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JAN. - FEB. 1945

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MMIA LO

3/2/95
HQ 3 District.

GENERAL STAFF

MEDY V LROF NR6684 QVR5/8/11
FROM MMIA 021715A
TO MINISTRY OF WAR
MMIA LO SICILY

File No. _____

INFO REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SICILY REGION A C
AFHQ FOR GANX C-3 ORG MOV C(MAINT) QM
3X DISTRICT PENSOUTH PES 3 DIST FOR MMIA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO 34 AREA FOR MMIA LO
ITALIAN RFT DEPOT AFRAGOLA ITALIAN RFT DEPOT TRANI
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER AC PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION

GCY CR25 BT
SD2378 CONFIDENTIAL PHASE III SICILY CALL UP IS POSTPONED FROM
15-31 MAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR REQUEST AND WILL TAKE PLACE
1-15 APR
BT 021715A
SENT 6684 2025 REB B K
RD 2025 JL BBB

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17 FEB Recd

BRITISH ARMY CIPHER MESSAGE IN

1720/19/55/55/55

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From.....

WIA

161800A

To.....

MINISTRY WAR ALLIED SHIPPING COMM SECILY for MMIALO

Info.....

ALLIED COMM SECILY AFHQ for G-3 ORG MOV Q QM DISTHREE

PENSOUTH PBS DISTHREE for MMIALO PENSOUTH for MMIALO

54 AREA for MMIALO ITALIAN RPT DEPOT AFMAGOLA IXIXDI

ITALIAN RPT DEPOT TRANI A.C. FOR COST PUBLID SAFETY COMMISSION

SD382 2302 SECRET. Reference this HQ letter SD/75 dated 9th Feb subject

^{Recall} SICILIAN GALL-UP. PHASE III is postponed from 1st - 14th MARCH and will take

place from 15th - 31st MARCH

PRIORITY DEPORTANT

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13 FEB Recd

SUBJECT: SICILY Recall Phase III

CONFIDENTIAL

LAND FORCES SUB-CCM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/75
9 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
MMLA LO SICILY (2)

Ref this HQ SD/49 of 4 Dec 44 and further to SD/75 of 6 Feb 45.

1. Phase III of the recall to the Army of personnel fit for general service in the 1914-24 classes will now take place in SICILY under your arrangements from ~~14 March 1945~~ 15th - 31 March

2. You will arrange for an intake of a further 6,000 personnel in this phase to complete 20,000 total for the whole SICILY recall.

3. Allotment to categories will be on the following priority.

ASTRONI for US-ITH	AFRAGOLA for BR-ITH	TRANI for BR-ITH	Direct to JVI-ITH Units
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Priority 1 1000

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AFHQ are requested to arrange movements ex REGGIO Camp on above as personnel becomes available.

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1	1000			
2		1000		
3				1000
4	1000			
5			1000	
6				1000
	2000	1000	1000	2000

4. LAMA LO SARDINIA will arrange tpt for personnel to REGGIO C-mp.
- AFHQ are requested to arrange movements ex REGGIO Camp on above priorities as personnel become available.
5. Arrangements for Reports, Escorts, Rations, tpt to recruiting centres, bedding, barrack stores, clothing and equipment remain unchanged.

DISTRIBUTION: (On reverse side)

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Major General
M. M. I. A.
St. Louis, Mo.

DISTRIBUTION

Regional Commissioner SICILY Region A.C.

AHQ for C-3 OFG (2)

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PENSOUTH FOR MALA LO

1/2 AREA FOR MALA LO

ITALIAN RPT DEPOT AFRAGOLA

ITALIAN RPT DEPOT TRANI

A.C. for C.O.S.

PUBLIC SAFETY S.C.

Internal:

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Q(AE) (2)

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BRITISH ARMY IN CIPHER MESSAGE

FROM: MILA

011900

ACTION: AMHQ FOR G4 NR, G3 ORG, MOV.

