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Subject: Move of 88mm Italian Bty

SECRET

G/2/92

HQ
8 AA Bde

1. Ref conversation Brig RICHARDS - Brig CRUM yesterday, would you kindly arrange to move the 8mm bty from SAN PANCRAZIO airfield to BARI on Thursday 13 Jul 44.

2. It would be appreciated if an adv party could report at this HQ (Tactical sign 242) at least one hr prior to the arrival of the main body.

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Brig
Comd 25 AA Bde

Field
8 Jul 44

Copy to: HQ RA, AAI - ref AFHQ message F.58847 of 13 Jun 44
Army Sub Commission, ACC, Main HQ (MMIA) - ref your 0475 of 1 Jul 44
SHAPE - ref your 7052/OP of 1 Jul 44
ADC BARI
20 Raggruppamento
Comando Difesa, IX Corpo d'Armata
OC 184 'Z' AA Bty - this bty will be occupying the site vacated by you.

SC

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SEGRETO 6/3

SD 6/3

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N. 4822/Ord. di prot. P.M.151, li 8 luglio 1944

OGGETTO : Difesa contraerei.-

Artiglieria Contraerei Difesa

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.) LECCE

Seguito foglio 4063/Ord. del 16/6-44.

Si trasmette l'unito specchio, richiesto via breve tramite il Maggiore BAUMANN, contenente gli organici sommari del 20° raggruppamento artiglieria contraerei di Bari.

Il personale esuberante potrebbe essere così impiegato:

- 430 sottufficiali e truppa per il ripianamento delle deficienze del 19° raggruppamento art. c.a. di Napoli;
- le rimanenze (48 ufficiali e 404 fra sottufficiali e truppa) per l'attuazione di uno dei numeri del noto programma di costituzione reparti, sulla base delle indicazioni di precedenza che verrà data codesta A.S.C.-

Con l'occasione si fa presente che i 150 complementi (compresi nel fabbisogno complessivo di 430, sopra indicato, per il 19° raggruppamento c.a.) non sono stati ancora inviati in Campania perché il Comando A.A.I. non ha ancora autorizzato il relativo trasporto (fono del Comando Principale A.A.I. SD/1885 del 25/6-44).-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M. INTER.
(Col.Quercia Attilio)

Seguito foglio 4063/Crd. del 16/6-44.

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Allegato al f°n° 4822/Or del /7-44

Specchio riepilogativo della forza organica della difesa c.a.
IX CORPO D'ARMATA

Comandi e reparti		Forza organica		
		Uff.	Sott.	Tr.
Comando difesa c.a.	36	9	6	18
Comando 20° raggruppamento A.C.A.I.	150	25	25	100
Comando LXXVI gruppo	16	3	3	10
190^ batteria	89	3	4	82
90^ "	89	3	4	82
443^ "	89	3	4	82
444^ "	89	3	4	82
445^ "	89	3	4	82
Comando LXXVIII gruppo	16	3	3	10
193^ batteria	89	3	4	82
194^ "	89	3	4	82
195^ "	89	3	4	82
Comando CXLIV gruppo	16	3	3	10
777^ batteria	78	5	8	65
903^ "	36	3	4	49
838^ "	78	5	8	65
305^ "	36	3	4	49
Comando CXXXIX Gruppo	24	4	5	15
776^ batteria	78	5	8	65
778^ "	108	5	12	92
1513^ batteria	109	5	12	92
1503^ "	101	5	8	73
1424^ "	114	4	10	100
4^ cmp. mitra	78	6	13	85
Comando servizio fotoelettrico	3	1	-	2
329^ sezione f.e.	41	1	6	34
330^ " " "	41	1	6	34
331^ " " "	41	1	6	34
332^ " " "	41	1	6	34

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ARMY FORM C-2123

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

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

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TO [illegible]

FROM [illegible]

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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[illegible]

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8 AA BRIGADE — SECRET

OPERATION ORDER No 15/44. — COPY NO. 8

INFORMATION

1. HAA defences at SAN PANCRAZIO are being reduced.

INTENTION

2. 1424 Batteria will be withdrawn and will deploy at BARI under comd 25 AA Bde.

METHOD

3. 87 HAA Regt will be responsible for moving 1424 Batteria. 535

4. Sr Officer with Advance party from 1424 Batteria will report to HQ 25 AA Bde at 1000 hrs 12 Jul 44.

5. 1424 Batteria will leave SAN PANCRAZIO and deploy BARI 12 Jul 44.

ADMINISTRATION

6. 87 HAA Regt will provide tpt required for move - calling on 8e HAA Regt if necessary.

7. A reasonable amount of amn will be taken - the remainder being moved under orders of 25 AA Bde.

INTERCOMM

8. Wireless silence will be observed during move. Line comms rendered surplus will be reeled in.

ACK

Date - 8 Jul 44.

Time of signature.....

Method of despatch.....

Major R.A.,
Brigade Major, 8 AA Brigade.

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Date - 8 Jul 44.

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Method of despatch.....

Major R.A.,
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DISTRIBUTION

1424 Batteria	1
87 H&A Regt	2
89 H&A Regt	3
AADC SAN PANCRAZIO	4
25 AA BDE	5
SADC 286 Wing RAF	6
47 Wing USAAF	7
MIA	8
82 Area	9
85 Garrison	10
8 AA Bde Sigs	11
War Diary	12 & 13
Files (W/2/6/G & O/2/1/G)	14 & 15
Spares.	16 & 17

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TO Main AAI Corps MCIA

FROM Fidler

Originator's Number FF702 06 | Date Consolidated | In Reply to Number

Secret | Secret | Date 7/14 | Priority | Restricted

Ø | Yes | SD Ltr of | 7 July

One | Ø | Letter | follows | from | Adv.

CPAFHQ | week | date | requested

(Signature)

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Writer

Signed

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Time 1534

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Operator (B)

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MESSAGE FORM

Date/Time.....214

FROM : MAIN AAI

TO : AFHQ

INFO : MAIA

ORIG NO: SD 1145

RESTRICTED (.) considerable numbers Italian Army personnel are employed on AA and CD duties under your comd in ITALY SICILY and SARDINIA (.) request you review these numbers and forward statement of minimum numbers required for this commitment (.) this infm urgently required for planning purposes

(1) Hutchinson - WCol

(2)

PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:- Release of Materiel

Army Sub Commission MMIA (Adv)
R O M E.

25 A.A. Bde

9 Jul 44

G/105-

Copy to:- Direzione di Artig - ROMA.

Release is authorised from the Laboratorio di Precisione R.E., ROME, of the following material for Italian A.A. units under your command :-

Colonnine di puntaria Mod. 37	- 2
Cuffie telefoniche	- 10
Mire luminose	- 20
Stereotelemetro da 4 m completo	- 1

ABC

for Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
(MMIA) (ADV)

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TO HQ Region I ACC SICILY for ALBERT

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Retel O Your S 12241 of 7 July

CITE 1554G — 1253 O Actly Transmit

L release L 145 Clotum AA

group 3000 rels 5715 from Sicily stocks

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TO 21 AA Bde

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 1447		

Confidential O Ref FREEDOM Sqmi
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Request you Confirm sufficient ordn
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Subject: Italian AA

(AA & AD Sec)

8/7 G/2/91 G/3 211

Ref this HQ G/2/85 dated 22 Jun 44. Please amend as follows :-

(a) Para (a) - delete "ORs 27" and substitute "ORs 15"

(b) Para (b) - delete "ORs 39" and substitute "ORs 25"

A A Brien Capt

for Brig
Comd 25 A Bde

Field
7 Jul 44

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, ACC(MMIA), Main HQ, Lequile
Liaison Offr, MMIA, 2 District
Comando Difesa CA, IX Corpo d'Armata

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TO MIMA LEQUILE (LECCE) INFO MIMA LO 56 AREA

FROM COIES from ALBERT MIMA LO SICILY

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
S 12241	207	

RESTRICTED ○ CITE IBSIZ 1253 ○ Ref your 0486 of 5 JULY ○
Available 37/54 and in SICILY e. above by 1 enclosure 1 of our
DRY 351 of 28 June ○ Request authority to release 3000 rounds
tracer Bulk 2000 rounds ordinary K 145 italian AA group

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(P) M A LEYC 272/8 QQX

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TO MEYT

FROM LHUB	Originator's Number S12241	Date	In Reply to Number

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

request authority to release three thousand pounds ordinary to our Fuzen and Hirō four five Italian at able able group

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SUBJECT: Italian units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
C/3
6 July 44

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ACC Adv for Army Sub Comm

Copy to: 22 AA Bde

Ref attached 22 AA Bde letter No 188 of 2 Jul 44.

1. Please verify that the equipt listed in the appendices to the above letter is available, and obtain AAI permission to turn it over to 19 Raggruppamento.

2. Para 4 of a/q letter. Please take action as necessary.

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

CGI.

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SUBJECT:- A.A. Material

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
R O M E

G/Sec

Jul 44

Ministry of War
(with extra copy for Dir. of Art)

Copy to:- 25 A.A. Bde

Release is granted to 25 AA Bde for 20 Rampicarro c.a. 8AFI of the following material from the Direzione di Artiglieria, ROME.

425

Barrels for 20mm Cerlikon guns - 3

signed J.A. DOBBS Maj RA

AFC

for Major General
Army sub Commission A.C.C.
ITALY

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ARMY FORM C.2128

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Serial No. 207

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No. of Groups: GR.

Office Date Stamp: 13

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TO MMIA Lo 56 Area ~~4th~~ MMIA Lo at 185 - 13 AA Bde

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number: 0486

Date:

In Reply to Number:

Restricted 0 Auckhill mainland 3/1/54

many 15 NIL 0 Flat Case

Staff Casualties 12 Corps Strictly Restricted

17,000 17,000 words Report to be

depots 0 Report yes Correct then

+ Reserve Results

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Signature: R C Stallworthy Major

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ARMY SC
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SUBJECT : Italian Equipment.

No. 188
2 Jul 44

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G/3 206

HEADQUARTERS
3 AUG 1944
A.C.C.

A.C.C.

1. Attached at Appx "A" is a list of Italian Anti-Aircraft Equipment held by "Direzione di Artiglieria" - Rome.

2. Attached at Appx "B" is a list of Italian Anti-Aircraft Equipment held by "Laboratorio di Precisione del R.E." - Rome.

3. May permission please be given for the above equipment to be handed over to 19 Raggruppamento Artiglieria C.A. Territoriale, Comando, who are under my operational command. The equipment would be used further to supplement the Anti-Aircraft defences of NAPLES.

4. In addition to the above, further Italian A.A. equipment is reported to be in the Italian Ordnance Depots at GROSSETO and TERNI. May the "Direzione D'Artiglieria" - Rome please be instructed to investigate the position and report details to 19 Raggruppamento Artiglieria C.A. Territoriale, Comando.

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G.C. Gray

G.C. GRAY.
Brig.
Comd. 22 A.A. Bde.

Field.
JWL/BAP

Copy to :- M.M.I.A.
Laboratorio di Precisione del R.E.
Direzione di Artiglieria
19 Raggruppamento Artiglieria C.A.Territoriale

Appendix "A" to 22 A.A. Bde letter
No. 188 dated 2 Jul 44

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May the "Direzione D'Artiglieria" - Rome please be instructed to investigate the position and report details to 19 Raggruppamento Artiglieria C.A. Territoriale, Comando.

G.C. Gray

G.C. GRAY.
Brig.
Comd. 22 A.A. Bde.

Field.
JWL/BAP

Copy to :- M.M.I.A.
Laboratorio di Precisione del R.E.
Direzione di Artiglieria
19 Raggruppamento Artiglieria C.A.Territoriale

Appendix "A" to 22 A.A. Bde letter
No. 188 dated 2 Jul 44

The following materials are available at the "Direzione di Artiglieria" - Rome :-

Supports for 20 mm. guns, Dicat type	No.	2
Barrels for 20 mm. guns Oerlikon type	No.	16
Barrels for 37/54 mm. guns with trunk containing spare parts	No.	8
Complete guns 37/54 mm	No.	4
Charge cases for 20 mm. Oerlikon shells, to be sent to Taranto for their reconditionment	No.	100.000
Shrapnels for 20 mm. guns Breda	No.	7.000
" " " " " Oerlikon	No.	1.800

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO MMIA rptd 73 AA Bde MMIALO at 145 205

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
MMIALO. 56 AREA	TA 19	30	

RESTRICTED ⊙.	145	ITALIAN	BTY	AA
atk	73	AA	BDE	require	12,000
(	TWELVE	THOUSAND	)	rounds	TRACER
amn	If	possible	self	destroying	fty
37/54	gun	⊙	is	there	any
mm	ITALY	⊙	NA	SICILY	⊙
signed	THRUPP				

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ARMY FORM C.212s

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN
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No. of Groups GR. 204

Office Date Stamp G-13

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TO 8 11 Bde 25 11 Bde

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
0475		

Redistribution of Ref Conference of G1's this
26 June Chief of Staff to this HQ
Feb 1 General 1 July given formal approval on
for Ch 1 Aug 1 Sept for Ch ... 1920
Orders Bde

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Appendix "B" to [illegible] A.A. Bde Letter
No. 103 dete 2 sul 44.

ELENCO DEI MATERIALI DI PRECISIONE OCCORRENTI A QUESTO RAGGRUPPAMENTO

PER IL COMPLETAMENTO DELLE BATTERIE

ESISTENTI PRESSO IL LABORATORIO DI PRECISIONE DEL R. ESERCITO - ROMA

Graduatori a mano per spolette 36 a fol.e	No.	20
Manometri per 250 atm	"	6

Congegni di puntamento

Goniometri E c.e. 13 (completi di cassetta e treppiede)	"	13
Congegno di puntamento per mitragliere da 20 elettrico	"	4
Cannocchiale per mitragliera da 20	"	2
Telemetri da 3 m. completi di stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	7
Telemetri da m. 0,70 completi di treppiede e cassetta	"	10
Stadia da 0,70	"	10
Telemetro da m. 4 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	1
Supporto a quella per telemetro da m. 0,60	"	2
Cassette per mezzi metrici	"	3
Telemetri stereoscopici da m. 2 completi di stadia	"	2
Telemetro monoculare da m. 2. con stadia treppiede e cass.	"	5
Calcolatore di volo per tiro c.a.	"	1
Congegni da 20/35 di puntaria	"	1
Talponi ottici per mitragliere da 20 mod. 35	"	15
Congegni di rettifica di mira da 20/35	"	5
" " " " " 76/40	"	4
Tavolo previsore da 76/40	"	1
Colonnina di puntamento per detto	"	1
Materiale telefonico completo per detto (cavi, cuffie e microfoni e generatori di corrente)	"	1
Congegni di puntaria da 20/35 tipo [illegible]	"	6
Stereotelemetrico 0, 60 completi di stadia e treppiede	"	1
telemetri da m. 3 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	1
Cassetta per accumulatore illuminazione telemetro	"	24
Telemetri S. Giorgio m. 4 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	2
Cannocchiali di assedio grandi, completi di treppiede e cassetta	"	2
Cannocchiali di assedio piccoli, completi di treppiede e cassetta	"	1
Cannocchiali da 76/45	"	4
Cannocchiale per centralino di puntaria a forbici, completo di treppiede	"	2
Cannocchiale da 76/40	"	1
Cercatori per telemetro Galileo da m. 4	"	2
Binocoli per osservazione S. Giorgio	"	13
Specchio a riflessione per mitra. 20/35	"	20
Diopa dialza per cannone 76/40	"	1

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Stadia da 6,70	"	10
Telemetro da m. 4 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	1
Supporto a spalla per telemetro da m. 4,60	"	2
Cassette per sensi ottici	"	3
Telemetri stereoscopici da m. 2 completi di stadia	"	2
Telemetro monoottico da m. 2, con stadia treppiede e cassa	"	5
Calcolatore di volo per tiro c.a.	"	1
Congegni da 20/35 di puntería	"	1
Talponi ottici per addestramento da 20 mod. 35	"	15
Congegni di rettifica di mira da 90/53	"	5
" " " " " 76/40	"	4
Tavolo previsore da 76/40	"	1
Colonnina di puntamento per detto	"	1
Materiale telefonico completo per detto (cavi, cuffie e microfoni e generatori di corrente)	"	1
Congegni di puntería da 20/35 tipo [illegible]	"	6
Stereotelemetri da 0, 60 completi di stadia e treppiede	"	1
telemetri da m. 3 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	1
Cassetta per accumulatore illuminazione telemetro	"	24
Telemetri S. Giorgio m. 4 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	2
Cannocchiali di assedio grandi, completi di treppiede e cassetta	"	2
Cannocchiali di assedio piccoli, completi di treppiede e cassetta	"	1
Cannocchiali da 76/45	"	5
Cannocchiale per centralino di puntería a forbici, completo di treppiede	"	2
Cannocchiale da 76/40	"	1
Cercatori per telemetro Galileo da m. 4	"	2
Binocoli per osservazione S. Giorgio	"	13
Specchio a riflessione per mira, 20/35	"	20
Disco d'alzo per cannone 76/40	"	1
Talpone di puntamento 90/53	"	8
Verificatore panoramico per 90/53	"	4
Attacchi per impianti d'illuminazione per telemetri	"	27

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Appendix "A" to 22 A.A. Bde letter
No. 168 dated 2 Jul 43.

