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FORMATION OF UNITS

June - July 1945

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*For Disband
230/3*

SUBJECT: Formation of units

A 131/49

Headquarters,
No 1 District.

871 and 872 ITALIAN GRAVES
CONCENTRATION PLATOONS

1. Reference 1D/13/73/A dated 6 Jul 45.
2. Personnel are in the process of selection from Italian reinforcements at LEXHORN. When selected they will be attached to 304 Italian Pioneer Coy FLORENCE during the formation period.
3. AD GR & S has stated that these platoons are urgently required for work at MILAN and the other for work at RICCIONE. May action be taken please to expedite that despatch by "Q"(AR) AFHQ of the equipment scales referred to in AFHQ letter G1(Br)/116/A1 (see 2563) dated 1 Jul 45, para 3(ii).

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GR
21 Jul 45
R.D./DR

13/2/46
Colonel,
Commander,
FLORENCE Command.

1. Reference ID/13/73/A dated 6 Jul 45.
2. Personnel are in the process of selection from Italian reinforcements at LICHON. When selected they will be attached to 304 Italian Pioneer Coy FLORENCE during the formation period.
3. AD GR & S has stated that these platoons are urgently required one for work at MILAN and the other for work at RICHON. May action be taken please to expedite that despatch by "C" (AL) AFHQ of the equipment scales referred to in AFHQ letter G1(Br)/116/A1 (see 2563) dated 1 Jul 45, para 3(ii).

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W. B. B. B.
Col. B. B. B.,
Commander,
FLORENCE Command.

CAF
24 Jul 45
RD/TBR

Copy to:- ADGR & S
METALS

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SUBJECT : 'AGOSTA' Landing Squadron.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O N S.
Tel : 489037 Ext. 533.
A 110/7.
16 July 48.

TO : Ministry of War.

M.M.I.A. A 110/7 of 12 July is cancelled.

The movement of personnel referred to will not take place.

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

COPY TO : 'F' BELU INTG.
M.M.I.A. LG. 8 ARMY.
M.M.I.A. LG. 230 DIV, c/o FLORENCE CITY COMMAND.
M.M.I.A. LG. 1 DISTRICT.

INTERNAL: G (TRG)

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Form. & Disband.

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SUBJECT: Formation of Cat 3 BR-ITI Units

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

SD/27/2

July 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

874 ITALIAN GRAVES CONCENTRATION PLATOON
672 ITALIAN GRAVES CONCENTRATION PLATOON

Further to MMIA letter SD/27/2 dated 30 June 45.

1. The above mentioned units will be formed on NE CM/890/1 with effect from July 1 under the supervision of HQ No.1 District at Florence.
2. Personnel will be provided by you under normal BR-ITI Reinforcement arrangements.
3. Equipment will be to basic scale 6508/7. SELs will be issued later.
4. The units will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation to which they belong.
5. Further particulars are given at Appx "A".
6. Report formation progress to this HQ on 15 July 45.

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[Signature]

Major General,

Further to MIA letter SD/27/2 dated 30 June 45.

1. The above mentioned units will be formed on WE CM/890/1 with effect from July 1 under the supervision of HQ No.1 District at Florence.
2. Personnel will be provided by you under normal ER-ITI Reinforcement arrangements.
3. Equipment will be to basic scale 6508/7. SEIs will be issued later.
4. The units will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation to which they belong.
5. Further particulars are given at Appx "A".
6. Report formation progress to this HQ on 15 July 45.

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Copy to: MIA IO No 1 District
MIA IO Florence City Command

Intention: (200)
Q (200)
MID
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Major General,
MIA.

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R E S T R I C T E D

SUBJECT: Formation of Cat 3 BR-ITI Units

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

SD/27/2

30 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

871 ITALIAN GRAVES CONC PL
872 ITALIAN GRAVES CONC PL

1. Authority will be given shortly for the formation of the above mentioned units under the supervision of HQ No.1 District. They will be formed in FLORENCE with effect from 1 July 45.
2. The units will be organised onto WE CM/890/1 - 1 Offr. 29 ORs 3 Vehs.
3. Equipment will be provided to basic scale 6508/7. SELs will be issued later.
4. AFHQ memo ASD/922.8 (B)1 refers.