INFO:

15 ARMY GROUP, 5 ARMY, SAREY FOR BRIT INOR, 8 ARMY, DISNOVE, D

DISNERS, PERSOUTH, IENDASE, SAREY MIALO, 5 ARMY BRIT INOR MIALO

REAR 8 ARMY MIALO, DISTONE MIALO, DISTONE MIALO, PERSOUTH

MIALO, 52 AREA MIALO, 54 AREA MIALO, ALCON SICILY MIALO,

TUPONT MIALO (CESANO), SIGNAL OFFICE RAVIETTA FOR O'DONNELL

ITALIAN RPT DET-OT ORVINTO.

SECRET. 3D 2225

SECRET

NOTE. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOLLOWING MOVES IN WEEK 12th FEB TO 18th FEB.

READING IN COLUMNS A NUMBER 2 DESCRIPTION C EMERITING STATION D DESIGNATION
B RECEIVING FORM.

1 A 200 B COMBAT RPTS C FROM CESANO D TO PESANO E FOR FRULLI GROUP

2 A 200 B COMBAT RPTS C FROM CESANO D TO PESANO E FOR CEMADNA GROUP

3 A 500 B EMITIONS OF FROM AREZZO D TO CESANO E FOR IORINO. THIS MOVE
REQUIRED 12th FEB. DISTONE PLEASE CONFIRM ROAD TPT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENTE

4 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CESANO E FOR IC TTC. THIS MOVE REQUIRED

15th FEB. DISTONE PLEASE CONFIRM ROAD TPT ARRANGEMENTS FROM PIZENZA.

5 A 400 B LOW CATEGORY PERSONNEL C FROM VINO VALSICIA D TO TRANI E FOR RPT CAMP

6 A 400 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM TRANI D TO CESANO E FOR IORINO

7 A 140 B MILITARY B FROM TRANI D TO AREZZO E FOR 5 ARMY BRIT INOR

8 A 300 B LAB C FROM TRANI D TO PESANO E FOR 8 ARMY

9 A 700 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D TO TRANI E FOR RPT CAMP

1st Cavalry

10 A 1000 B CALL UP AC FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D TO ASTRONI E FOR US ITALIAN

11 A 200 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D TO APRACOLA E FOR RPT CAMP

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ITALIAN REF DEPT ORVINO.

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ONE. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOLLOWING MOVES IN WEEK 12th FEB TO 18th FEB.

READING IN COLUMNS A NUMBER B DESCRIPTION C ENTERING STATION D DESTINATION
E RECEIVING NO. 1.

1 A 200 B COMBAT RTTS C FROM CESSANO D TO PESARO E FOR PRULLI GROUP

2 A 200 B COMBAT RTTS C FROM CESSANO D TO PESARO E FOR CHERONA GROUP

3 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CESSANO E FOR IORNO. THIS MOVE
REQUIRED 12th FEB. DISTANCE PLEASE CONFIRM ROAD TTT ARRANGEMENTS FROM FIRENZE

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16th FEB. DISTANCE PLEASE CONFIRM ROAD TTT ARRANGEMENTS FROM FIRENZE.

5 A 400 B LOF CATEGORIES PER DEPT C FROM VITO VALENCIA D TO TRANI E FOR REF CAMP

6 A 400/COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM TRANI D TO CESSANO E FOR IORNO

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8 A 300 B LAB C FROM TRANI D TO PESARO E FOR 6 ARMY

9 A 700 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D TO TRANI E FOR REF CAMP

10 A 1000 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D TO ASTRONI E FOR US ITALIAN

11 A 200 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D TO ATRIACOLA E FOR REF CAMP

12 A 600 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM REGGIO CALABRIA D CESSANO E FOR IORNO

13 A 82 B ^{DIS}ARMED AA PERSONNEL C FROM BARI D TO CESSANO E FOR IORNO

14 A 34 ^{DIS}ARMED AA PERSONNEL C FROM BARI D TO ROME E FOR ITALIAN ITALIAN

15 A 1500 B APUZIA CALL UP C FROM BARI AND NOGLIA D TO CESSANO E FOR IORNO

16 A 1500 B APUZIA CALL UP C FROM LECCE AND PARANTO D TO ORVINO E FOR BRIT ITALIAN
rtt dep

17 A 500 B APUZIA CALL UP C FROM BARLETTA D TO PROSIRONE E FOR ITALIAN ITALIAN RTTS
dep

18 A 500 B APUZIA CALL UP C FROM CAMERASSO D TO ASTRONI E FOR US ITALIAN

19 A 2000 B MILITARYS C FROM ORVINO D TO FOCORONNE E FOR MULE TRG CENTRE.

20. WEDNESDAY 9th FEB. IN ORDER ACCOMMODATE SERIAL 16.

SECOND. RE YOUR CHECK MOVE 68 LINE CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL FROM TRANI TO

ITALIAN SCHOOL. RANCA VILLA

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1/2 MEDY V LROF NR5406 IMMEDIATE