The following materials are available at the "Direzione di Artiglieria" - Rome :-

Supports for 20 mm. guns, Plant type	No.	2
Barrels for 20 mm. guns Breda type	No.	16
Barrels for 37/54 mm. gun with trunk containing spare parts	No.	8
Complete guns 37/54 mm	No.	4
Charge cases for 20 mm. Cartridges shells, to be sent to Taranto for their reconditionment	No.	100,000
Shrapnels for 20 mm. guns Breda	No.	7,000
" " " " " Ventilon	No.	1,000

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AA Material

Maresciallo Bellezza I.M.A.R.

Put in contact with Capt. Berube War Materials Disposal Section. Thinks there is 75/46 mm ammo. at Sabaudia.

Formerly worked for the AA Store at #17 Società Artigliana C.a. SABAUDIA.

6 July 44

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22 AA BDE

ADV HQ ACO

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ROUTINE
MMIA ADV

~~Citeme/Ref~~

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Cite 0/507 pd Reference 0/503 of 28 June pd New informed ammunition referred to not suitable your guns as originally manufactured for special battery 75/45 repeat 5 paren to 22 AA BDE from ADV HQ ACO for MMIA ADV paren Search continues

Distribution:

Authenticated by : _____

Originator's Sig : _____

L.T. MONTANT JR
1st Lt - AGD

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

N/cp. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI G/35

N. 7062 prot. /Op. P.M.151, li 1 luglio 1944. 203 1/7

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Difese - Antiaeree italiane. Italian A. Aircraft defences

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

Loro sede

Riferimento foglio G/3 del 26 Giugno 1944.

Nulla osta da parte di questo S.M. per il trasferimento da S.Pancrazio a Bari della 1424ª batteria c.a..

Sono state già date disposizioni per l'approntamento del reparto.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- G.B.Oxilia -

BCB 1

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ARMY FORM C-2128

MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN
	OUT

Received

No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
GR.	13

Serial No.

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TO SHAPE

FROM MMA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
0473	30	

Ref [illegible] received from [illegible] GIS [illegible] ITALIAN [illegible] grateful [illegible] for [illegible] 26 Two [illegible] A A O' [illegible] 2

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by [illegible]

Signature [illegible]

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

Signature

Originator's Instructions
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1433a GHQP [illegible]

AUTORITA' MILITARE ITALIANA IN ROMA
I.M.A.R.

N. C/ 11 di prot. Roma, 29 giugno 1944

OGGETTO : Spolettamento colpi da 75/46 per il C.I.L.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

ROMA

La Direzione di artiglieria del R.E. è in grado di spolettare i 2.000 colpi da 75/46 occorrenti per il C.I.L. e giacenti nella polveriera di Riano.

Occorre che il Comando Alleato autorizzi per iscritto la Direzione d'artiglieria R.E. a compiere tale lavoro e metta a disposizione per 4 o 5 giorni un autocarro per poter eseguire il lavoro(ricerca degli operai e trasporto di materiale).

Si assicura che in questo corso di tempo il lavoro sarà eseguito a cura della Direzione d'artiglieria R.E. con personale italiano.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col.G.Pacinotti -

June 29 th 1944 Rome

To the Allied Control Commission

Rome

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R O M A

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La Direzione di artiglieria del R.E. è in grado di sostituire i 2.000 colpi da 75/46 occorrenti per il C.I.L. e giacenti nella polveriera di Riano.

Occorre che il Comando Alleato autorizzi per iscritto la Direzione d'artiglieria R.E. a compiere tale lavoro e metta a disposizione per 4 o 5 giorni un autocarro per poter eseguire il lavoro(ricerca degli operai e trasporto di materiale).

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
- Col.G.Pacinotti -

June 29 th 1944 Rome

To the Allied Control Commission

R o m e

Subject : Change of tubes in shells for 75/46 guns.

The Artillery Direction of the Royal Army is in a position to change the tubes in shells for 75/46 guns necessary for the C.I.L. (Corpo Italiano Liberazione) which are actually in powder magazine of Riano.

We would appreciate if the Allied Command would issue a written order to authorize the Artillery Direction to carry out this work; it should also be necessary to put at disposal of above mentioned authority for 4/5 days a lorry to carry workmen and ma-

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terials.

The work will be accomplished in this period by the Artillery Direction with Italian Workmen.

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SUBJECT:- 75/46 mm A.A. Ammunition

Army Sub Commission (Advanced)
c/o Adv HQ A.C.C. - RCME

G/105
17 Jun 44

I M A R

1. There is an urgent need for 75/46mm AA ammunition for an Italian Battery in the South.

2. There are 2,400 rounds of this ammunition at RIANO depot. At present they are fuzed with percussion fuzes but AA time fuzes are available in the same depot.

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3. Will you inform this office if you can arrange with the Direzione Artiglieria for the ammunition mentioned to be refuzed with AA fuzes, and how soon it would be ready for collection. After refuzing, the ammunition should be replaced in boxes ready for travelling.

Major AA
for Colonel,
Army Sub Commission (Adv).

ABC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

To: 25 AA BDE

From : HQ ACC MMIA ADV

Reference No : 0/503

Date & T.O.O. : 251230B

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTRE No :

Classification : CONFIDENTIAL

Precedence : ROUTINE

Office of Origin : MMIA ADV

From DOBIE paren to 25 AA BDE from AIV ACC for MMIA ADV paren 2400 rounds 75/46 ammunition at RIANO map ref sheet 17/7888 pd At present have percussion fuses pd These being changed to AA pd Will advise when ready for collection pd looking for more

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Distribution:

Authenticated by :

Originator's Sig :

L.T. MONTANT JR
1st Lt AGD

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
OUTGOING MESSAGE

File 6/105

To: FREEDOM

Signal Message Centre No_____

From: MAIA HQ ACCC ADV

Classification: ~~SECRET~~ CONFIDENTIAL

Reference No: 0/501

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date & time of origin: 271505B

Office of origin: MAIA ADV

For AA and CD from DOBBS pd Italian Military Authorities in ROME state that no AA material remains ROME or CIVITAVECCHIA pd Have only discovered small quantity of ammunition

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L.T. MONTANT JR
1st Lt AGD

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ARMY FORM G-2130
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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. G/3 514

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TO AMIA

FROM LO 3 CORPS

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Numbers
G/123	27	

182 AA Grp (ITALIAN) left BILA area
for SIRACUSA June 20 hrs

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Title G/3

AG CHOP 642

FROM 145 AA Bn

Time 1827 Z

Time 1900 Origin

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Subject: Defences - ITALIAN AA

G/3 7
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SECRET

8 AA BRIGADE 200
CMF

M.M.I.A.

IT/7

27 June '44

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Your G/3 dated 26 June '44 para 3.

It is confirmed that 1424 Batteria will come under op comd of 25 AA Bde on arrival at Bari.

J. Cumm

Brigadier,
Commander 8 AA Brigade.

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SUBJECT: A.A. Defence

Feb 5

RESTRICTED

Army Sub Commission A.C.C. 199
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/3
26 June 44

SAME

Copy to: SD/22

Ref your AC63/ORD of 15 June, and our G/3 of 19 June 44, on the above subject.

Copy of AAI letter 1605/50/17/G(SD1) of 22 Jun 44 is attached for your information.

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15 Col fa

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

CGL.

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SUBJECT: Moves of Italian Units

RESTRICTED 198

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/170 (SD).

22 Jun 44

1 District
2 District
3 District
8 AA Bde
22 AA Bde
25 AA Bde
62 AA Bde
66 AA Bde
73 AA Bde

1. As far as is practical the Italian Army authorities are responsible for the administration of ALL Italian Army units. Moves of units demand corresponding changes in their administrative arrangements.

2. MMIA will therefore be given early warning of any proposed move of an Italian unit and copies of instructions ordering movement and/or change of command will be sent to MMIA.

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Lieutenant - General
Chief of General Staff

Copy to:- CG Fifth Army
Eighth Army
IBS
PBS
2 Polish Corps
ELO att 2 Polish Corps
MMIA
G(Mov)

1605/50/2

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SUBJECT: Defences - ITALIAN AA

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MTA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/3
26 June 44.

S.M.M.B.

Copy to: 25 AA Bde.
8 AA Bde. - your IT/7 of 24 Jun 44 refers.

1. Owing to the removal of a British unit from BARI AA defences, it is proposed to transfer 142 Batteria c.a. complete with all equipment and ITALIAN personnel, from SAN PANCRAZIO to BARI to fill the gap.

2. It is requested that you authorise the move, and send a warning order to 142 Batteria.

3. FOR 8 AA BDE: Please confirm that 142 Batteria will come under op cond of 25 AA Bde on arrival in BARI.

RCS for

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

tvs.BGH.

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Subject:- DEFENCE - IT AA.

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SECRET

8 AA BRIGADE,
C&F.

IT/7. 24 Jun 44.

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To:-
IGMIA

The AA Rocket Bty at BARI is being disbanded and it is proposed to transfer the 88-mm 4-gun Bty complete with Italian personnel from SAN PANCRAZIO to BARI partially to fill the gap.

1424
AA
Italian

It is requested that formal permission for this move may be obtained from the Military authority concerned.

Italian

This request was originally made through FOTALI to the Ministry of Marine but a reply has been received stating that this Bty is under the jurisdiction of the Italian Army.

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J. Cum

Brigadier,
Commander 8 AA Brigade.

HQS 8 AA Bde
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Subject: Italian AA

G/3

AIR
(AA & CD Sec)

SECRET

G/2/35

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Ref our G/2/44 dated 8 May 44. Please amend Appx 'A' as follows :-

(a) Against 1503 Bty delete in col headed "Proposed Est" -
"Offrs 1, ORs 27"
and under col headed "Eqpt" - "3 x SL"

(b) Against 4 LAA MG Coy, under col headed "Location" delete "CERCHIL DEL CAMPO" and substitute "S SPIRITO"; under col headed "Eqpt" add "5 x SL"; under col headed "Proposed Est" add "Offrs 1, ORs 39".

Brig
Comd 25 AA Bde

Field
22 Jun 44

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, ACC(MMIA), Main Hq, Legnido
Liaison Offr, MMIA, 2 District
Comando Difesa, CA, IX Corpo d'Armata

File AA 4CD . 1

ASC

G/3
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 4030/Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 5 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Difesa contraerea della Sardegna.-

Alleg. 1.

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA - P.M. 50
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'ISPETTORATO DI ARTIGLIERIA S E D E
ALL'ISPETTORATO DELLA MANOVALANZA S E D E
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO OPERAZIONI S E D E
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI S E D E

302

La Sottocommissione per l'Esercito A.C.C. ha trasmesso per l'approvazione al comando in Capo Alleato specchio allegato dal quale risulta:

- reparti attualmente adibiti a difesa c.a. in Sardegna che dovranno rimanere;
- reparti attualmente adibiti a difesa c.a. in Sardegna che dovranno essere soppressi.-

Si fa riserva di trasmettere a suo tempo le conseguenti disposizioni esecutive. Intanto codesto comando esamini d'urgenza :

a)- dove possono essere accantonati i materiali delle btr. che si renderanno esuberanti;

b)- come potrà essere reimpiegato il personale delle stesse sia per mettere a punto i reparti d'artiglieria delle divisioni destinate a rimanere sia per completare reparti in corso di approntamento per gli A.A. o per costituirne di nuovi.-
Qualora l'ordine esecutivo dovesse giungere in tempo utile tenere presente anche l'opportunità di inserire una aliquota di questi uomini nel totale del personale destinato ai lavori agricoli nel Foggiano.-

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Si prega adottare le necessarie predisposizioni in modo che appena sarà dato l'ordine esecutivo il provvedimento possa essere attuato in breve tempo.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
f.to G.B. Cutlia