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[Signature]
Major General,
MMIA.

Copy to: MMIA LO 1 District
MMIA LO Florence City Command

Internal: A {Two}
Q {Two}
MRD
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Form 1850

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Formation

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Signal Corps, United States Army

Telegram

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Received at PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
SIGNAL CENTER
FLORENCE

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: RESTRICTED

20 JUNE 1945

: ROUTINE

TO (ACTION)

: DISTONE

(INFORMATION)

: MMIA LO FLORENCE CITY COMMAND

FROM

: MMIA

DATE-TIME SIGNED : 201800B

DATE-TIME REC'D : 202240B

REFERENCE NR : SD 2784

CITE : NONE

RESTRICTED. FOR MMIA LO. REF YOUR LETTER LO/617 OF 16.
PLEASE SIGNAL FOLLOWING INFORMATION SOONEST. 1. TOTAL NUMBER
OF ESSENTIAL INSTALLATIONS BOLOGNA AND FLORENCE THAT REQUIRE
ITALIAN ARMY GDS. 2. MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEN REQUIRED FOR
THIS PURPOSE. 3. POSSIBILITY OF CONCENTRATING INSTALLATIONS
SO AS TO REDUCE ESSENTIAL GUARD PERSONNEL GIVING FIGURES **2290**
REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL AND DATE BY WHICH THIS COULD BE EFFECTED.

*Copy given to Galtier for
him to seal.*

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Formation of Units

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Capt Thruapp -

MJFV V MBZX NR¹⁶~~3~~BT IMPORTANT
FROM MMIA LO 1 DIST OBNFT
TO FLORENCE CITY COMMAND FOR MMIA LO
BT

RESTRICTED. PLEASE SIGNAL PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES OF 301 TRANSIT
CAMP STAFF

BT OBNFT

SENT NR 3987 2045 WS B K

RCD NR16 2046B JS AR K

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Formation Units

MIHALO FLORENCE COMMAND

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MIHALO DISTANCE

(INFO MIA)

GEORGE SIX FIVE PD BARN FROM MIKE MIKE ITM ABLE LOVE ORGE FLORENCE
COMMAND TO MIKE MIKE ITM ABLE LOVE ORGE DISTANCE AND MIKE MIKE ITM
ABLE PD REP YOUR SIGNAL NO REP DATED EIGHT PD NO DEFICIENCIES IN
EIGHT ZERO ONE TRANSMIT CAMP SHARP SUBJECT ONE MAJOR AND ONE MIKE ORGE PD
MIKE MIKE ITM ABLE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO REPEATED POSTING

2288

Subject:- Guard Coys.

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

M.M.I.A.

14 July 45.

Ref. letter SD/13/2 of 30 June 45 and signal
SD 2784 of 20 June 45.

1. Justification for Guard Coy N°6 at Bologna is as follows:-

- (a) Terr. H.Q. has no troops at its disposal.
- (b) The following Depots have to be looked after:-

- 35 Fanteria
- 6 Bernaglieri
- 3 Regt. Carrista
- Regt. Landieri
- 3 Art. Regt and Quartiere Generale
- Three others.

Civilians are at present guarding the ²²⁸⁷ ~~troops~~.

- (c) The Pirotecnico (Ufficio Automob. Regio Esercito) requires a guard.
- (d) Guards are required to off-load stores from vehicles and form into dumps.
- (e) Further Guards are required for city rounds and police duties and also for checking vehicle permits at city gates.

2. N°6 Terr. H.Q. has 10 Military Districts. At present certain garrisons exist from 209 Div, but when units move at short notice there are no other troops to take over.

3. When I originally discussed this with the Chief of Staff

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at Bologna he was of the opinion that one Guard Bn would be necessary.

