Wednesdays by commanders of BR-III Service Units direct to HQ Adm Div concerned on the prescribed specchio. The first demand will be made on 7 March 1945. War Min will forward copy of "specchio" as soon as possible.

7. CONSOLIDATED DEMANDS (FORTNIGHTLY) BY ADM DIV HQ.

(a) H.Qs Adm Divs will submit consolidated reinforcement demands fortnightly on Saturdays giving the information indicated at Appx "A" on the prescribed specchio. It is noted that the appropriate Base Reinforcement Depot with copies to the appropriate Italian Ministry of War, the Territorial HQ concerned, HQ MMIA and local MMIA LO (see Sub para 8 col iii). The first consolidated demand will be made on 10 March 1945.

(b) Appropriation of Base Reinforcement Depots is as follows:-

(i) Adm Div.	(ii) Under Comd.	(iii) Local HQ	(iv) Base Rft Depot	(v) Under Comd.
228 Div	Eighth Army	Senior MMIA LO Rear Eighth Army	CRIVETO accn ceiling 4500 be raised to 6000. now under consideration)	1 DISTRICT.
221 Div	Fifth Army	MMIA LO Br Iner Fifth Army.		
209 Div	1 District	MMIA LO 1 District)	AFRAGOLA accn ceiling	3 DISTRICT
227 Div	3 District	MMIA LO 3 District)	6000	
230 Div	3 District	MMIA LO 54 Area	TRAMI accn ceiling 6000	3 DISTRICT Eastern Det.

8. ALLOCATION OF RFTS.

The B.R.D. Commander will normally arrange drafts of re-

(see sub para 8 col III).
The first consolidated demand will be made on 10 March 1945.

(b) Appropriation of Base Reinforcement Depots is as follows:-

(i) Arm Div.	(ii) Under Comd.	(iii) Local HQ	(iv) Base Rft Depot	(v) Under Comd.
228 Div	Eighth Army	Senior MIA LO Rear Eighth Army	ORVETO acon ceiling 4500 6000 (to be raised to 6000. now under consideration)	1 DISTRICT.
231 Div	Fifth Army	MIA LO Br Iner Fifth Army.		
239 Div	1 District	MIA LO 1 District	APPAGOLA acon ceiling 6000	3 DISTRICT
227 Div	3 District	MIA LO 3 District		
230 Div	3 District	MIA LO 54 Area	TRAMI acon ceiling 6000	3 DISTRICT Eastern Det.

3. ALLOCATION OF PETS.

The B.R.D. Commander will normally arrange drafts of reinforcements according to demands without further authority as far as he is able. If there are not sufficient reinforcements available he will apply through the O.C. Br Cadre to MIA for a decision on priorities. Priorities within an Army or District will be obtained by application by the B.R.D. Commander concerned direct to

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with the MIA Liaison Officer at Army HQ.
to reinforcement transit camps established by the MIA.
Movement will be arranged by the Depot Commander through the O.C. Br Cadre.

(b) O.C. Br Cadre will demand weekly on Wednesdays by telephone confirmed by immediate signal to MIA for movement of reinforcements required to destinations outside the boundaries of his District. This demand will be in the form shown at Appendix 'C' and will be in respect of movements in the week commencing Monday twelve days later.

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6. UNIT DEMANDS (FORTNIGHTLY) CONTD.

(b) Reinforcement demands giving the infirm indicated at Appx "A" will be submitted fortnightly on Wednesdays by commanders of BR-III Service Units direct to HQ Adm Div concerned on the prescribed speechio. The first demand will be made on 7 March 1945. War Min will forward copy of "speechio" as soon as possible.

7. CONSOLIDATED DEMANDS (FORTNIGHTLY) BY ADM DIV HQ.

(a) H.Qs Adm Div will submit consolidated reinforcements demands fortnightly on Saturdays giving the information indicated at Appx "B" on the prescribed speechio by quickest means to the appropriate Base Reinforcement Depot with copies to Italian Ministry of War, the Territorial HQ concerned, HQ MMIA and local MMIA LO (see Sub para 8 col iii).
The first consolidated demand will be made on 10 March 1945.

(b) Appropriation of Base Reinforcement Depots is as follows:-

(i) <u>Adm Div.</u>	(ii) <u>Under Comd.</u>	(iii) <u>Local HQ</u>	(iv) <u>Base Ref Depot</u>	(v) <u>Under Comd.</u>
228 Div	Eighth Army	Senior MMIA LO Rear Eighth Army	ORVIETO accn ceiling 4500 6000 (to be raised to 6000; now under consideration)	1 DISTRICT.
231 Div	Fifth Army	MMIA LO Br Iner Fifth Army.		
209 Div	1 District	MMIA LO 1 District	AFRAGOLA accn ceiling	3 DISTRICT
227 Div	3 District	MMIA LO 3 District	6000	
230 Div	3 District	MMIA LO 5A Area	TRANT accn ceiling 6000	3 DISTRICT Eastern Det.

8. ALLOCATION OF REFS.

The B.R.D. Commander will normally arrange drafts of reinforcements according to demands without further authority as far as he is able. If there are not sufficient reinforcements available he will supply through the C.C. Br Cadre to MMIA for a decision on priorities.