p. c. c.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

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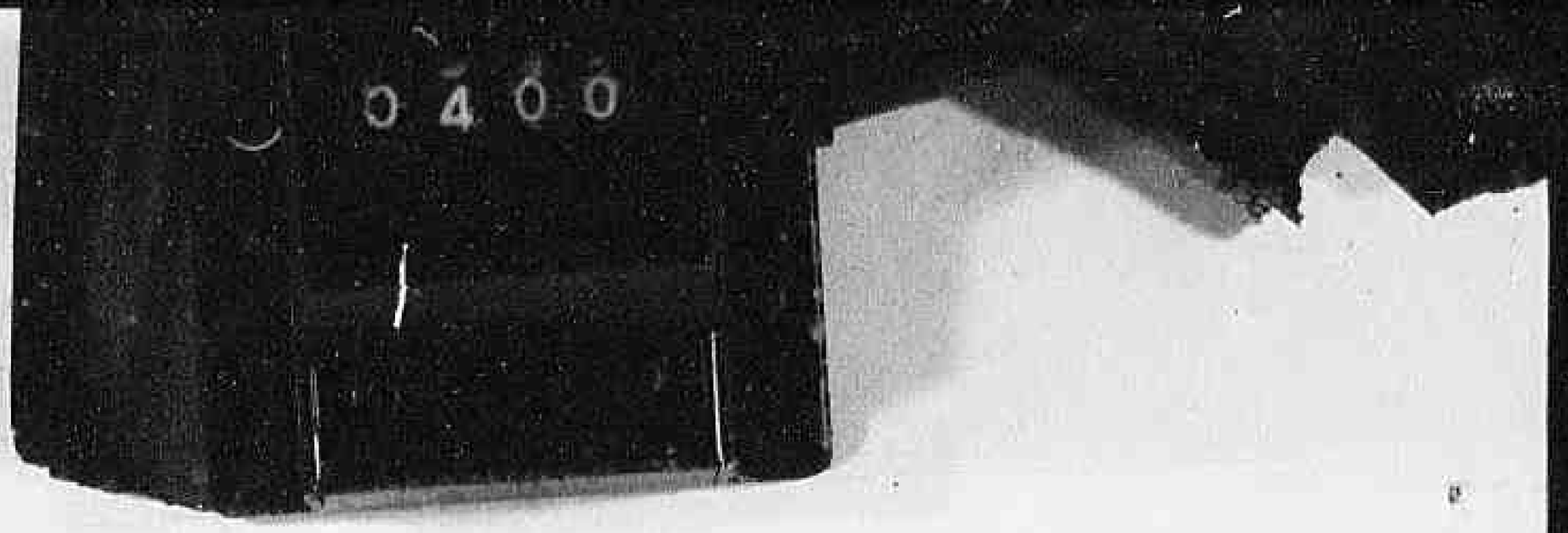
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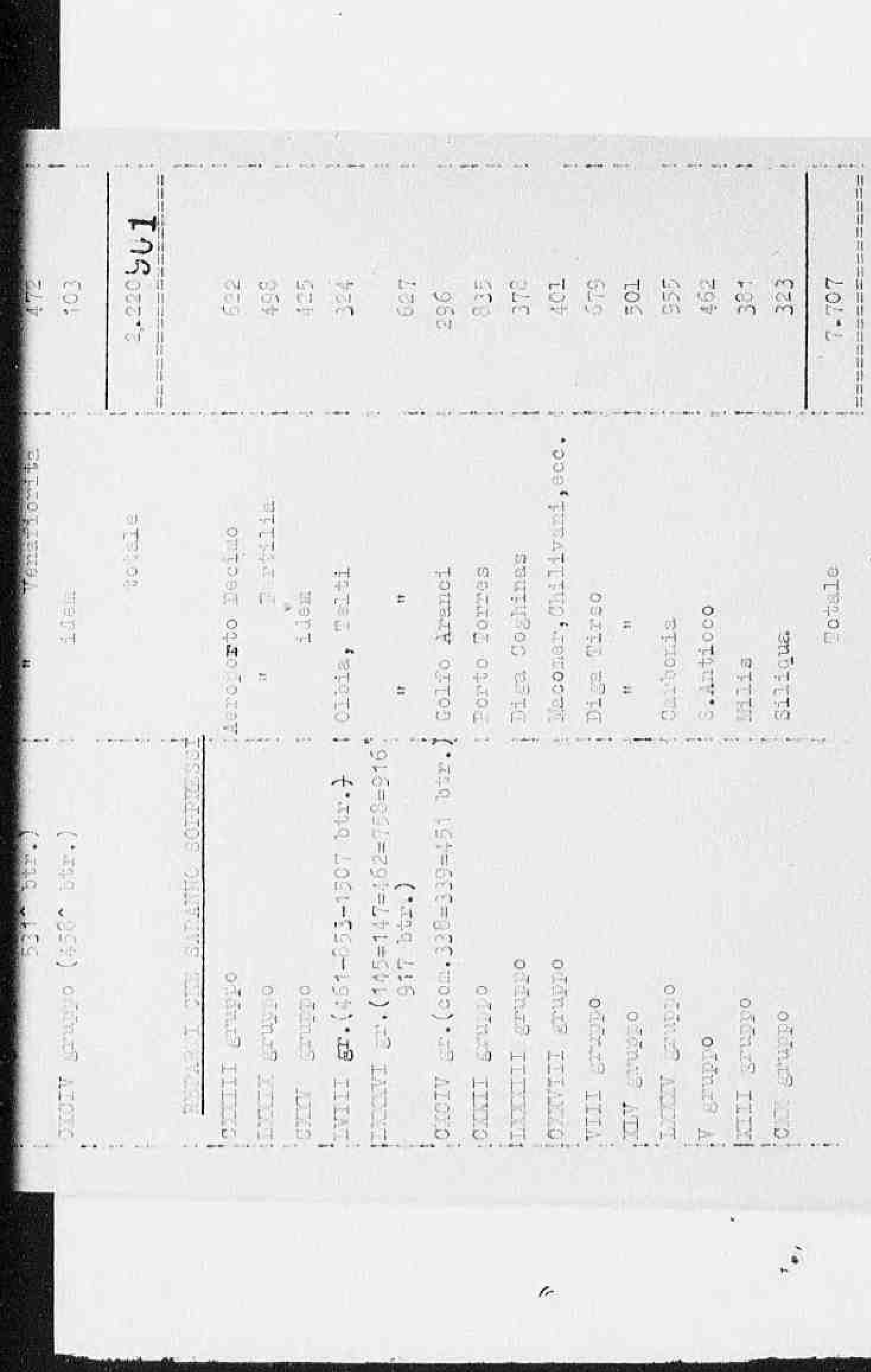
REPARTI ADIBITI A DIFESA CONTRAEREA IN SARDEGNA

REPARTO	LOCALITA'	PERSONALE
REPARTI DESTINATI A RIMANERE		
DXI gruppo	Aeroporto Villacidro	535
LXCVII gruppo	" Decimo	631
CXLIV gruppo	" Fertilia	479
LVIII gruppo (com.-34ª - 452ª 531ª btr.)	" Venafiorita	472
CXCIV gruppo (458ª btr.)	idem	103
	totale	2.220 901
REPARTI CHE SARANNO SOPPRESSI		
CXLIII gruppo	Aeroporto Decimo	622
LXXIX gruppo	" Fertilia	498
CXXV gruppo	idem	425
LVIII gr.(461-853-1507 btr.)	Olbia, Telti	324
LXXXVI gr.(145=147=462=758=916 917 btr.)	" "	627
CXCIV gr.(com.338=339=451 btr.)	Golfo Aranci	296
CXXII gruppo	Porto Torres	835
LXXXIII gruppo	Diga Coghinas	378
CXXVIII gruppo	Macomer,Chilivani,ecc.	401
VIII gruppo	Diga Tirso	679
XLV gruppo	" "	501
LXXXV gruppo	Carbonia	955

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SUBJECT: Moves of Italian A.A.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
G/3
20 June 44.

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A.A.I.

1. Italian General Staff have informed us that the following moves of Italian A.A. and S/L Units took place recently on orders of 25 A.A. Bde: -

776 Tp/144 Bty from BARI to MONOPOLI.
2 Sec/1513 Tp/139 Bty from MONOPOLI to BARI.
777 Tp/144 Bty from BARI to S. SPIRITO.
Three S/Ls of 1503 Tp from BARLETTA to GIOVINAZZO area.

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2. The moves, although small ones, were at short notice, and the Italians found it difficult to adjust their adm arrangements to meet the new dispositions.

3. We would therefore be grateful if A.A. Bdes could inform us when they intend to move the Italian A.A. under their command.

4. Italian General Staff can then be warned to make their adm arrangements and, if necessary, place the A.A. units under adm cond (i.e. for rationing, reporting of casualties etc.) of other suitably located Italian units.

RFS for

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

tvs.BGB.

Copy to: A.Q. MMIA.

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SUBJECT:- Anti-Aircraft Defence

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(LEMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3
19 Jun 44

S M R E

Reference your 4063/Ord of 15 Jun, on the above subject.

1. It is agreed that the administrative difficulties of the newly moved units should be overcome by making other suitable units responsible for them.

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2. Every endeavour will be made to keep you informed of any future moves.

3. Your para IV. We will notify you when the AFHQ orders referred to in para 1 of our G/3 of 2 Jun 44 are received.

ABC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Translation

From: SOMRE G.
To: MMIA.

Ref: 4063/Ord. 191
Date: 15.6.44.

Subject: A.A. Defence.

1. Bari A.A. H.Q. reports that following instructions issued by 25th A.A. Brigade the following moves of units of the 20th. Arty. Gp. are now taking place: —

776 AA. 20 m/m Bty. of the 144 Gp. from Bari to Noicattaro.
2nd. Section of the 1513 20 m/m AA. Bty. of the 139 Gp. from Monopoli to Bari (Carbonara).
777 20 m/m AA. Bty. of the 144 Gp. from Bari to S. Spirito.
3 Searchlight Units of the 1503 20 m/m. AA Bty. from Barletta to the Giovinazzo area - S. Spirito.

2. Such movements, ordered without bearing in mind equipmental limits of the units, cause disturbance to discipline and administration, which we must endeavour to obviate by changing the dependency of the units moved.

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We would be grateful if M.M.T.A. they would approach the Allied H.Q's concerned in order that: —

— All further movements of A.A. units (or any other U.S. units under the Allies) be ordered bearing in mind disciplinary and regimental links, endeavouring to avoid, above all, splitting of units belonging to the same Bgde. or Bn. & still more so the splitting off a Coy. or Btry.

— Transfers of U.S. units may be, as much as possible, reported ~~to~~ in advance.

— changes in the numbers a denumeration of units be avoided as such changes entail the employment of extra personnel at depots.

A — We would also request, for to endeavour to hasten the definition of the strength allowed for units to be used in A.A. defense under the Allies in Campania, Puglia, Sardinia and Sicily.

Thus we will also be able to recover personnel surplus to such establishments.

(Sgd) General OXILIA.

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SEGRETO G/3

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N° 4063/Ord. di prot. P.M.151, 15 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: Difesa contraerei.- Anti aircraft defence

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO
(A.C.C.)

BARI

I) - Il comando della difesa contraerei di Bari ha comunicato che, per disposizioni della 25ª brigata A.A., sono in corso di esecuzione i seguenti trasferimenti di reparti del 20° raggruppamento artiglieria c.a.:

- 776ª btr. da 20 c.a. del 144° gruppo: da Bari a Monopoli;
- 2ª sezione della 1913ª btr. da 20 c.a. del 139° gruppo: da Monopoli a Bari (aeroporto);
- 777ª btr. da 20 c.a. del 144° gruppo: da Bari a S.Spirito;
- 3 stazioni fotoelettriche della 1903ª btr. da 20 c.a.: da Barletta alla zona di Giovinazzo - S.Spirito.-

II) - I suddetti movimenti, disposti senza tener conto dei vincoli organici dei reparti, sono causa di inconvenienti di carattere disciplinare e amministrativo, ai quali si cercherà di ovviare mediante cambiamenti di dipendenza fra le batterie dei vari gruppi.-

III) - Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di volere interessare i comandi A.A. competenti perchè:

- gli ulteriori movimenti di reparti della difesa contraerei (come pure di qualsiasi altro reparto italiano messo alle dipendenze d'impiego degli A.A.) siano fatti tenendo conto dei vincoli organici e disciplinari, evitando soprattutto di frazionare reparti che appartengono allo stesso gruppo o battaglione. A maggiore ragione sia evitata la scissione degli elementi di

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I) - Il comando della difesa contraerei di Bari ha comunicato che, per disposizioni della 2ª brigata A.A., sono in corso di esecuzione i seguenti trasferimenti di reparti del 20° raggruppamento artiglieria c.a.:

- 776ª btr. da 20 c.a. del 144° gruppo: da Bari a Monopoli;

- 2ª sezione della 1913ª btr. da 20 c.a. del 139° gruppo: da Monopoli a Bari (aeroporto);

- 777ª btr. da 20 c.a. del 144° gruppo: da Bari a S.Spirito;

- 3 stazioni fotoelettriche della 1503ª btr. da 20 c.a.: da Barletta alla zona di Giovinazzo - S.Spirito.-

II) - I suddetti movimenti, disposti senza tener conto dei vincoli organici dei reparti, sono causa di inconvenienti di carattere disciplinare e amministrativo, ai quali si cercherà di ovviare mediante cambiamenti di dipendenza tra le batterie dei vari gruppi.-

III) - Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di volere interessare i comandi A.A. competenti perchè:

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- i trasferimenti dei reparti italiani siano, per quanto possibile, preventivamente segnalati a questo S.-.A.A.E.;

- siano evitati cambiamenti nei numeri indicativi dei reparti, poichè tali cambiamenti comportano variazioni matricolari, che richiedono l'impiego di numeroso personale presso i depositi.-

IV) - Con l'occasione si prega codesta A.C.C. di voler sollecitare la definizione della forza e dell'entità dei reparti da impiegare in difesa contraerei per conto degli A.A. in Campania, Puglia, Sardegna e Sicilia.-

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Il presente atto è valevole anche allo scopo di rappresentare il personale stato civile.

Quanto sopra si rilascia per uso

SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(f.to Grillo)

S.M.R.E. * UFF. OPS.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 53 HK

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN MGHT MEET QVK 5 473/15 OUT	No. of Groups. GR. 33	Office Date Stamp SD G/3 1616 Y

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TO E Aust Bde info AFHQ 25 NZ Bde DISTNO MMIH LE RUILE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
PMIN NZ1	188		

SD 1612 Restricted location strength Ref AFHQ F58847 of 13 request information (if required and date available for more

EPS 16/6

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MESSAGE · FORM

CIPHER SECRET

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT	No. of Groups GR. 188	Office Date Stamp 0353 463

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TO AAI Light 5 DISTRICT for HMIA 8 AA BDE 85 AA BDE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FREEDOM	F 58847	12	

SECRET. Request Duty 88. mm. Change of Ops for (Again?) Ord
ITALIAN Duty HAWK 0 Award
from 8 AA Bde to HMIA 0 Medal
Arrangements 8 AA Bde 25 AA Bde and MHIA 0 Signed
SACHED Cdr FHSAO

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Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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SUBJECT:- 145 A.A. Gruppo

Army Sub Comission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MEIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/3
14 Jun 44

7h 187
D

S E R E

Copy to:- Col Albert MEALO c/o ERS
Maj Thrupp MEALO c/o HQ 5C Area
MEIA to 31 Corps
H.Q MEIA

Further to our G/3 of 27 May 44.

1. A.A.I. inform us that 12 offrs and 178 O.Rs and 12 x 37/54 guns of 145 A.A. Gruppo will move as soon as possible to SIRACUSA in transport to be provided by 73 A.A. Brigade.

2. The move will be arranged by HQ SICILY in conjunction with HQ [illegible] 843

3. On arrival in SIRACUSA 145 Gruppo will come under command 73 A.A. Brigade.

4. Please inform this HQ how you dispose of the surplus personnel.

AHC

[illegible]
Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

Encl "C"
Log of 14 Jun 44
for convoy (20 vehs
Samples → Dvr Condo 15 offrs 85
ORs left to guard equipt)

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 186

Call	Ref. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA — Date-Time of Origin: 15 1400Z — OFFICE DATE STAMP: FEB 13

For Action

TO: MMIA 1 to 21 Plat Cpt

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GP

Originator's No. 0451

FLASH Confirm move of Det to [illegible] postponed pending [illegible]

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(GVSD) WD AGO 794 3,000,000 Pads—5/43 TAG Edit SI-6735 6-

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Wt. 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 210428 51-6736

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 26/185

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FROM (A) AAI — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

MMIA 73 AA BDE Mov SICILY
Mov REGGIO CALABRIA

(443)

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

56 AREA AFHQ; MMIA Lo
; 31 CORPS

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. SD 1504 SECRET ⊙ 091

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Ref. DISTONE 0/25 of 10 June

NOT to all ⊙

Officers and (?) 178 ORs and

12 X 37/54 guns of 145 ITALIAN

AA group located SILAN Lakes

will move earliest in transport to()

be provided by 73 AA Bde to

SIRACUSA ⊙ On arrival comss

182

Ref. DISTONE 0/25 of 10 June

NOT to all ⊙

Officers and (?) 178 ORs and

12 X 37/54 guns of 145 ITALIAN

AA group located SILAN Lakes

Will move Sanitized in transport to ⊙

be provided by 73 AA Bde to

SIRACUSA ⊙ On arrival comes

under Command of 73 AA Bde ⊙

Move under arrangements of Mov

SICILY in conjunction with Mov REGGIO

CALABRIA ⊙ FORMIA ⊙

Remainder of unit to be disbanded (?) ⊙

Request your instr SMRE

Chief
Int Agency
required

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			THI or TOR 120540		
Signed.	Signed.		Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 21/12

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	IN MEMY MELB (P) QVM 20X	GR. 15 184	6/3y 11/6
	OUT A-L-RAR 356/11		

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TO MMIA, 313H Comms DISTWO 73Hbde (distowe) please forward

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
HQ AHI	183		

030/0 of your ophy dated 10 June cd

have not REPEAT NOT to be postponed.

pending reconsideration -

Position as at 030/0 June

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Signature.....	Signature.....	IMPORTANT	890/13
			T.H.I.
			T.O.R.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. File

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FROM (A) Originator: M MIA — Date-Time of Origin: 161525B — OFFICE DATE STAMP. 183 6/3

For Action

TO AAI

(W) For Information (INFO)

Status 73AA Bde XO XXII Corps

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No. 0464

SECRET Reference yr 161525B (6/3) & 22 May [illegible]
Radio [illegible] AFHQ 26 1320 [illegible] Status [illegible]
P.O. Requirements have not been [illegible] by 73AA Bde
[illegible] MIA has [illegible] SIGNIFICANCE [illegible]
Strength is [illegible] 183 GR 0 [illegible]
[illegible] Maj

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Maj RA IMPORTANT

SIGNED

SIGNED

Time Filed 1700 Date 6/3/43

THI or TOR

Time cleared

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P.S.&.O. A.G.O. (5000 pads of 1000) 12-42.