After further discussion he agreed that two Coys would be enough.

At our last meeting he came down to one Coy, and in my opinion this should suffice.

4. As regards N°7 Guard Coy, Florence, I understand that the troops will be employed on guarding:-

N°7 Supply Depot
Three repair plants
Two vehicle parks
Various Salvage dumps and warehouses.

[Signature]
P.M. EGBERTON, Lt.Col.
GSO 1 (L)
M.E.I.A.

Copy to:- MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT
MMIA LO FLORENCE COMD
(for Capt. THURPE)

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SUBJECT: Formation of Units

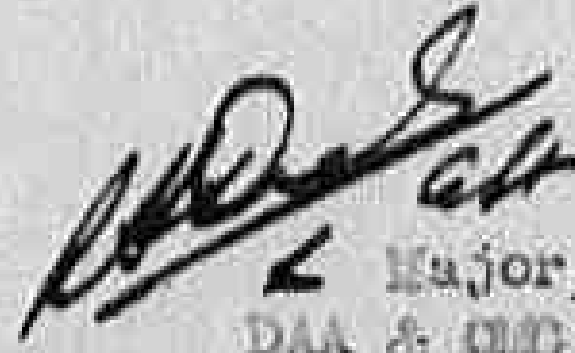
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ITALIA

671 and 672 Italian Graves
Concentration Pls

Herewith 4 copies of AFHQ letter C-1(Br)
1116/A1 (Ser 2563) dated 1 Jul 45 authorizing
the formation of the above units together with
6 copies of WE CM/890/1 for distribution to the
Italian Headquarters and units concerned.

CMF
13 Jul 45
RFD/DR


Major,
DAA & QID,
FLORENCE Command.

Copy to:- Adv HQ GR & E (with copy of WE)
"G"
"Q" } (with copy of WE)
LADOC

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Effective date 17 May 45.
Ha effetto dal giorno 17 Maggio '45.

CM/890/1

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RISERVATO

**AN ITALIAN GRAVES
CONCENTRATION PLATOON**

(Designed to be attached to a
British Graves Registration Unit)

**PLOTONE SISTEMAZIONE
CIMITERI DI GUERRA**

(Destinato ad essere aggregato ad un
reparto Britannico Sistemazione
Cimiteri Guerra)

Amdt No - Variante n.	—
Date - Data	17/5/1945
Offrs - Uff.	1
ORs - Truppa	29
Total - Totale	30
Mchs - Motoc.	—
Vehs - Autom.	—
Trotters - Rimorchi	—

WAR ESTABLISHMENT — ORGANICO DI GUERRA

I) PERSONNEL — PERSONALE

DETAIL - DETTAGLIO	PI HQ Comando PI	Two Sections (each) Due sezioni (per ciascuna)	Total An Italian Graves Concentration Platoon Totale di un Plotone Sistemazione Cimiteri di Guerra
Officer Commanding (Subaltern) - Comandante (Ufficiale Subalterno)	1	—	1
Total Officers - Totale Ufficiali	1	—	1
Serjeant (Pay duties) - Sergente addetto all'Amministrazione	1	—	1
Section Commanders - Coman- dante di Squadra	—	1	2
Total NCOs - Totale Sottuff.	1	1	3
General dutymen (ptes) - Militari addetti ai servizi generali (sold)	2	9	20
Drivers 1/2 - Automobilisti	1	1	3
Cooks - Cuochieri	1	1	3
Total Other Ranks - Totale Truppa	4	11	20
Total An Italian Graves Concen- tration Unit - Totale di un Plo- tone Sistemazione Cimiteri di Guerra	6	12	30

II) TRANSPORT — MEZZI DI TRASPORTO

Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 65 - Autocarro leggero	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 65 - Autocarri pesanti	2

(File 8D/27/2)

(6/22)

2284

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian.

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR)/1116/A.1. (Ser. 2563)
1 Jul 45.

871 & 872 ITALIAN GRAVES CONCENTRATION PLATOONS.