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(b) Appropriation of Base Reinforcement Depots is as follows:-

(i) Adm Div.	(ii) Under Comd.	(iii) Local HQ	(iv) Base Rft Depot	(v) Under Comd.
228 Div	Eighth Army	Senior MMIA LO Rear Eighth Army	ORUETO acn ceiling 4500 (to be raised to 6000, now under consideration)	1 DISTRICT.
231 Div	Fifth Army	MMIA LO Br Inor Fifth Army.		
209 Div	1 District	MMIA LO 1 District	AFRACOLA acn ceiling	2 DISTRICT
227 Div	3 District	MMIA LO 3 District	6000	
230 Div	3 District	MMIA LO 54 Area	TRANI acn ceiling 6000	3 DISTRICT Eastern Det.

8. ALLOCATION OF RETS.

The B.R.D. Commander will normally arrange drafts of reinforcements according to demands without further authority as far as he is able. If there are not sufficient reinforcements available he will apply through the O.C. Br Cadre to MMIA for a decision on priorities. Priorities within a District will be obtained by application by the O.C. Br Cadre on behalf of the B.R.D. Commander concerned direct to HQ of the British Army on District under command of which the units are serving.

9. MOVEMENT OF DRAFTS.

(a) Movement of reinforcements from B.R.D. to comply with demands of HQs, Adv Divs will usually be made in bulk drafts to reinforcement transit camps established by Adv Divs. Movement will be arranged by the Depot Commander through the O.C. Br Cadre.

(b) O.C. Br Cadre will demand weekly on Wednesdays by telephone confirmed by immediate signal to MMIA for movement of reinforcements required to destinations outside the boundaries of his District. This demand will be in the form shown at Appendix 'C' and will be in respect of movements in the week commencing Monday twelve days later.

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9. MOVEMENTS OF DRAFTS (Contd)

- (c) Movement of drafts within District area will be arranged by OC Br Cadre through District HQ with local movements.
- (d) Receiving formations will arrange MOV from railroad or transit camps to unit.

10. E.R.D. STRENGTH RETURN.

The number of reinforcements by ranks and trades held in each E.R.D. will be reported weekly as at 1800 hrs on Sundays as in Appx "D" att on the prescribed proforma.

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DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ for GI (Br), G-3 Org, Mov.	(3)
HQ 15 Army Group	(5)
HQ Fifth Army for Br Iner	(2)
for MIA LO	(5)
Rear HQ Eighth Army	(2)
" " for MIA LO	(5)
1 District	(2)
" " for MIA LO	(2)
" " for OC Br Cadre	(2)
ORVIBO	(2)
3 District	(2)
" " for MIA LO	(2)
" " for OC Br Cadre	(2)
" " AFRICOLA	(2)
" " Br Cadre	(2)
" " Br Cadre	(2)

A.M. S. Subramanian
Major General.
E.M.T.A.

The number of reinforcements by ranks and trades held in each B.R.D. will be reported weekly as at 1800 hrs on Sundays as in Appx "D" att on the prescribed schedule.

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DISTRIBUTION:

AFHQ for CI (Br), G-3 ONE, Mov. (3)
 HQ 15 Army Group (5)
 HQ Fifth Army for Br Iner (2)
 for MIA LO (5)
 Rear HQ Eighth Army (2)
 " " for MIA LO (5)
 1 District (2)
 " " for MIA LO (5)
 " " for MIA LO (2)
 for 50 Br Cadre (2)
 ORUETO (2)
 3 District (2)
 " " for MIA LO (2)
 " " for OC Br Cadre (2)
 " " AFRACOLA (2)
 " " Br Cadre (2)
 TRAMI (2)
 2 District (5)
 HQ R.L.D.C. (5)
 Allied Commission for G-1 (Br) (5)
 MIA LO MAPLES (2)
 MIA LO 54 Area (2)
 MIA LO 52 Area (1)

INTERNAL: AQ (4)
 A (4)
 NOV (2)
 FILE (4)
 BAR DIAIR (2)

for Major General M.M.T.A.

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British Service Units Fortnightly Reinforcement Demand.

1. This return will be rendered to appropriate Adm Div HQ by all unit commanders.
2. The first return will be rendered as at 1800 hrs Wednesday 8 March 45 and subsequently fortnightly.
3. It must reach Adm Div HQs on Thursdays.

To: No. _____ ADM DIV HQ

DATE _____ AM TIME _____

REINFORCEMENT DEMAND (a)		UNIT (b)**		UNIT (c)		W.E. (e.g. NA/500/6) (d)		LOCATION (e)		LOCATION (f)	
WE Strength		Effective Strength		Present (Ration) Strength		Rfts received since last return		Struck off strength since last demand giving reasons		Deficiencies requested last demand NOT yet filled. By ranks and trades	
Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Number	Date	Offrs	ORs		

** This will include personnel in hospital, on leave, missing or absent for period under 30 days.
 xx This should equal cols (e) and (f)

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rendered to appropriate Adm Div HQ by all unit commanders.

iv HQs on Thursdays.