WL 9533/6727P 490M (Pads of 1001/5/41 MP 710428 51-6736

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 50/13

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FROM (A) Originator: 13 AA BDE | Date-Time of Origin.: 101030 | Office Date Stamp

For Action.

HQ RA AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MG AA and CD FREEDOM MMIA
BI ITALIAN CORPS

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

(?) 25 SECRET ⊙ Ref FREEDOM letter AG 370 ⊙
5-1 (ITALIAN) CCT-O 27 AAU ⊙
1 ⊙ Have inspected 166 GRUPPO at SILA ⊙
2 ⊙ Consider arrange 12 Offrs and 178 OR will be required ⊙
3 ⊙ Have arranged admin details with MMIA 31st CORPS ⊙
4 ⊙ Request your authority move to MMIA 31st Corps upon this HQ

Means 145

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Office Date Stamp: 18 1 6/3 D

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TO MMIA

FROM HQ 81 CORPS | Originator's Number G/2 | Date 10th | In Reply to Number

SECRET from HOWARD 177 refers
Ref time 0439 D 27 May Brig. HAINES
73 H A Bde visited SILAN LAKES 8th June D
Requested 145 ITALIAN A A Gun reports that he wants
12 officers 178 ORs and 12 guns with all equipment for
A A Defences SYRACUSE On view of AAI's letter of
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MESSAGE FORM

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
DISTWO 27/1/Q (ops) Q	22nd May, Q which no		
copy to Army, stating that AFHQ had been asked			
to reconsider decision to withdraw all AA defences from			
SILA area & considers Operation Q 145 AAQ-Q from			
SILA to SYRACUSE should be postponed until AFHQ			
decision to known			

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Signature... Alexander

Originator's Instructions
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IMMEDIATE

Time of Origin 886 / 1030

T.H.I. 1035

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SUBJECT: Italian Searchlight Lorries.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. 179
Main HQ (MALA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/3
7 June 44.

To: A.F.H.Q.

Reference your A.G. 400 - 1 (Italien) GCT - 0 of 31 May, it has been ascertained from 8 A.A. Bde, who are handling this question, that the lorries referred to are no longer required.

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

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tvs.JAD.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 215

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups.	Office Date Stamp
	OUT	GR.	D 1378 6/3

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TO MMIA 63 FIGHTER WING (illegible) AAFBE

FROM FREEDOM signed SACRED

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
F56260	4 Dec 67	

CITE	FHAAO				169
SECRET	ITALIAN	ammunition	MMIA	(signal)	0420
dated	2ND	type 40	rotary	Armed	wounded
31 A	AA Rdc	4 carrying	sufficient	ammunition	unit
remain	for	90/53	MM	guns	
					884

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Signature.....	Signature.....		T.H.I.

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FROM (A) Originator | Date-Time of Origin | OFFICE DATE STAMP. 177

For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No. 0433

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SUBJECT:- AA Ammunition from SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3
6 Jun 44

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S M R E

Reference your 4/2086 of 4 Jun, the necessary authority is being requested.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm.,A.C.C.

ABC

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ACTION SLIP

This slip will not be removed

To G-1

This explains the increase of morning

145th AA Group to Syracuse. Strange

1st AAA has said nothing about it.

GJD

881

T GOC Move of AA from Sicily

to be left in readiness from 1st Cml Services

GSOC (AA) AFHQ before proceeding

further with the necessary action, and ext

today spelling AAA I to say what we

have done

Presumably AAA are looking for the info

referred to in para 4

JD 7/6 G-1

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COPY

SECRET

AFO 706

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AFHQ

: : : : : : : : : : : : :
: SECRET :
: Auth: SAC, MT :
: Initials: _____ :
: 26 May 1944 : : : : :

AG 370.5-1 (Italian) GCT-C

26 May 1944

SUBJECT: Move of Italian Anti Aircraft from Italy to Sicily.

TO: : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. In order to release for employment in ITALY the British Light Anti Aircraft Battery at SYRACUSE (Sicily), it has been decided to relieve this Battery by Italian Batteries manning 12 x 37/54 Italian guns now at the SILAN LAKES in the Toe of Italy. As defences are no longer required at the SILAN LAKES, the remaining Anti Aircraft there will be disbanded.

2. It is desired that action be initiated to put this reorganisation into effect, and instructions issued for the necessary move of the 12 x 37/54 guns together with sufficient manning personnel (estimated to be 150), to be placed under command of 73 Anti Aircraft Brigade.

3. For the purpose of supervising the Italian Batteries, one British Captain and two Subalterns (Royal Artillery - Light Anti Aircraft) will be attached to 73 Anti Aircraft Brigade from Royal Artillery Training Depot. 73 Anti Aircraft Brigade will select suitable personnel for the purpose and make all arrangements direct with Royal Artillery Training Depot.

4. 73 Anti Aircraft Brigade will inspect 2/5 Anti Aircraft Gruppo at SILAN LAKES to determine the organization to defend SYRACUSE and will inform Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy direct concerning the number of Officers and Other Ranks required.

5. 73 Anti Aircraft Brigade will furnish the necessary transport to move the Italians.

By command of General WILSON:

T.J. BEE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:
1 - MAAF
1 - C-in-C MED
1 - MAAF Rear
1 - 73 A.A. Bde
1 - G-1(br) AFHQ
1 - AA & QMG
1 - AG M & D
2 - AG Records

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From :- Captain A.H.F. Hayward R.A. - PERSONAL & SECRET -

Headquarters,
Royal Artillery,
Allied Armies in Italy

4 June '44.

Dear Major Dobbs,

I thought you might like to know that I have recently taken over here from Bill Cornish as A.A. Liaison Officer between R.A., A.A.I. and A.A. & C.D. Section.

I fly to ALGIERS every Monday returning on Thursdays. If there is ever anything urgent you want taken over, or any point you want discussed with them I shall be glad to help.

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On my last trip I brought back the attached letter. Apparently no copy of this went to M.M.I.A. and it was thought you might like a copy for information.

Yours sincerely,

A.H.F. Hayward

Major J. Dobbs R.A.,
M. M. I. A.

AHFH/VDS

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VA/1.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA
Divisione Munizionamento - Sez.I

N. 8164 di prot. M-I

P.M.107 " 7/6/1944.-

Risposta al

Carte annesse N.

OGGETTO spedizione munizionamento da 37/54.-

ALLA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA di COSENZA

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. LEQUILE

ALLO S.M.R.E.-Uff.Serv.=Sez.Artigl.- P.M.151
(rif.f° 4/2087/Serv. del 4/6/44)

ALLO S.M.R.E.-Uff.Trasporti- P.M.151

ALL'INTENDENZA FF.AA. CAMPANIA P.M.120

ALLA DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA di NAPOLI

Pregasi disporre l'urgente spedizione alla Direzione Artiglieria di Napoli, scalo di resa: Napoli, dei n° 2.950 colpi completi da 37/54 C.A. esistenti nei depositi di codesta Direzione.

Richiedere direttamente allo S.M.R.E. -Ufficio Trasporti- i mezzi ferroviari occorrenti, citando gli estremi del presente dispaccio.

Assicurare a movimento effettuato.=

d'ordine
p.IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Ten.Col. [illegible] Gentile)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400-1 (Italian) GCT-O

31 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Searchlight Lorries.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394
ATTENTION: Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. At the present time a large number of Italian searchlights in ITALY are being transferred from their static antiaircraft role at TARANTO and BRINDISI to airfields selected by Mediterranean Allied Air Forces for assistance to aircraft in distress.

2. Difficulty is being experienced in moving these searchlights. AA & CD Section, this headquarters, has requested that steps be taken to make available to the Italian antiaircraft units at TARANTO and BRINDISI certain captured Italian searchlight lorries with special winch and towing gear which it is understood are at present in SICILY and also being used for various purposes in ITALY.

3. You are requested to investigate the position concerning these special searchlight lorries and if possible make arrangements for the release to the Italian antiaircraft units at TARANTO and BRINDISI of such vehicles as may be required to complete the transfer.

By command of General WILSON:

HEADQUARTERS
3 - JUN 1944
A. C. C.

T. J. RISE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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ARMY FORM 0-2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 769

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TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No. O 4-30

SECRET Station Report Staff Captain [illegible] transfer from MADDALENA to NAPLES of 20 ORE Motor Vessel [illegible] displacement 85000 tons 32'3" draft HN [illegible] 250 tons O [illegible] agreement

P.S.&L. «A» (5000 pads of 1067) 12-42.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

-Sez. Artiglieria -

N. 4/ 2088 di prot. /Serv. P. M. 151. li 6 Giugno 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Allegati

OGGETTO: munizionamento da 37/54.

37/54 Rounds

Al MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Dir.Gen.Artiglieria- P.M.107

e, per conoscenza :

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. - Comando Principale (M.M.I.A.) LEQUILE

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO SEDE -Ufficio Trasporti -

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Allo scopo di aumentare l'attuale disponibilità di munizioni presso il 19° Raggruppamento Art. c.a. schierato a difesa del Porto di Napoli, in relazione ai quantitativi stabiliti dagli alleati, si prega disporre per l'urgente spedizione alla Direzione di Artiglieria di Napoli dei 2950 colpi da 37/54 depositati a Cosenza.

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Si prega voler richiedere i mezzi di trasporto a questo Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Trasporti.

Stazione di resa: Napoli.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
-G.B. Oxilia-

G. Oxi. G.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Sezione Artiglieria

N. 4/ 2086 di prot. /Serv. P. M. 151, li 1 giugno 194 4

Risposta al foglio N. *del* *Allegati*

OGGETTO: Munizionamento c.a. da 90/53 e 37/54.-
90/53 + 37/54 Ack Ack Shells.

Alla SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. -Comando Principale (M.M.I.A.) LEQUILE
(rif. foglio n. 4/1988/Serv del 1° giugno c.a.)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Dir.Gen.Art.- P.M. 107
(rif.foglio n.4/1988/Serv. del 1° giugno c.a.)

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA P.M. 50

1. L'Intendenza FF.AA. della Campania, per portare la dotazione munizioni dei pezzi del 19° Raggruppamento Artiglieria c.a. Territoriale, schierato per concorrere alla difesa del porto di Napoli, ai quantitativi stabiliti dagli alleati, ha richiesto l'urgente assegnazione delle seguenti munizioni:

   - colpi da 90/53 c.a. (2^carica). . . . . .n. 7.482
   - colpi da 37/54 c.a. . . . . ." 105.635

2. Questo Stato Maggiore ha già disposto l'assegnazione delle seguenti munizioni disponibili nei depositi del Continente :

   - colpi da 90/53 c.a. . . . . n. 567
   - colpi da 37/54 c.a. . . . . " 2.950

3. Poichè nei depositi del Continente non vi è altra disponibilità, si prega di voler disporre il trasporto dalla Sardegna in Campania del

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(M.M.I.A.)
(rif. foglio n. 4/1986/Serv del 1° giugno c.a.) LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA -Dir.Gen.Art.- P.M. 107
(rif.foglio n.4/1986/Serv. del 1° giugno c.a.)

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA P.M. 50

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- colpi da 90/53 c.a. (v.anche paragrafo a del foglio al quale si fa riferimento) . . . . . n. 20.000
- colpi da 37/54 c.a. . . . . ." 68.000

(totale delle disponibilità di colpi da 37/54 nei depositi della Sardegna).

Peso complessivo delle munizioni sopraelencate: Tonellate 280.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- G.B. Oxilia -

G. Oxilia

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NAVAL MESSAGE. 54

S 13201.
(Established, October, 1935.)

To: MMIA

From: (227) AA 166 Bde

0766 2nd

3 June

SECRET 0 Ref your SD 839. 0 Understand from TRACAT 01123Z 0 that ACC have ordered release for other ranks of 4th 1923 873 AA personnel

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URGENTE - SEGRETO 165

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

- Sezione Artiglieria -

N. 4/ 1989 di prot. Serv. P. M. 151, li 1 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del Allegati

OGGETTO: munizionamento da 90/53 c.c.-

90/53 Ade Ade anno.

Al MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Direzione Generale Artiglieria -
Posta Militare 107

ALL'INTENDENZA FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA
(rif.2° 7372/2 in data 26 maggio 44)
Posta Militare 120

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. L S U I 872

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L'Intendenza FF.AA. della Campania ha richiesto d'urgenza n° 7.402 colpi (2ª carica) da 90/53 c.c. per portare la dotazione munizioni dei pezzi schierati ai quantitativi stabiliti dagli Alleati.

Si prega il Ministero della Guerra di compiacersi disporre :

a)- la urgente spedizione in Campania dei colpi esistenti in Calabria (567);

b)- il trasporto in Campania dalla Sardegna di 20.000 colpi dei 31.672 esistenti nei depositi dell'Isola.

L'Intendenza FF.AA. della Campania è pregata :

1°)- chiedere direttamente al Ministero della Guerra se le indica-

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ALL'INTENDENZA FF.AA. DELLA CAMPANIA — Posta Militare 120
(rif.2° 7372/2 in data 26 maggio 44)

c. per conoscenza:

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. — L E C C E

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L'Intendenza FF.AA. della Campania è pregata :

1°)- chiarire direttamente al Ministero della Guerra se la indicazione "2ª carica" corrisponde al cartoccio-granata da 90/53 c.a. avente una carica di 2450 grammi;

2°)- indicare la stazione di resa e l'Ente che prenderà in consegna le munizioni provenienti dalla Calabria.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- C.B. Ozilia -

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File 1/64

SUBJECT: Reorganisation of A.A. Units.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (CMTA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/3
2 June 44.

S.M.R.E.

1. Orders are being prepared by AFHQ and will be forwarded on arrival to cover the reorganisation of A.A. Units on the Mainland and in SARDINIA.

2. It is understood that the figures for Army personnel will be as follows: -

	All Ranks.
Units under Comando Difesa c.a. IX Corps d'Armata, BARI.	2,027.
19 Raggruppamento, NAPLES.	1,387.
145 A.A. Group (for SYRACUSE)	150.

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3. Immediate action may be taken as follows: -

(a) 150 other ranks will be posted to 19 Raggruppamento, NAPLES from the surplus at BARI at the earliest opportunity.