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed on W.E. CM/890/1 with effect from 1 Jul 45 under the supervision of HQ No.1 District at FLORENCE.
(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ No.1 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from GHQ Publications Depot, P & SS, CMF. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No.1 District.
(c) Serial numbers 95447 & 95448 respectively have been allotted to these units.

2. PERSONNEL

Will be provided under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMA).

3. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.1 District:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to basic scale 6508/7 and SELs to be issued by Q.(AE), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
- (iv) Transport to complete to W.E., as available in accordance with existing priorities.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as follows:-

- (i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to the nearest Stationary Depot (see GHO 337/44).
- (ii) Publications (except W.Es and AFG.1098, which are obtainable from GHQ Publications Depot, P & SS, CMF) to No.10 Publications Depot, (indent form A.F.L.1394).
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the Poste Militaire number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation to which they belong.

6. COMPLETION

HQ No.1 District will report to G.1.(BR), AFHQ, copy to G.3.(Org.), Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

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DISTRIBUTION:-

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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- (ii) Publications (except W.E.s and P.S.G. 1096, which are obtainable from GHQ Publications Depot, P & SS, CMF) to No. 10 Publications Depot, (indent form A.P.L. 1394).
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.P.L. 1392) to AFSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

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6. COMPLETION

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DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,

The War Office (S.D.2.)

CG 15 Army Group

HQ Eighth Army

HQ No. 1 District

HQ No. 2 District

HQ No. 3 District

GHQ 2nd Echelon

GHQ 2nd Echelon (SMATS)

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission,

Allied Commission (MILA)

HQ Allied Commission

GHQ Publications Depot

No. 10 Publications Depot

No. 8 Command Pay Office

Signalmaster, CASERT.

X Incl copy for new units and distribution as necessary.

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

CG 15 Army Group	4	C.1. (BR) A.4.	10
HQ Eighth Army	6	G.1. (BR) A.9/10.	2
HQ No. 1 District	3	+++ G.3. (Org.) Foreign	
HQ No. 2 District	13	G.3. (Org. 2) (Manpower)	
HQ No. 3 District	3	G.3. (Org. 2) (ORBAT)	
GHQ 2nd Echelon	3	Q. (Maint)	3
GHQ 2nd Echelon (SMATS)	9	C. (A.E.)	
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission,		Liaison	
Allied Commission (MILA)		S.T.	
HQ Allied Commission		Ord. (P.)	
GHQ Publications Depot		R.E.M.E.	
No. 10 Publications Depot		F.A.	
No. 8 Command Pay Office		D.P.I.C.	
Signalmaster, CASERT.		A.D.P.S.S.	
		D.D.A.P.S.	
		Historical Sec	
		War Diary	2
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+++ ASD/922.6(B)1 of 27 Jun 45 refers.

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SUBJECT : 'AOSTA' Lancette Squadron.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Tel: 489001 Ext 535
A 110/7
12 July 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference SMRE 19407/MDB of 9 July 45.

1. You are authorised to select 75 suitable men for posting as reinforcements to IRTG CERSANG, for employment in the above squadron, from ex US-ITI pack transport personnel transferred to BR-ITI Adm Divs.
2. Please select these men through the Adm Divs. to whom the pack transport personnel were allotted in bulk on transfer from US-ITI Category. For a summary of these allocations see MMIA A 115 of 12 July.
3. If rail movement is required when these men are assembled please apply to MMIA.

for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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COPY: 'P' RTLS IRTG
MMIA LO 8 ARMY

MMIA LO 230 DIV of FLORENCE CITY COMMAND
MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT.

) for info if your Admin Div.
) raises this question.

INTERNAL: 6 (TRG)

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SUBJECT: Formation of Cat 2 and Cat 3 Units.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMA)

SD/15/2

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June 45

TO : Ministry of War

807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP
1421 ITALIAN OFFICERS' SHOP (STATIC)
1422 ITALIAN OFFICERS' SHOP (STATIC)

Reference MMA letter SD/15/2 dated 14 June 45.