DATE _____ TIME _____

UNIT (c)		W.E. (e.g. NA/500/6) (d)		(e)		LOCATION (f)		(g) XX	(h)
Present (Ration) Strength		Rfts received since last return		Struck off strength since last demand giving reasons		Deficiencies requested last demand NOT yet filled. By ranks and trades		Deficiencies now demanded by ranks and trades.	
Offrs	ORs	Number	Date	Offrs	ORs				

s (e) and (f)

Adm Div HQ Consolidated Fortnightly Reinforcement Demand.

1. Adm Div HQ will consolidate the information received from their units and will render it to Reinforcement Depot with copies (vide para 7(a) covering letter) fortnightly on Saturdays.

To: B.R.D.

CONSOLIDATED RFT DEMAND

DATED _____

(a) ϕ	(b) **	(c)		(d)		(e)	(f) xx	(g)
Total WE Strength	Effective Strength	Present Ration Strength		Struck off strength since last return giv- ing reasons.		Deficiencies requested in last demand NOT yet filled. By Ranks & Trades.	Deficiencies now demanded by Ranks & Trades	Destined (rail). will not be Adm D Transit
Offrs ORs	Offrs ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs			

** This will include personnel in hospital, on leave, missing or absent from periods under 30 days.

xx This should equal the total of cols (d) & (e)

ϕ By arms of the service.

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Adm Div HQ Consolidated Fortnightly Reinforcement Demand.

consolidate the information received from their units and will render it to the appropriate Base post with copies (vide para 7(a) covering letter) fortnightly on Saturdays.

CONSOLIDATED RFT DEMAND

DATED _____

(c)		(d)		(e)	(f)xx	(g)	(h)
Present Ration Strength		Struck off strength since last return giving reasons.		Deficiencies requested in last demand NOT yet filled. By Ranks & Trades.	Deficiencies now demanded by Ranks & Trades.	Destination (rail). This will normally be Adm Div Transit Camp.	REMARKS
Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs				

Personnel in hospital, on leave, missing or absent from periods under 30 days.

the total of cols (d) & (e)

d.c.

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Movement Bid by OC Br Cedar B.R.D.

1. By immediate signal, addressed WMA copy to WMA LC at receiving fm.
2. Despatched to HQ WMA on Wednesday weekly by 1800 hrs confirming telephone bid
3. Giving the following information reading in columns:
 - (a) Priority serial and camp prefix letter. The latter will be
 - (b) Strength of draft
 - (c) Destination (rail)
 - (d) Receiving formation
 - (e) Receiving unit where applicable.
 - (f) Date required.
 - (g) Remarks.

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Appendix "C" to NMIA SD/42
dated 14 Feb 45.

Movement Bid by OC Dr Cadre B.R.D.

By immediate signal, addressed NMIA copy to NMIA LG at receiving fun.

Despatched to HQ NMIA on Wednesday weekly by 1800 hrs confirming telephone bid.

Giving the following information reading in columns:

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|-----|---|--------------------|----------|---|---|
| (a) | Priority serial and camp prefix letter. | The latter will be | AFRAGOLA | - | A |
| | | | CHVIETO | - | O |
| | | | TRANH | - | T |
| (b) | Strength of draft | | | | |
| (c) | Destination (rail) | | | | |
| (d) | Receiving formation | | | | |
| (e) | Receiving unit where applicable. | | | | |
| (f) | Date required. | | | | |
| (g) | Remarks. | | | | |

B.R.D. (BR-ITI) Strength Return ()

1. Rendered weekly ~~by~~ on Mondays showing the Depot situation at 1800 hrs previous day.
2. Addressed to (a) War Ministry (c) Appropriate District HQ vide para 7(b)
(b) ~~Territorial HQ~~ (d) HQ MMIA
(e) Local MMIA IO
3. As follows:-
*territorial local HQ you can have command
BRD is operating (Adm Div)*
To: Ministry of War etc. BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOT (BR-ITI) STU
as at 1800 hrs

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Serial	Present in camp Offrs. ORs	Available for Posting. By Ranks & Trades	Demands on hand. By Ranks and Trades. From (Adm Div)	Drafts arranged to move. Total To Signal Ref. Is to	Received during past week Strengths Source **
(i) Permanent Staff					
(ii) Rft personnel by arms of the Service					

** Category of source will be stated if other than BR-ITI Service Category.

Copy to: HQ MMIA
MMIA IO 1 DISTRICT (ORVIEW)
etc as applicable.

Appendix "D" to MUIA letter
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Weekly ~~1200 hrs~~ on Mondays showing the Depot situation at 1800 hrs on the
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- (a) War Ministry (c) Appropriate District HQ vide para 7(b) column (v) covering letter.
(b) ~~Territorial HQ~~ (d) HQ MTA
 \ (e) Local MTA LG

Approximate local H₂ concentration around
BKO is operating (Akw. div)

try of War etc. _____ BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPT (BR-III) STRENGTH RETURN
as at 1800 hrs 19

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ated if other than BR-JTL Service Category.

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