(b) Up to 200 men may be selected from the surplus at BARI for training as drivers.

4. Please make arrangements with this H.Q. in the usual way for the move of the 150 reinforcements for NAPLES.

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

tvs.JAD.

WL 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) S/42 [illegible] 51-6736

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM Register No. 613

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For Action.

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TO

ytd FOTALI (W) For Information (INFO) MMIA 8 AA Bde 25 AA Bde. MAAF (adv)

Message Instructions: GR

Originator's No. F53643

cite FHGCT signed SACMED SECRET. 870

Ref your SD 1032 (146) of 23rd May O 422 S/L Btg now BARLETTA is hereby released to you O Release will be effected upon deployment SIX S/Ls of 567 S/L Btg in BARLETTA O This amends our F-40674 (M Trace) of (24th) May O Arrange transfer direct (with) 25th AA Bde.

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F 55645 Cite FHQCT signed SACMED

SECRET

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Ref your SD 1032 of 23rd May 146 O
422 S/L Btg now BARLETTA is hereby released
to you O Release will be effected upon
deployment six S/Ls of 567 S/L Btg in BARLETTA
O This amends our F-40614 as made of (2nd?) May O
Arrange transfer direct (with) 25th AA Bde.

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ARMY FORM G-2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 6/3 162

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FROM (A Originator: MMIA | Date-Time of Origin: 061253B | OFFICE DATE STAMP.

For Action

TO 2d AH Bde

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR

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Signed [illegible] Maj AGS

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 167

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FROM (A) Originator: M Mil — Date Time of Origin: 010600A — Origin Date Stamp: 1 Feb

TO: For Action: 73 AA Bde

(W) For Information (INFO): 8 AA Bde, 6-0-XXX Corps

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.: G/22 Secret To Headquarters of Hqs AA Group from Corps Artillery Adcon to Hqs Philippine Def Force will forward guards

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FROM 8 A A BDE 312330 B

TO M M I A LEQUILE (FOR AJOR DOBBS)

INFO 73 A A BDE

QQY GR15

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SIGNAL 73 A A BDE EARLIEST EXACT LOCATION 145

A A G R U P P O ITALIAN

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TO MMIA 315

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
92 AA Bde	0 756	31	

SECRETO Ref your O 412 of 27 May O AO defensive army
offs 2 ORs 4040 Navy offs nil ORs 710 OBO Immediate
requirement army offs nil ORs 2500 Navy offs nil
ORs 1000 In addition require 287 ORs to relieve
1922 class (ARMY).

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Signature.....

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Subject: Italian AA Gun

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CC

6th HAA Regt

1. Authority is given for the release of 25,000 rounds BREDA 20mm ammn from No. 14 BAD BITONTO in Army Sub Commission's letter G/3 dated 22 May 44.

2. We have been advised that there are no stocks of Mark 38 ammn in Italian Army Depots but further enquiry is being made in this connection.

Maj
AA 25 AA Bde

Field
29 May 44

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, ACC - It is understood
Main HQ (MAIA), that 8,000 rounds of
Lequile (LECCE) German 20mm ammn (Rheinmetal)
are held at TARANTO and
that a further 30,000 rounds are
held, it is believed, at BRINDISI
for 71 Sub Area. Would it be
possible please to make part of
these holdings available to this Bde ?

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Dt/Gr.

T E L E S C R I T T O

AT COMANDO XXXI CARM
AT COMANDO XII CARM

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N. 3790/ORD. ALT PRESENTE EST DIRETTO AT COMANDO XXXI CARM ET PER CONO= SCENZA AT XII CARM ALT SOTTOCOMMISSIONE CONTROLLO HABET PRAAVVISATO SOPPRESSIONE DIFESA CONTROAEREA LAGHI SILANI /./ 145° GRUPPO SARA' TRA= SFERITO SIRACUSA ET PASSERA' DIPENDENZE COMANDO 73° BRIGATA A.A. CHE HA= VIERA' PROPRI INCARICATI AT GRUPPO STESSO PER CONCORDARE MOVIMENTO /./ FORZA PREVISTA DA TRASFERIRE CON GRUPPO EST CENTOCINQUANTA UOMINI COM= PRESSIVAMENTE /./ SEGNALATE RIMANENZA PERSONALE CHE POVRA' ESSERE OPPOR= TUNAMENTE SCELTO PER AMMISSIONE CORSO AUTIERI DI PROSSIMO SVOLGIMENTO PRESSO COSTITO CARM ALT SUPERESERCITO ORDINAMENTO = 1930270544 =

P. C. C.
XL TEN.COL.in s.S.M.CATO SZZ.
(Giovanni Guida)

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SUBJECT:- 145 A.A. Group

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MAIA)
LAQUILE (LEC UE)
C/3
27 May 44

S E C R E T

Copy to:- L.O. XXXI CORPS

1. Instructions have been received from AMHQ that the A.A. Defences at the Silan Lakes are to be closed down and that 145 AA Group (12 x 37/54mm) shall be deployed for the defence of SYRACUSE, under the command of 73 A.A. Bde.

2. It is understood that 73 AA Bde will send representatives to 145 AA Gp to make arrangements for the move, and to decide the numbers of men required. It is understood that the total will be 150 all ranks.

3. Will you please issue the necessary instructions to XXXI CORPS, and make any surplus personnel available for the Allied programme.

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Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

ABC

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Army Sub C (Main)

SECRET 150

5.3228 G/3

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/2/G(SD1).

25 May 44.

SUBJECT:- Italian Searchlight Units

Army Sub Commission
Allied Control Commission Main

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Ref MMIA G/3 dated 11 May 44.

1. The whole Italian AA and CD layout is now under review by AFHQ.

2. It is understood that the proposal outlined under the above reference will be covered by the revised plan, and in view of this, detailed reply will be held over until the AFHQ policy is known.

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for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copies to :-

HQ MAAF
203 Fixed Defences
RA

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ARMY FORM G2199 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 76 613

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For Action

TO 22 AA Bde

(IN) For information (INFO)

— Message Instructions — | — GR —

Originator's No. OH20

SECRET Understand footprints on you to be adopted so that for determination of fire must can be made each time duplex or stabilizement (b) number of turns you request Figures should include belD

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TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

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det reinforcements recently located from local depots remain O. Please show tracing and have directly to HQ AA Prot Det from which latter is not available as it is to be employed at SYRACUSE

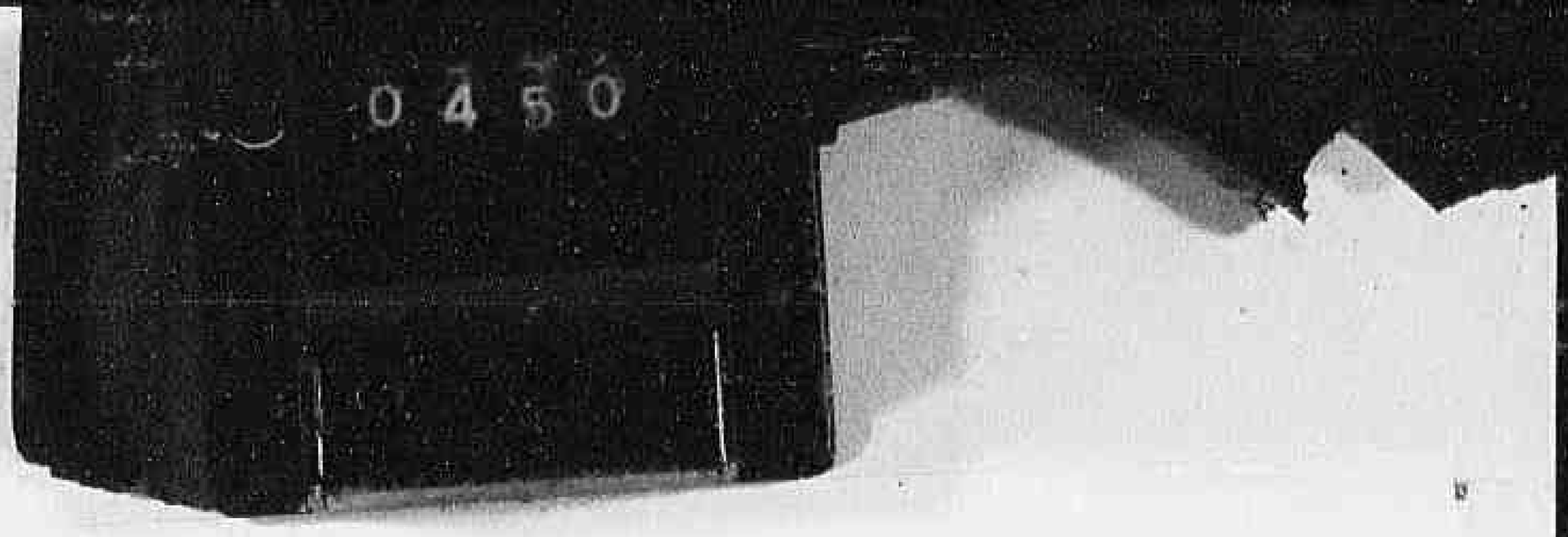
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Signed Maj AA

Signed

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ARMY FORM C-2135 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 46

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TO LO XXXI For Action Corps

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

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~~A/A Bde CATAPAN to [illegible] TA~~
~~Stamp times [illegible] to the [illegible] TA~~
~~letter follows & the signal sent on their specifications TA~~

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ARMY FORM C 217M (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 15 Table

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TO ACC MAIN

(W) For information (INFO) HQ Ryan FAFB AIG PASTWO — Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No. SD291

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ARMY FORM C 2135 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 2h 613.

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FROM (A Originator: MMIA | Date Time of Origin: 16 1002 B | OFFICE DATE STAMP. 150

For Action

TO SHAPE

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA 20 DIST WO

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.

SD 792 · Subject to AMF Agmt IV report

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P.S.S. "A" (5000 pads of 100) 11-43

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Army Form C.2130. **MESSAGE FORM** (CENTRAL REGISTRY)

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TO MMIA

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
ACC MAIN	5398	22	

SECRET Ref A/55/27 dated 19th May from
REGION TWO action copy to you Please advise
what possible (guidance?) of (Regional?)
South Commissioner REGION TWO.

857

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Signature.....
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Signature... Capt.

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Time of Orig. 1810

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Army S.C. (Lecce) 2nd
8237
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

19 May 44

Ref: A/55/27

RE

SUBJECT: Removal of Unexploded German Missiles
Matera Province.

TO : 1 R.C. & M.G. Section, HQ. ,ACC. Main.

1. Please see attached letter on this subject.

2. This matter is most important and urgent, particularly, since the 15th U.S.A.A.F., have recently been most cooperative with ACC in relocating the bombing ranges so as to make it possible to gather several thousand tons of grain in the locality mentioned in attached letter. 855

3. These bombs should rightfully be handled by Italian Army Bomb Disposal units.

4. Therefore, it is urgently requested that immediate action be taken along the lines indicated in the attached correspondence. Such action will not only greatly assist in harvesting the wheat crops in the area but will have the additional important effect of assuring the 15th U.S.A.A.F., and the land owners involved that we are able to effectively solve mutual problems.

JOHN T. WILLIAMS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

Copy to:
Army Sub-Comm, HQ. ,ACC. ,Main.

JTW/vjl.

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COPY

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Provincial Commissioner

Matera, May, 17, 1944

C.C. 2-71

TO: - R.C. - A.C.C. - Region II Mq.

FROM: - P.C. - MATERA

SUBJECT: - Unexploded Bombs.

1. There are a number of unexploded German bombs on the "Terzo Cavone" ranch of Cavaliere Montesano.

2. The ranch is located on the Ionian Coast Road, about one mile south of the Cavone River on the left hand side of the road as one travels south. The Cavone River lies between the coast road and narrow guage railroad stations of S.Basilio - Pisticci and Montalbano Ionico.

F. 854

3. Mr. Montesano or his ranch director will indicate the exact location of these bombs to the authorities who will come to remove them.

4. It is suggested that the Italian Army be notified and steps be taken in order that the bombs may be immediately removed by them since they are a hinderance and peril to our important grain harvesting in that area.

(sgd) J.S. Ransill, Major
Provincial Commissioner

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 312

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TO AAI INFO MDIA & AABDE. 25 AABDE. TOTAL

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FREEDOM, SIGNED. SAC. SITE. FHGCT	F50776	25	

RESTRICTED ○ Ref your SD/1032 of 23 and being dispatched shortly probably by favourable

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Army Form C.2130. **MESSAGE FORM** Serial No. 6/3

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Office Date Stamp 1446 D299
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TO AFHQ info FOTALI MMIA 8 A A BDE 25 AA Bde

FROM AAI	Originator's Number SD 1032	Date 23	In Reply to Number

SECRET O. For SLIDY placed under command - the H.Q. for Operation MOONLIGHT. Illumination of enemy communications and AA defences and forward area O. of this battery allotted troop of ITALIAN 17pdr SD 1872. 8 of 12 would not be required and troop of SLs required in my

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
422 S L Bty now with (8th) Army could be released.			

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 10/20

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FROM (A) Originator: FREEDOM | Date-Time of Origin.: 231810

For Action.

8 A A BDE (TWO DISTRICT MASS)
AAI Appld

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

TWO DISTRICT MMIA MAAF
(FAIRBANKS) plus.
Signal BAE

Message Instructions. | G.R

Originator's No.

Ops FHQ ET FH9866

SECRET

No Traces

Ref MAAF 0951 of 22 May 44

FREEDOM only

8 AA Bde will allocate ITALIAN 850
3f and crew for service on MAAF
airfield as follows:-
10 for FOGGIA area
4 for SORIGNANO
4 for MONTE CORVINO
AAI arrange details with MMIA

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SECRET

Ref MAAF 0951 of 22 May 45

FREEDOM only

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The 8 AAF Gde will release ITALIAN SL and crew for service on MAAF airfield as follows:-

10 for FOGGIA area

4 for DOMICILIANO

4 for MONTE CORVINO

AAI arrange details with MTOA

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SUBJECT:- Italian Searchlight Equipment

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3
24 May 44

Lt Col OFFENHAUER
Army Sub Comm LO
HQ A.C.C., NAPLES

The attached letter, ref 6400/2 of 13 Apr, from Intendenza, Comando Forze Armate, is forwarded to you as it is believed that you have the correspondence referred to.

8:9

ABC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Army Form C.2130.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 6/23

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
	NIGHT 4 MEGS - (P) WX 209/23 - QVR1 - QVR JOSD	GR. 34	G/3 2/43 23/5
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TO DISTWO FOR NAAF BRINDISI HAI DISTWO FOR 8 AA BDE PES FOR 22 AA BDE
DISTWO FOR 35 AA BDE

FROM AFHQ	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

FUTOX1 O Restricted O JOT LT COL R SHALLOW C/S FHQ O
LT COL SHALLOW G30 Sous div ITALY and will contact you
for discussion on points at issue in your cable 0398
of 21 MAY 43 1 of 2

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Subject: Italian

AFH. 1
(AA & CD Sec)

RESTRICTED

G/2/50

1 42

G/3

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Ref this HQ G/2/14 dated 8 May 44.

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Please amend Appx 'A' as follows :-

Against 1503 Bty add the following in the col headed "Proposed Establisiment" - Offrs 1, ORs 27.