1. The nomenclature of the above quoted units, in course of formation, will be as shown and not as in our letter under reference, which will be amended accordingly.

Copy to: MMA LO REAR 8 ARMY
" " 5 ARMY BR INCR
" " 1 DISTRICT
" " 2 DISTRICT
" " 3 DISTRICT
" " FLORENCE CITY COMD

S. Major General,
MMA.

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807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP
 1421 ITALIAN OFFICERS' SHOP (STATIC)
 1422 ITALIAN OFFICERS' SHOP (STATIC)

Reference MMIA letter SD/15/2 dated 14 June 45.

1. The nomenclature of the above quoted units, in course of formation, will be as shown and not as in our letter under reference, which will be amended accordingly.

Copy to: MMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY
 " " 5 ARMY RR INCR
 " " 1 DISTRICT
 " " 2 DISTRICT
 " " 3 DISTRICT
 " FLORENCE CITY COMD

Internal: A (Two) File: ORCAT to see
 Q (Three) SD/1/2
 RE SD/4/2
 Q(OS) SD/31/2
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 Major General,
 MMIA.

SUBJECT:- Formation of Cat 2 and Cat 3 Units

CONFIDENTIAL

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIL.)

SD/15/2

14 Jun 45

TO :- MINISTRY OF WAR

807 Italian Transit Camp Staff	-	Cat 3
1421 Italian Static Officers Shop	-	Cat 2
1422 " "	-	Cat 2
27 Italian Engr Coy	-	Cat 3

Reference MILA letters SD/15/2 of 2 Jun 45 and SD/4/1 of 5 May 45, being warning orders for the formation of the above mentioned units.

1. FORMATION

27 Italian Engr Coy is being formed by posting personnel to 17 Italian Engr Coy in excess of establishment and then organising the two companies from the total personnel available. The remainder of the units will be formed in the usual manner - further details are at Annex "A" att.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

The effective dates for the formation of these units are:

807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP STAFF	-	1 Jun 45
1421 ITALIAN STATIC OFFICERS SHOP	-	1 Jun 45
1422 " "	-	1 Jun 45
27 ITALIAN ENGR COY	-	17 May 45

3. PERSONNEL

Personnel have already been posted to 17 Italian Engr Coy vide para 1 and further personnel for this or the other units in course of formation will be provided by you in the normal manner.

4. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be provided on the following scales:-

BASIC

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Reference MMIA letters SD/15/2 of 2 Jun 45 and SD/4/1 of 3 May 45, being warning orders for the formation of the above mentioned units.

1. FORMATION

27 Italian Enger Coy is being formed by posting personnel to 17 Italian Enger Coy in excess of establishment and then organizing the two companies from the total personnel available. The remainder of the units will be formed in the usual manner - further details are at Annex "A" att.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

The effective dates for the formation of these units are:

807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP STAFF	-	1 Jun 45
1424 ITALIAN STATIC OFFERS SHOP	-	1 Jun 45
1422 " " "	-	1 Jun 45
27 ITALIAN ENGER COY	-	17 May 45

3. PERSONNEL

Personnel have already been posted to 17 Italian Enger Coy vide para 1 and further personnel for this or the other units in course of formation will be provided by you in the normal manner.

4. EQUIPMENT

Equipment will be provided on the following scales:-

	BASIC	SELF
807 ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP STAFF	6508/7	178/1
1424, 1422 ITALIAN STATIC OFFERS SHOPS	6508/2	To be issued
27 ITALIAN ENGER COY	6508/7	268/1

5. REFERENCE

AMHQ letter G1(BA)1116/41 (Ser 2420) dated 9 Jun 45 refers.

DISTR: MMIA LO Rear ENGER Army
 " " " FIFTH Army Br Iner
 " " " HQ 2 District
 " " " HQ 3 District
 " " " HQ 1 District
 " " FLORENCE CITY Comd

Internal
 4 (Two)
 Q (Three)
 RE. Ord. ST

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 SD/31/2

Major General
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