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FROM MMIA 312115A

TO AFHQ FOR G1 BR G3(CORG) MOV

INFO DISTONE DISTHREE

DISTONE DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO: 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

ICF RFT TRG CENTRE CESANO - ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO

ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO: MINISTRY OF WAR: MOVWIT:

DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI 615 REGGIO : MOVEIT

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SD2218 . CONFIDENTIAL M

REF MMIA SD 2217 OF 31 JAN . SUBJECT MOVE OF SICILY CALL UP
PERSONNEL . ONE UNDERSTAND FOLLOWING PERSONNEL NOW ASSEMBLED
REGGIO CAMP . TWO . CALL UP 1600 .

A . 300 MOV TO BARI FOR ITI- ITI PRIORITY SIX UNDER ARRANGEMENTS
MOV REGGIO .

B. 500 MOV TO ORVIETO 2 FEB FOR BR- ITI PARTY PRIORITY EIGHT .

C. 300 MOV TO TRANI FOR BR- ITI PART PRIORITY
EIGHT A UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV REGGIO .

D. 500 REMAIN . AFHQ PLEASE MOVE TO ORVIETO FOR
BR- ITI TO COMPLETE PRIORITY EIGHT .

E. 1600 IS TOTAL .

THREE . 800 . VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT .

A. 650 OF THESE MOVE TO CESANO PROBABLY 2 FEB . THIS MOVE IS
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B. 150 REMAIN . AFHQ PLEASE MOVE . I G

C. SE ++ SEE PARA FIVE MMIA SD2217 OF 31 JAN

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BRITISH ARMY CIPHER MESSAGE IN

SERIAL 226113 226126 226117
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FROM: AMIA

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SECRET

TO: AFHQ for G 1 (BRIT) G 3 (CFC) and NOV

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP. CG 5 ARMY. 5 ARMY for BRIT INCR. 8 ARMY. DISTONE.

PENSOOTH
DISTONE. 5 ARMY for AMIA LO. 5 ARMY for BRIT INCR for AMIA LO.

REAR 8 ARMY for AMIA LO. DISTONE for AMIA LO. DISTONE for AMIA LO.

PENSOOTH for AMIA LO 54 AREA for AMIA LO. ICF REG CESANO. ITALIAN RPT

DEPT ORVINO. ALCOM ROME for AMIA LO. MOVWIT. ITALIAN TIT DELEGATION

615 REGGIO CALABRIA. MINISTRY OF WAR

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TWO. Phase II personnel continue to be enrolled.

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FOUR. Present situation is what 1326 moved from REGGIO on 20 Jan as follows:

(A) 600 to AFREGOLA (B) 726 to ASTRONI

FIVE. These moves complete A. Priority FOUR 1100 to AFREGOLA for BRITISH -

ITALIAN. Of these 1100, 500 were volunteers and are being moved by road

to MANTOVA as combat rfts 22 Jan. B. Part priority FOUR A 1000 to ASTRONI

for US - ITALIAN. Movement balance of bids for SD 2112 of 18 para 15. fc

22 - 28 Jan

SIX. Priority FIVE 500 to NAPLES Military ITALIAN - ITALIAN. Movement bid

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REAR 6 ARMY for MIA LO. DISTONE for MIA LO. DESHTE for MIA LO.

PENSOOTH for MIA LO 54 AREA for MIA LO. ICF RUC CESANO. ITALIAN RPT
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SD 2112 of 18 para 'E' for 22 - 28 Jan. Priority SIX. (500 ?) to

BARI for ITALIAN - ITALIAN. Understood NO (NO) movements bid necessary.