Done

Brig
Comd 25 AA Bde

Maj. RA

Field
20 May 44

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, ACC (AMMA), Main HQ, Iequile.
Liaison Offr, AMMA, 2 District
Comando Difesa, CA IX Corpo d'Armata

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O 211200 B

T H I

From AMMA AA I

To FREEDOM Fm'd 22 AA BDE 25 AA BDE

O 348 (*) SECRET (*) For AA and CD (*) ONE (*) 25 AA BDES G/2/44 of 8 May and 22 AA BDES 188 of 27 April cover all Italian Army AA Units on mainland (*) TWO (*) Can decision be taken on final numbers of Army personnel required on mainland (*) THREE (*) If suggested figures agreed arrangements could be made to provide from surplus at BARI the reinforcements understood to be urgently required at NAPLES

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To be sent in CIPHER

Major RH

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TRANSLATION

From. War Ministry..

To : M.M.I.A.

File.....

Ref..7075/A.....

Date 19.5.44...

Subject..Most. urgent...Phorogram.....

Further to 6990/A/II 138 dated 17th. © Please note material has already been placed at disposal of 25th. Brigade

N A

NCR 19/5

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Army Form C.2130.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 1414

CALL AND INSTRUC-TIONS	IN / OUT	CIPHER SECRET	No. of Groups. GR.	Office Date Stamp D 25 H 1941

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TO info FOTHALI MMIA 8AA 10DE TARANTO 25AN 10DE BARI

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FREEDOM AAI	F/1107	May 17	

SECRET I O M.O. 10de and Coast Defence
at present consisting of 1 detachment 3.7 with 8 AA 10de
2 sections 102 3 ITALYS at TARANTO and BRINDISI
with correspondeng Release 2 one BRITISH Hospital 3/4 Atty
Boat for all TARANTO and neighbourhood 2 Pending Receipt
2 depart from 8 AA Rde decision requested SD1782 2/12 May

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Signature A.A. Capt.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

Divisione Armamento - Sez. II

N. 6990 /A-1 di prot.

Risposta al P.M. 137 in 18/5/1941.-

Carte annesse N.

OGGETTO: armi contraeree da 20 m/m.-
20 m/m. A A germ.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.O.S.
= TRIPOLI =

e, per conoscenza:
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
= I. M. ISI =

Riferimento foglio 6.393 del 16 c.m.-indirizzato allo S.M.R.E.-

Con foglio 5397 dell'8 maggio indirizzato al Comando Artiglieria IX Corpo d'Armata e per conoscenza al Comando 25ª Brigata AA. (strada Altamura - Villa Traversa - Bari) questa Direzione Generale disponeva perchè venisse ceduto in prestito alla detta Brigata del XXXIX Gruppo c.e. :

- 3 Flak tedeschi 38 della 153ª batteria;
- 3 Breda mod. 35 della 778ª batteria.

Si attende dal Comando Artiglieria IX Corpo d'Armata conferma dell'avvenuta cessione e quella cosa pervenuta ne sarà data comunicazione.=

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
Generale di Brigata
(Francesco Sabini)

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SECRET

6/3
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Subject:- Defence of SILA Hydro-electric Power Station

HQ 2 District CMP
2142/3 G(O)

14 May 44

HQ AAI

Copy to:- MMLA
LO 31 Italian Corps

no Travel

Ref your 28/1/G(Ops) of 9 April.

1 In view of the importance of the SILA Hydro-electric Power Station which produces about 3/4 of the power used in occupied Italy, a decision on the policy for AA protection is requested.

2 The present situation is as stated in my 2142/4 G(O) of 2 April. The Italian guns and personnel are in position but cannot be effective until some early warning system is provided.

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for Major General,
Commanding.

HFC



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FROM (A) Originator: MMIA — Date-Time of Origin: 14 1045 B — OFFICE DATE STAMP.

For Action

TO: SMRE

(W) For Information (INFO)

FAA Rdo

Message Instructions — OB —

Originator's No. 0329

Official Government Radio Station Utilized in Lieu of Civil Facility to be Activated by Commander FAA Rdo for Station AA Unit at Guiana Airfield

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS: Telegram of 20 Jan 1

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Signature: J. H. Hobbs Major AUS

P.M.G., W.A. (5000 pads of 100) 11-43.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) — MESSAGE FORM — Register No.

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FROM (A) MMIA — Originator — Date Time of Origin 1X 10Xo D

For Action

TO SMDE Office Surgeon, Engineering Battalion

(W) For information (INFO)

War Plans, Engineering Command, Washington

Originator's No. 0343

(C) Reference your 4/15 to Surgeon, First Army, subject: Engineer Field Manual, request you supply reply from War Plans.

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Signed

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P.S.&P.—A.—(5000) pads of 100) 12-44

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Subject:- AA Defences - Lecce.

SECRET.

S/B/128.

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To:- Major Dobbs,
Army Sub-Commission,
Lequile.

Copy to :- H.Q.
8 A.A.Brigade.

After careful consideration I have decided that the Italian L.A.A. guns at Lecce Airfield can be released. Will you please let me know when you propose to withdraw them.

Major R.A.
A.A.D.C. LECCE.

13th May 44.

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Subject; AA DEFENCES - LECCE. SECRET.

HADC LECCE.

8 AA BRIGADE.
C.R.F.

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D/1/3/C 11 May '44

Copy to:- Major Dobbs.
Army Sub- Commission, Leqiule.

HMIA have asked whether any of the Italian guns at Lecce Airfield can be released.

When the British scale was eighteen, I should have been inclined to agree that they could be released, but now that scale has been reduced I am not so sure.

Will you please consider this matter, and make your decision known to Major Dobbs AA Liason Officer, Army Sub- Commission, Leqiule.
(Copy to this HQ)

Brigadier,
Commander, 8 AA Brigade.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

G3A/AAW

AAC 430.3

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Searchlight Assistance for Aircraft.

TO : Director of Operations,
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

1. Reference is made to the following letters:-

(a) Your HQ MAAF/S.102/AIR dated 24 April, addressed to us.

(b) Your MAAF/HQ/S.102/AIR dated 19 April, information copy to us.

(c) Army Sub Commission A.C.C. Main H.Q. (MMIA) dated 2 May, addressed to us with information copy to you.

2. The following is the S.L. assistance which it is believed can be provided on the airfields referred to, by British and American S.Ls. Verification is being requested from A.A. Bdes.

(a) Northwest Africa.

(i) Oran/Le Senia.

Assistance requested can be provided by the American S.L. Battalion at present deployed. This battalion is the one, however, which will be moved to Corsica if N.A.S.A.F. decide that antiaircraft S.Ls are required there.

(ii) Blida/Reghaia.

Assistance requested is being provided by an American S.L. Battalion. This battalion may be withdrawn about the end of June.

(iii) Bone.

The fixed cone requested is at present being provided by a French S.L. Battery. This battery is being moved to Biserta in the immediate future.

(iv) Biserta/Sidi Ahmed.

At present there are no A.A. S.Ls at Biserta. On arrival of

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(iii) Bone.

The fixed cone requested is at present being provided by a French S.L. Battery. This battery is being moved to Bizerta in the immediate future.

(iv) Bizerta/Sidi Amor.

At present there are no A.A. S.Ls at Bizerta. On arrival of the French S.L. Battery from Bone it will be possible to provide pointers to Sidi Amor airfield and indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area. The actual airfield is, however, too far from Bizerta for a fixed cone to be possible.

(b) Sicily.

(i) Ta Kino

No assistance available.

(ii) Catania.

A fixed cone is provided by 4 British S.Ls. These S.Ls are manned by antiaircraft personnel. Instructions have been issued for S.Ls and generators to be transferred to M.A.A.F. On completion of the transfer no further assistance by A.A. units will be available.

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(c) Italy.

(i) Taranto/Grottaglie.

Pointers and indication for balloons and prohibited area can be provided by the British A.A. S.L. Battery. It is not possible to provide a fixed cone from these S.Ls, but it is understood that the local airfield Commander believes the existing facilities are adequate.

(ii) Brindisi/Casale and Pari.

At both airfields the assistance requested can be provided by existing A.A. S.Ls.

(iii) Foggia.

a. Pointers can be provided by the American Fighter - S.L. Belt and by the antiaircraft S.Ls of Barletta.

b. Fixed cone at Foggia Main can be provided by American Fighter - S.L. Belt. It is understood that fixed cone for Celone, Amendola and Torterella is intended to be provided by 10 Italian S.Ls which have been offered from Taranto.

(iv) Barletta.

Indication of balloon barrage can be given by S.Ls in the antiaircraft layout.

(v) Monte Corvino.

It is understood that the 4 S.Ls for the fixed cone have been provided by local arrangement with Italian S.Ls from the Naples area.

(vi) Naples/Pomigliano.

Pointers to the airfield and indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area can be provided by the American A.A. S.Ls at Naples. It is understood that 4 of the Italian S.Ls to be provided from Taranto will be used to form the fixed cone.

(d) Sardinia. 837

On the information provided by Army Sub Commission A.C.C. there are

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(d) Sardinia.

On the information provided by Army Sub Commission A.C.C. there are a number of Italian S.Ls in Sardinia. Further information has been requested from C.C. 31 AAA Brigade as to serviceability. It should, however, be possible from these S.Ls to provide the assistance required for Alghero, Elmas and Decimomanna.

(e) Corsica.

There are at present no British or American S.Ls in Corsica. Headquarters, M.A.C.A.F. have not yet decided whether it is necessary to provide S.Ls for antiaircraft purposes. If provided, these S.Ls will come from the Oran area.

(f) Forward Areas.

6 British S.Ls from 422 S.L. Battery have been released to A.A.I. for T.A.F. As these equipments are radar-equipped and manned by full antiaircraft crews, it is requested that they should be released as soon as possible. This section has been informed by M.A.A.F. Near that this release can be effected on arrival of 6 Mobile Italian S.Ls with crews from Taranto.

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3. M.A.A.F. Rear has requested that Italian S.Ls from Taranto should be released in the following priority:-

10 to 205 Group R.A.F. at Foggia.
6 to Eighth Army to release A.A. S.Ls from Barletta.
4 to Pomigliano.

A signal is being sent to you requesting that the 6 S.Ls be sent to Eighth Army first as they have already been made mobile and otherwise prepared for this role. Additional work is required before the remaining S.Ls can be made operative.

4. It is possible, but by no means certain, that additional Italian S.Ls may become available as a result of:-

(a) Moving Italian S.Ls from Sardinia to Sicily.

(b) Further Italian S.Ls being located in places for which it is not intended to provide antiaircraft defences.

It is not, however, desired to reduce the scale of Italian S.Ls at Taranto and Brindisi, by any further withdrawals, after the 20 S.Ls referred to in para 3 have been provided.

5. The reference in paragraph 1(c) of your letter of the 19th April to "a further 24 British Army S.Ls" is not understood. 48 S.L. generators Lister 22 KW are being provided in all, but with them there are ONLY 24 S.L. projectors.

6. Owing to shortage of supplies, variations in equipment and the complications of the Italian Army and Marine organisation, the provision of the Italian S.Ls from the Taranto area is requiring a considerable amount of liaison work. This is at present being done by a British S.L. officer attached to 9 A.A. Brigade. Even after the Italian S.Ls are deployed supervision of a semi-technical nature will be required. An officer will be needed with a general knowledge of S.Ls., ability to speak Italian and knowledge of the procedure for administration and maintenance of Italian personnel and equipment. It is suggested that an establishment is needed for such an officer on the staff of Headquarters, M.A.A.F. In the event of no officer with the necessary qualifications being available from Air Force resources, it will be possible for this section to recommend a searchlight officer for this position.

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H. B. PAGETT,
Major General,
AA & GD

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R. B. FORDER,
Major General,
A/ A (B)

Copy to: M.A.A.F. (Rear)
M.A.C.A.F.
A.R.A., A.A.I.
M.M.I.A. (Major Dobbs)
44 AAA Brigade
73 AA Bde
25 AA Bde
52 AA Bde
5 AA Bde
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AFHQ

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

FOTALI MMIA 8AABDE TARANTO 25AABDE BARI

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No SD 1782

SECRET Ø Further my SD 1277 Ø 17th April and SD(532)05 Ø 23rd April Ø Understand MG AA and CD anxious BRITISH S/Lcs be replaced by ITALIAN Lights (?) (?) manned by ITALIANS Ø Have reexamined problem in light of experience Ø Now consider requirement can be met by 6 ITALIAN S/L with ITALIAN crew provided each S/L supervised by one BRITISH NCO and whole detachment commanded by one BRITISH Offr Ø Total BRITISH commitment 1 offr and 6 NCO's Ø Understand MGAA and CD have undertaken to provide these personnel Ø Request you release 6 ITALIAN S/Ls and crew with BRITISH personnel on trucks above to replace troops of 422 S/L Bty

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and SD 53) 05 2) 23 Lt Col O Underwood
MC AA and CD advises BRITISH S/Ls to
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by ITALIANS ⊙ Have reexamined problem in
light of experience ⊙ New ammunition
can be met by 6 ITALIAN S/Ls with ITALIAN
crew grouped each S/L supervised by one
BRITISH NCO and whole detachment
commanded by one BRITISH offr ⊙ Total
BRITISH complement 1 offr and 6 NCOs ⊙
Understand MGAA and CD have undertaken
to provide these personnel ⊙ Request immediate
6 ITALIAN S/Ls and crew with BRITISH 835
personnel on basis above to relieve
Troops of #22 S/L Bty

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SUBJECT:- Italian Searchlight Unit at NAPLES

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/3
11 May 44

H.Q. A.A.I.

Copy to:- 205 Fixed Defences
(with extra copy for 57th Coast Regt RA)
H.Q. M.A.A.F. (for attention of Sqn Ldr GORDON)

1. The Italian General Staff has asked if the Searchlight units now employed by the Allies in the NAPLES area could be organised into a battalion, and if 140 men above the present strength (7 offrs 72 OR) could be allotted for this purpose.

2. The unit at present disposes of 9 Searchlights which are deployed as follows:-

4 for Coast Defence under 205 Fixed Defences (Command is delegated to 57th Coast Regt R.A.)
2 - as navigational aids at MONTECORVINO Airfield
1 - as navigational aid at TERMINI di SORRENTO

Two more are about to be deployed at MONTECORVINO, and it is possible that one or two more will become available.

3. It is not considered that the numbers of personnel referred to above are necessary. It is proposed, however, that the Battalion should be organised on the following basis:-

	Offrs	O.Rs.
Battalion HQ (To include Maintenance Unit)	3	25
No 1 S/L Company (for Coast Defence)	2	40
No 2 S/L " (for navigational aids)	2	40
	7	105

4. It is proposed that the Battalion should be placed under command of 205 Fixed Defences, No 2 Company being detached and placed under the commander of the Airfield for which its lights are operating. The Battalion Commander would still be responsible for maintenance and administration.

5. It would be convenient to consider the number

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No 1 S/L Company (for Coast Defence)	2	40
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	7	105

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5. It would be convenient to consider the numbers proposed as a minimum. In this case, if more material becomes available or it is desired to hand over to the Italians equipment now manned by Allied troops, 205 Fixed Defences could apply to you for an increase in personnel.

6. No Italian S/L's are being employed in the [redacted] area in an AA role, and Cand 22 A.A. Bde has stated that he does not intend to employ any.

7. If you agree to these proposals sanction authority please be given for the above organisation. It is stated that the extra men required (35) are available at the Engineer Depot, [redacted].

ABC

for
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Subject: Italian AA

AFHQ
(AA & CD Sec)

SECRET G/2/44 129

1. Att at Appx 'A' is a schedule of Italian AA units under the op cond of this HQ showing the present strength of each unit and the number of personnel I consider are required to run the units efficiently.

2. The proposed new strengths were made out in consultation with the AA Cond of the Italian IX Corps and he agrees that they are a workable minimum. In each case allowance has been made for normal wastage.

3. 424 Bty deployed at SAN PANCRAZIO is op under 8 AA Bde but has been incl in this list with their agreement. The reason for its inclusion is that it is the only unit under the Italian IX Corps which is not under my cond.

4. I propose to abolish the Observer Post system entirely. So many lines have been taken away from the Italians and the difficulties of maintaining such lines as remain have proved so great that I do not feel that it would produce any useful answer in an emergency, e.g. should I have no Radar info owing to the success of enemy counter-measures. Even the Italians have no confidence in this organization which is tying up large numbers of men who could be used far more profitably in other directions.

5. If these proposed reductions are approved the numbers released for other duties will be :-

Offrs	ORs
~~67~~ 63	~~1937~~ 737

6. The chain of cond is as shown in the appx. The units noted in the section with 20 Raggruppamento (the Italian AA organization for BARI) are directly responsible to IX Corps AA HQ.

D A C Richards
Brig
Cond 25 AA Bde

Field
8 May 44.

Copy to: Army Sub Commission, ACC (MMIA), Main HQ, Lequile.
Liaison Offr, MMIA, 2 District
Comando Difesa CA IX Corpo d'Armata

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APPENDIX "A"

AA UNITS UNDER COMANDO DIFESA CA IX CORPO D'ARMATA - OPERATIONALLY UNDER CMD OF 25 AA BRIGADE.

UNIT	LOCATION	EQPT	PRESENT STRENGTH Offrs	OR's	PROPOSED INCR Offrs	OR's	REMARKS.
Comando Difesa CA IX Corpo D'Armata	BARI		9	24	9	24	AA org of Italian IX Corps. Cmds all units shown below.
HQ 20 Raggruppamento			56	355	25	125	Incls personnel of Italian GAF.
HQ 76 Gp			4	13	3	13	
190 Bty		4 x 76/40	3	104	3	86	
90 "		4 x 76/40	6	87	3	86	
443 "		4 x 76/40	3	91	3	86	} 76/40 guns from CROTONE
444 "		4 x 76/40	4	93	3	86	} are replacing 77/28
445 "		4 x 76/40	5	108	3	86	
HQ 78 Gp			5	15	3	13	
193 Bty		4 x 76/40	5	103	3	86	
194 "	BARI	4 x 76/40	6	95	3	86	
195 "		4 x 76/40	6	94	3	86	
HQ 144 Gp			5	6	3	13	
776 Bty		8 x 20 mm	5	90	5	69	
777 "		8 x 20 mm	5	89	5	69	
903 "		4 x 37/54	3	65	3	53	
838 "		8 x 20 mm	4	69	5	69	
305 "		4 x 37/54	3	54	3	53	
HQ 139 Gp			4	16	4	20	
778 Bty	MONOPOLI	12 x 20	3	120	5	101	
1513 "		12 x 20	5	119	5	101	
1503 Bty	MANFREDONIA	8 x 20 mm	4	120	~~8~~ 6	~~69~~ 94	Elm are deployed at BARLETTA
1424 Bty	SAN PANCRAZIO	4 x 88 mm 2 x 20 mm	4	99	4	110	Operationally under 8 AA Bde

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445		4 x 76/40	5	108	3	86	
HQ 78 Gp			5	15	3	13	
193 Bty	BARI	4 x 76/40	5	103	3	86	
194 "		4 x 76/40	6	95	3	86	
195 "		4 x 76/40	6	94	3	86	
HQ 144 Gp			5	6	3	13	
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1424 Bty	BARI PANORAMIO	4 x 88 mm 2 x 20 mm	4	99	4	110	Operationally under 8 AA Bde
4 LAA MG Coy	~~CRISPIANO~~	8 x 20 mm ~~4 x 6 pdr~~ 5 x SL	5	63	5 1	69 ~~12~~ 7	Re-deployment under consideration
HQ SL Service			1	2	1	2	
329 Sec	BARI	4 x SL	1	30	1	39	
330 "		4 x SL	1	36	1	39	
331 "		5 x SL	1	51	1	39	5 x SL under GD Fire Control Post
332 "		5 x SL	1	32	1	39	
Bomb Disposal Service	BARI		3	32	3	32	
Listening Posts	BARI DISTRICT		18	438	-	-	
TOTALS			188	2713	124	1849	

See amendts
of 22 Jun 44
+ of 4 Jul 44

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Request authority to release one C/3 of a Navy [illegible]

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Signed [signature] major

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SUBJECT: Employment of the 29th AA Bty of 87th Group

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
C/3
9 May 44

S E R E

Reference your 3139/Ord of 30 April.

It is regretted that the authority asked for cannot be granted. The number of personnel engaged in AA defence under IX Corps d'Armata is under review by 25 AA Bde and AFHQ. It is understood that a reduction rather than an increase in numbers is likely to be recommended.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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TIARO 6/13.

From: SMRE - Off. ORD. & MOB. 4/5 Ref. 3139/ORD.

To: M.M.I.A. File 50 Date 30 APRIL 1944

Subject: Use of 94th T.M. (AA) of the 94th Div.

Reference SD/2/64 of March 28, 1944 and Telegram SD/542 of April 17, 1944 SD/13

The personnel of the 78 and 87th AAA-HBS batteries of Catania have been raised on the breaking of the 301st and 302nd groups for supply purposes.

Even the 94th A.A. battery does not yet possess the total strength of units which is 4 officers and 164 soldiers and four guns), which is well armed and which could be used in the defense of BARLETTA.

We beg the MMIA to exchange the transfer of the above mentioned unit to PUGLIA where it could be placed under the command of the 2nd A.A. Bde of BARI.

S/c 45 SM
GB 0 Sezione

opl 0 (2) Londra

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

N. 3139/Ord. di prot. P.M.151,11 30 aprile 1944

OGGETTO : Impiego 29ª batteria contraerea dell'87° gruppo.-
Use of 29th Tp. (A-A) of the 87th Battery.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.) BRINDISI

Fr. 56 da SD/2

Riferimento n°SD/2/69 del 28/3-44 e fonogramma SD/542 del 17/4-44.

Per la costituzione del 301° e 302° gruppo per servizi di intendenza, come noto, é stato utilizzato il personale dei gruppi c.a. della Calabria 70° e 87°.-

Di quest'ultimo gruppo é rimasta in efficienza la 29ª btr. da 20 mm. (complessivamente 87 uomini e 4 pezzi), bene addestrata e che potrebbe essere destinata alla difesa di Barletta.-

Si prega codesta A.C.C. di voler autorizzare il trasferimento del suddetto reparto in Puglia, ove sarà messo alle dipendenze del 20° raggruppamento art. c.a. di Bari.-

S.M.R.E. UFF. O

SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

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AFHQ
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

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AAO 470 I

4 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian A.A.

TO : HQ 22 AA Bde.

Your 168 of 27 April 1944.

1. MAAF have been requested by MACAF to authorise the closing down of Italian AA defending V.P's not under the control of the local U.S. AAA Brigade. Authority has also been requested to remove Italian AA from the Milan Lakes.

2. If these proposals are approved the reorganization suggested in your letter will be investigated.

For and in the absence of

R.B.FARQUHAR,
Major General,
A.A. & C.D.

Copy: Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.) - Memo handed to Major Dobbs on his recent visit refers.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

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N. 3267/Ord. di prot. P.M.151, lì 6 maggio 1944

OGGETTO : Organici reparti e comandi c.a. di Bari.-
W E + ~~Italy~~ A.A. Units in Bari

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ISPETTORATO DI ARTIGLIERIA SEDE
- Rif.f.3044/Ord.del 24/4 u.s.di questo Uff.-

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Riferimento foglio G/3 del 21/4-44 (allegato in copia per l'Ispettorato di Artiglieria.)-

Gli organici dei reparti contraerei di Bari sono in corso di definizione a cura dell'Ispettorato di Artiglieria, il quale sta concretando i relativi accordi con le Autorità Militari Alleate della località.-

S. M. R. E. UFF. ORD.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Servizi - Sezione Artiglieria

G/3, v. 124

N°4/1576/Serv.di prot. P.M.151,li 6 maggio 1944.-

OGGETTO: armi contraeree da 20 m/m.-
20 m/m AA Guns

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.
Comando Principale (M.M.I.A.)

L E Q U I L E

Risponde al foglio 8/3 120 del 30 aprile 1944.- G 6/5

E' stato interessato il Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale Artiglieria - per la cessione in prestito delle armi e delle munizioni, di cui al foglio al quale si risponde.-

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito * Ufficio Servizi *

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
- G.B. Oxilia -

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Or file 123 y

SUBJECT:- Searchlight Assistance for Aircraft

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3
1 May 44

A.F.H.Q.,
AA & CD Section

Reference HQ MAAF/S.102/AIR, copy to MMIA, and your memo for Major DOBBS.

1. Details of the Italian lights available and suggestions for their future employment are shown on the att sheets.

2. Action has already been taken to provide the four lights requested by MAAF for MONTECORVINO Airfield. Two Italian lights were deployed there already and two more will shortly be available from Raggruppamento Fotoelettricisti, Forze Armate, CAMPANIA. Colonel del Fiume, the commander of the Raggruppamento, is making the necessary arrangements direct with the Airfield Commander.

3. With regard to CORSICA, Major DOBBS was informed by MAAF that it was not desirable to introduce Italians and that requirements could probably be met by the American lights shortly to be deployed there.

4. It is confirmed by the Airfield Commanders at BARI, BRINDISI and GROTTAGLIE that searchlights in the AA layout are already providing the required assistance and that the introduction of further Italian lights is not necessary.

5. If you agree that 8 lights from SARDINIA should be sent to SICILY, this Sub Commission will make any necessary arrangements for the transfer of the units with the Italian General Staff.

6. In accordance with your request it is proposed that Maj DOBBS visits SARDINIA about 12 May.

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Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C. 824

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Copy to:- HQ MAAF (for attention of Squadron Leader SUDDON)

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Italian Searchlights (Italy)

LOCATION	U N I T	No of Lights in working order	Suggestions for future employment
NAPLES	RAGGRUPPAMENTO FOTOELETTRICISTI FORZE ARMATE CAMPANIA	8	4 to be continued to be employed for CD purposes by 574 Coast Regt R.A. 4 to be deployed at MONTECORVINO Airfield for navigational aids (already arranged)
BARI	SERVIZIO FOTOELETTRICO COMANDO DIFESA c.a. IX Corpo d'Armata	13	To continue in AA role as requested by Commander 25 AA Bde
TARANTO &	SERVIZIO FOTOELETTRICO 1 Reggimento Artiglieria Marina	23	4 for navigational aids at POMIGLIANO Airfield 10 for navigational aids at FOGGIA Airfields (i.e. COLONE, AMENDOLA and TORTORELLA)
BRINDISI	SERVIZIO FOTOELETTRICO DICAT, BRINDISI	15	6 in reserve for 8 ARMY to relieve British S/Ls if acceptable; if not to return to AA role 8 to remain in AA role at TARANTO 8 " " " " " " BRINDISI 2 " " " CD " " BRINDISI

Italian Searchlights (Sardinia)

LOCATION	U N I T	No of Lights	Suggestions for future employment
Olbia Tirso	SERVIZIO FOTOELETTRICO DELLA SARDEGNA (Army)	4 x 120cm 5 x 150cm	8 to be selected for deployment in SICILY for navigational aids 4 at BO RIZZO 4 at CATANIA Remainder to complete MAAF

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	1 Reggimento Artiglieria Marina &		POMIGLIANO Airfield
			10 for navigational aids at FOGGIA Airfields (i.e. COLONE, AMENDOLA and TORTORELLA)
BRINDISI	SERVIZIO FOTOELETTRICO DICAT, BRINDISI	15	6 in reserve for 8 ARMY to relieve British S/Ls if acceptable; if not to return to AA role
			3 to remain in AA role at TARANTO
			8 " " " " " " BRINDISI
			2 " " " CD " " BRINDISI

Italian Searchlights (Sardinia)

LOCATION	U N I T	No of Lights	Suggestions for future employment
Olbia	SERVIZIO FOTOELETTRICO DELLA SARDEGNA	4 x 120cm	8 to be selected for deployment in SICILY for navigational aids 4 at BO RIZZO 4 at CATANIA Remainder to complete MAAF requirements for SARDINIA
Tirso	(Army)	5 x 150cm	
S. Antioco Carbonia		10 x 150cm	
Decimo	"	4 x 120cm 4 x 60cm	To continue in their present role as navigational aids.
Villacidro	"	3 x 90cm 1 x 75cm	
Cagliari	DICAT Cagliari (Navy)	10 x S/L	If required, to remain in AA role
Maddalena	DICAT Maddalena (Navy)	11 x S/L	

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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES
Office of the Director of Operations

ACT-AG-sbs

APO 650, U.S.Army
24 April, 1944

SUBJECT: Searchlight Assistance for Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S.Army
(ATTENTION: A.A. & C.D. Section)

1. The following is the complete lay-out of all searchlight assistance for aircraft required in Northwest African and Central Mediterranean Areas.

a. Northwest Africa.

Oran/La Senia
(1) Pointers for homing to La Senia Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over La Senia Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Oran.

Blida.
(1) Pointers for homing to Blida Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Blida Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Algiers.

Reghaia.
(1) Pointers for homing to Reghaia Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Reghaia Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Algiers.

Bone.
(1) Fixed cone over Bone Airfield.

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Bizerte/Sidi Ahmr.
(1) Pointers for homing to Sidi Ahmr Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Sidi Ahmr Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Bizerte.

b. Sicily.

Ro Rizzo.
(1) Fixed cone over Ro Rizzo Airfield.

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Catania.

(1) Fixed cone over Catania Airfield.

c. Italy.

Taranto/Grottaglie.
(1) Pointers for homing to Grottaglie Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Grottaglie Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Taranto.

Brindisi/Campo-Casale.
(1) Pointers for homing to Campo-Casale Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Campo-Casale Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Brindisi.

Bari.
(1) Pointers for homing to Bari Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Bari Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Bari.

Foggia.
(1) Pointers for homing to Foggia main Airfield.

(2) Fixed cones at following airfields: Foggia Main. Celone. Amendola. Tortorella.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage at Barletta.

Monte Corvino.
(1) Fixed cone at Monte Corvino Airfield.

Naples/Pomigliano.
(1) Pointers for homing to Pomigliano Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone at Pomigliano Airfield.

(3) Indication of balloon barrage and prohibited area at Naples.

d. Sardinia.

Alghero.
(1) Fixed cone at Alghero Airfield.

Elmas.
(1) Fixed cone at Elmas Airfield.

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Decimomannu.
(1) Pointers for homing to Decimomannu Airfield.

(2) Fixed cone over Decimomannu Airfield.

e. Corsica.

Chiesmeccia.
(1) Fixed cone over Chiesmeccia Airfield.

Ajaccio.
(1) Fixed cone over Ajaccio Airfield.

f. Forward Areas.

Eight Searchlights to be allocated to Tactical Air Force. these to be British Searchlights manned by R.A.F. personnel for use at forward airfields to be completely mobile.

2. It is known that facilities already operate at certain of the places mentioned above, but it is hoped that the remainder may be provided from the following sources:

a. AA Searchlight lay-outs already in position for AA Defense purposes.

b. British Army Searchlights manned by R.A.F. personnel.

c. Italian Searchlights and crews.

3. A minimum of four searchlights will be required to provide a fixed cone at the airfields above and the number of homing beams required in each area indicated will vary from four to six according to whether a "dog-leg" is required.

4. At a meeting held at this Headquarters today Major Dobbs, M.M.I.A. agreed to investigate how many of the above facilities could be provided from Italian sources and was of the opinion that all lights required in Sardinia, Sicily and Italy could be provided from these sources except those required for Tactical Air Force and the pointers and cone for Foggia Main which are already provided by American Searchlights.