Priority SEVEN 1000 to CESANO now cancelled. Priority EIGHT 1000 to

BRITISH - ITALIAN. Original destination was AFREGOLA vide SD 2060 of 8th

in view present call up situation bids only of these priorities are

expected to be available REGGIO week 29th Jan - 5 Feb vide SD 2115 of 18

para 5 for movement bid destination CRVINO. Priority EIGHT A now 500

to BRITISH - ITALIAN. Priority nine 1000 to US - ITALIAN

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IMPORTANT

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Subject:- Incident.

H.Q. Mov. West Italy.
M.M.I.A., 3 District.

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20 Jan 45.

Herewith copy of a report of an Incident at
Battipaglia on 14 Jan 45.

CMF
WR/VO

E. Williams Lt. Col.
Comd. Train & Rly Gds, Italy.

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Subject:- Incident Report.

1364/1.

Tn & Mly Gds H.Q.

Copies to:- O.C. 504 It.Cd.Bn.

94 Sub-Area Salerno.

Herewith report by Stn Duty NCO - Battipaglia.

Battipaglia 14 Jan 45. Train No. 8832 proceeding from Sapri arrived at Battipaglia at 0900 hrs loaded with Italian civilians who were recalled to the Army; they were about 1500 strong. This stopped on No. 5 line, whilst on No. 6 line there were many wagons loaded with oranges. As soon as their train stopped the civilians swarmed from it and proceeded to rob the orange train.

The sentry on duty gave the alarm and all available guards were turned out to assist in safeguarding the wagons, but in spite of their efforts the mob continued to plunder. I, Paolo Campese, on seeing that my sentries were ignored, gave instructions to open fire; eleven rounds were fired. This had the desired effect. As a result of the firing a civilian (Mistretta Vincenzo) was wounded.

I gave the order to fire because my sentries were being attacked, one sentry being almost overpowered.

Two of the offenders, caught attempting to unseal the a wagon were arrested, but by order of Ten. Col. Giovanni Leoni i/c Train they were released.

The following wagons which were all opened were attached to Train D.D.F. - 16444, 180939, 1135544, 205422, 1126519, 181433. All these wagons were loaded with oranges; 500 KG. of oranges missing.

The wagons were re-sealed by personnel attached to the station.

Sgt. Paolo Campese. **188**
Stn Duty N.CO.

Statement by the Doctor i/c Hospital.

I, the undersigned state that this morning at 1000 hrs I inspected the man Mistretta Vincenzo (father Giuseppe) 28 years old, living in S. Agata Melitello (Messina) who was wounded in the left shoulder by a round fired by a soldier at Battipaglia Stn. **188** I have been unable to extract the bullet, but I think that the wound will heal in about ten days.

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Battipaglia 14 Jan 45.
Signed Doctor Arnaldo De Angelis.

Further information will be forwarded.

Giuseppe Sciaraffia Lt.
C.C. 2 Coy 504 It. Gd. Ex.

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MESSAGE TOTAL (in lieu of)

ACTION:- (1) SC Th. REGGIO Cal. (2) DTL.615 REGGIO Cal.

INFORMATION:- (3) 701 RLY. GRAND DIV. (4) APHQ 64 MOV&TN.
(5) MIA (6) PENBASE (7) PENBASE (8) PENBASE
(9) PENBASE (10) DISTHREE FOR MIA
(11) RTO SALERNO (12) RTO REGGIO Cal.
(13) RTO CASERTA.

FROM:- MOVWIT (RAIL)

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MOV/CTI/J.78 (.)RESTRICTED(.) MIA 30.2103 OF 17TH NOV TO
ALL & TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MIA - MOVWIT REFER(.)
1300 SICILIAN CALL-UP WILL BE BY SPECIAL TRAIN FROM REGGIO
TO NAPLES 20 JAN (.) DEPT REGGIO 1230 HRS VIA WEST COAST ROUTE.
E.T.A. BATTIPAGLIA 0830 HRS 21 JAN FOR ONWARD ROUTING BY
701 RLY. GRAND DIV (.) BRACKET H. 20 J. 0103 (.) 600 AFRAGOLA
& 700 TO CALPI FLEGRE FOR ACTION (.)

This message must be sent as RESTRICTED
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This message must be
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into enemy hands.

DEGREE OF PRIORITY:- IMMEDIATE TO
ACTION ADDRESSEES ONLY

Signed

A.A.Q.M.G. (1)

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