5. It is requested that the provision of above facilities may be investigated and the position made known to this Headquarters at an early date. 820

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6. It is suggested that instructions may be issued to 8th AA Brigade to release the eighteen Italian Searchlights and crews held at Taranto. These to proceed to the following locations as soon as possible, this Headquarters being advised of dispatch.

a. Grottaglie Airfield (Taranto) - 4 Searchlights.

b. Pomigliano Airfield (Naples) - 4 Searchlights.

c. Headquarters 205 Group N.A.A.F. (Foggia) - 10 Searchlights.

By command of Air Commander-in-Chief:

LAURIS NORSTAD.
Brigadier General, USA.,
Director of Operations.

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AOC, M.A.C.A.F.
M.M.I.A. (Major Dobbs)
A.A.Defence Section.

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SUBJECT: Italian AA ammition

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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Senior MAIA LO HQ ACC

Copy to: HQ 22 AA Bde

1. It is understood that under present arrangements, in order to draw AA ammunition from its own depots for replenishing gun sites, Comando Artiglierie, Comando Forze Armate Campania, must first apply to you.

2. Authority is given for this procedure to be discontinued and for stocks of Italian AA ammunition in the Naples area to be controlled directly by Comando Artiglieria, Forze Armate, Campania.

Lt Col,
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Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MAIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
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30 Apr 44

SUBJECT:- 20mm A.A. Equipments

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Copy to:- HQ 25 A.A. Bde

1. HQ 25 A.A. Bde report that the following 20mm equipments are held surplus at MONOPOLI:-

(a) Three German FLAK 38, on charge to 1513 Battery at MARCHELLO Barracks.

(b) Three BREDA, at HQ 778 Battery.

2. If these equipments are not at present urgently required by you, please authorise their loan, with full scale of ammunition, for special employment, to HQ 25 A.A. Bde, VILLA TRAVERSA, ALTAMURA ROAD, BARI.

3. No personnal would be involved in this loan.

ABC

Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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38 at MARCHELLO (Barracks) MR P789651 on change to
1513 Bty O Second O 3 Breda or HQ 778 Bty MR P175662

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ISPETTORATO ARTIGLIERIA

N. 607 prot. R.M.1°I, 16 aprile 1941

Oggetto: artiglierie dislocate in Sardegna con compito di difesa costiera.
ad integrazione dispaccio Ufficio Operazioni

AL R. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO Roma

In seguito a richiesta, si trasmettono 2 specchi contenenti dati delle artiglierie dislocate in Sardegna con compiti di difesa costiera, presso il VII ed il XIII Corpo d'Armata.

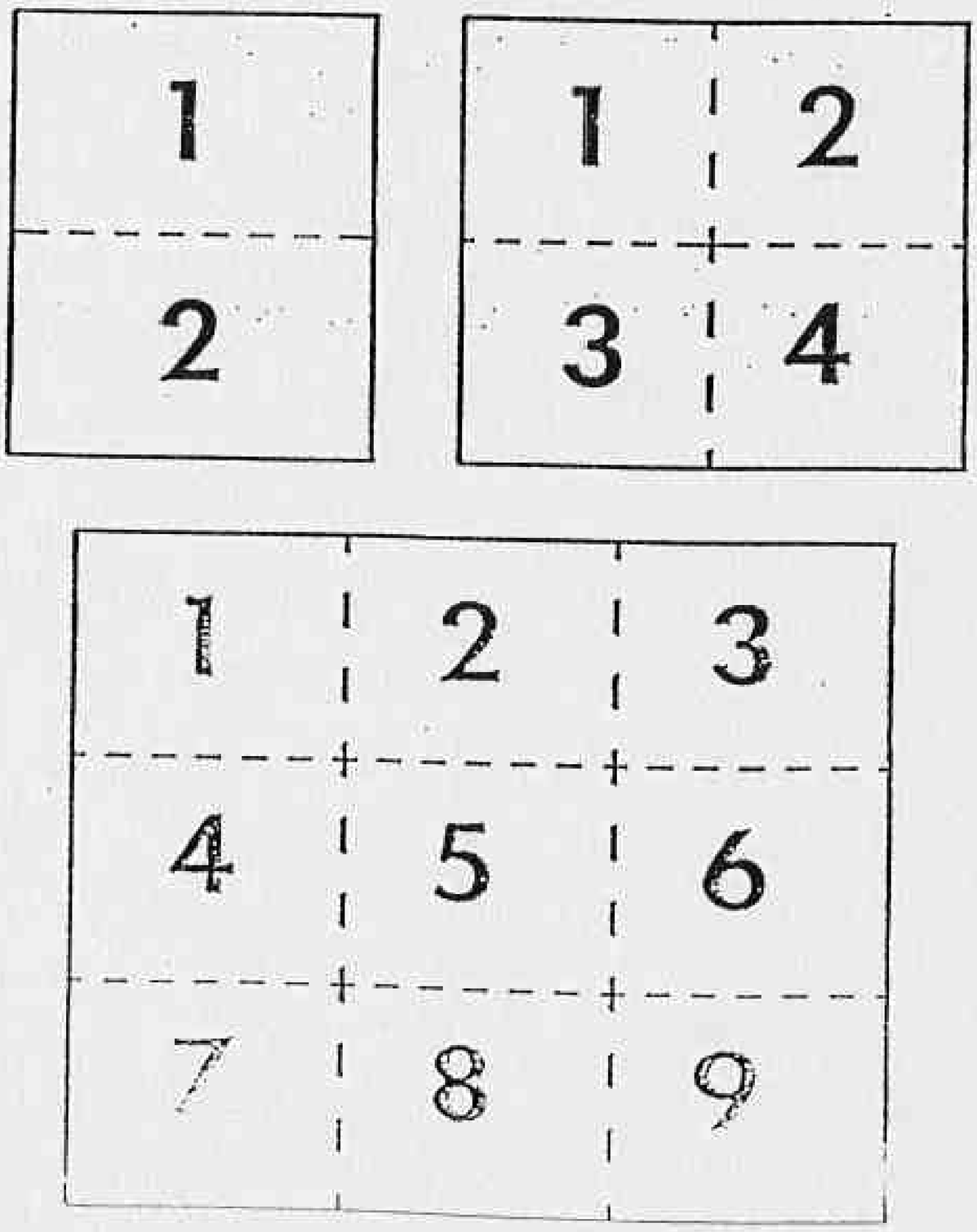
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VII° C. d'A.

G. U.	Costituzione ed armamento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.	Uff
204^ Div.				
546° Rgt.		Sassari	–	
	II° Gruppo	Li Pedriazzi(P.T.)	–	
	42^ btr. da 75/27 mod.906	S. Giovanni	4	
	149^ " " " " "	Abbacurrente	4	
	216^ " " 105/14	Li Pedriazzi " "	4	
	269^ " " 76/40	Ponte Romano	2	
	IV° Gruppo	Sennori	–	
	I^ btr. da 100/22 Skoda	"	4	
	II^ " " " "	"	4	
	III^ " " " "	"	4	
	Batteria autonoma da 100/22 Skoda	Palmadula Argentiera	4	
	337^ btr.auton. da 149/12	Tempio	4	
	338^ " " " "	"	4	

Esistono inoltre al 546° Regg/to. i seguenti comandi di gruppo e batteri
to quadro cedendo a suo tempo personale esuberante e pezzi alle batterie dell'e
ad ordine del comando militare della Sardegna:

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VII° C. d'A.

ne armamento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.	Forza Ufficiali	Forza Sottufficiali e Truppa
	Sassari	—	13	96
	Li Pedriazzi(P.T.)	—		
75/27 mod.906	S. Giovanni	4		
" " "	Abbacurrente	4	26	461
105/14	Li Pedriazzi " "	4		
76/40	Ponte Romano	2		
	Semnori	—		
100/22 Skoda	"	4	22	462
" "	"	4		
" "	"	4		
onoma da 100/22	Palmadula	4	6	100
	Argentiera	4	2	52
on. da 149/12	Tempio	4	2	45
" "	"			

al 546° Regg/to. i seguenti comandi di gruppo e batterie che si sono ridotti a repar=
tempo personale esuberante e pezzi alle batterie dell'attuale 553° Rgt., in seguito

ilitare della Sardegna:

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Esistono inoltre al 546° Regg/to. i seguenti comandi di gruppo e batterie d
to quadro cedendo a suo tempo personale esuberante e pezzi alle batterie dell'attu
ad ordine del comando militare della Sardegna:

-Comando I° gruppo con le btr.: 98^, 106^, 145^ g.a.f., 472^, 730^;

-Comando III° gruppo con le btr.: 43^, 103^, 144^, 145^, 204^, 270^;

-136^ btr.autonoma.

226^ Div.				
552° Rgt.	LIV° Gruppo	Tempio	-	
		Monti	-	
	137^ btr.da 152/37	"	4	
	138^ " " "	"	4	

Esistono inoltre al 552° Rgt. i seguenti comandi di gruppo e btr. senza pez
-Comando I° gruppo con le btr.: 97^, 1215^, 1216^, 607^-dislocato ad Aggius-forza
-Comando II° gruppo con le btr.: 73^, 517^, 1209^, 606^-dislocato a Tempio- forza
-Comando III° gruppo con le btr.: 94^, 171^, 181^-dislocato a Tempio-forza comple
-Comando IV° gruppo con le btr.: 87^,88^, 95^, 170^-dislocato a Tempio-forza comp
-Comando V° gruppo con le btr.: 435^, 437^, 960^, 438^-dislocato ad Aggius-forza
-Comando VI° gruppo con le btr.:86^, 516^, 608^-dislocato a Tempio-forza complesa

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al 546° Regg/to. i seguenti comandi di gruppo e batterie che si sono ridotti a repar=
tempo personale esuberante e pezzi alle batterie dell'attuale 553° Rgt., in seguito
litare della Sardegna:
e btr.: 98^, 106^, 145^ g.a.f., 472^, 730^;
le btr.: 43^, 103^, 144^, 145^, 204^, 270^;

	Tempio	-	14		77
	Monti	-			
a 152/37	"	4	10		126
"	"	4			

al 552° Rgt. i seguenti comandi di gruppo e btr. senza pezzi:
le btr.: 97^, 1215^, 1216^, 607^-dislocato ad Aggius-forza complessiva :Uff.10-Trup.49
le btr.: 73^, 517^, 1209^, 606^-dislocato a Tempio- forza complessiva:Uff.22-Trup.232
n le btr.: 94^, 171^, 181^-dislocato a Tempio-forza complessiva: Uff.9 - Trup. 45.
le btr.: 87^,88^, 95^, 170^-dislocato a Tempio-forza complessiva:Uff.18-Trup. 391.
le btr.: 435^, 437^, 960^, 438^-dislocato ad Aggius-forza complessiva:Uff.7-Trup.43.
le btr.:86^, 516^, 608^-dislocato a Tempio-forza complessiva: Uff. 10 - Trup. 71.

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G. U.	Costituzione ed armamento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.	Ufficiali
IV^ Brig. (Uff.Art.)		Tempio	-	18
	XV° Gruppo	Casa Aldiola	-	15
	107^ btr. da 149/12	Stazzo Cinochesu	4	
	214^ " " 105/14	Casa Aldiola	4	
	XVI° Gruppo	S.Teresa Gallura	-	18
	37^ btr.da 75/27 mod.906	Stazzo Pruncilione	4	
	38^ " " " " "	Pendici W q.109	4	
	326^ " " 149/12	Buoncammino	4	
	333^ " " 100/17	Punta Falcone	4	
	CXV° Gruppo	Casa Tamponi	-	12
	137^ btr.da 75/27 mod.906	" "	4	
	146^ " " " " "	Raina di Patru	4	
	CLXV° Gruppo	Monte Genareddu	-	15
	108^ btr.da 149/12	Il Garibaldino	4	
	252^ " " "	Monte Majori	4	
	273^ " " 120/45	La Filasca	4	
519° Rgt. Ftr.		Dorgali	-	12
	CLXVII Gruppo	Orosei	-	

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...namento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.	Forza: Ufficiali	Forza: Sottufficiali e truppa.
	Tempio	-	18	130
	Casa Aldiola	-		
149/12	Stazzo Cinochesu	4	15	245
105/14	Casa Aldiola	4		
	S.Teresa Gallura	-		
...5/27 mod.906	Stazzo Pruncilione	4		
" " "	Pendici W q.109	4	18	420
...9/12	Buoncammino	4		
...9/17	Punta Falcone	4		
	Casa Tamponi	-		
...75/27 mod.906	" "	4	12	168
" " "	Raina di Patru	4		
	Monte Genareddu	-		
149/12	Il Garibaldino	4		
"	Monte Majori	4	15	269
120/45	La Filasca	4		
	Dorgali	-	12	50
	Orosei	-		

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519° Rgt. Ftr.	CLXVII Gruppo	Dorgali	-		12
	177^ btr.da 100/17	Orosei	-		
	334^ " " "	"	4		12
	473^ " " 75/27 mod.906	Cala Gonone	4		
		Siniscola	4		

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	Dorgali	–	12		50
	Orosei	–			
100/17	"	4	12		314
"	Cala Gonone	4			
75/27 mod.906	Siniscola	4			

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XIII C. d'A.

G. U.	Costituzione ed armamento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi	Ufficiali
203^ Div.				
30° Rgt.		Sinnai	-	
	I° Gruppo	Selargius	-	
	33^ btr.75/27 mod.906	"	4	
	94^ " " " "	"	4	
	175^ " 105/28	"	4	
	II° Gruppo	Tortoli	-	
	32^ btr. da 75/13	Capo Bellavista	4	
	275^ " " 76/40	Arbatax	4	
	467^ " " 75/27-906	Tortoli	4	
	III° Gruppo	Casa Vigna Matta	-	
	65^ btr.100/17 mod.14	S.Avendrace	4	
	66^ " 149/12 " "	S. Sperate	4	
	96^ " " " "	Strada Elmas	4	
	312^ " " " "	S. Sperate	4	
	339^ " " " "	Cuccuru Serra	4	
	Sez.auton. da 100/17	Lazzaretto	2	

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LIERIE DISLOCATE IN SARDEGNA CON COMPITI DI DIFESA COSTIERA

XIII C. d'A.

amento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi	Forza	
			Ufficiali	Sottufficiali e truppa.
	Sinnai	–	9	52
	Selargius	–		
7 mod.906	"	4		
" "	"	4	9	180
	"	4		
	Tortoli	–		
75/13	Capo Bellavista	4		
76/40	Arbatax	4	13	292
75/27-906	Tortoli	4		
	Casa Vigna Matta	–		
/17 mod.14	S.Avendrace	4		
/12 " "	S. Sperate	4	21	417
" " "	Strada Elmas	4		
" " "	S. Sperate	4		
" " "	Cuccuru Serra	4		
a 100/17	Lazzaretto	2		

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	Sez.auton. da 100/17	Lazzaretto	2
	IV° Gruppo	Quartu S.Elena	-
	135^ btr.75/27-906	" "	4
	374^ " 76,2/14	" "	4
	375^ " " "	" "	4
	XLI° Gruppo	Cucureddus	-
	46^ btr.149/12 mod.14	"	4
	335^ " 100/17 " "	"	4
	CXLIV° Gruppo	Casa Garbellini	-
	148^ btr.75/27-906	Monte Pauliara	4
	454^ " " "	Monte Luas	4
205^ Div.			
547° Rgt.		Carbonia	-
	I° Gruppo	Monte Gibarussa	-
	34^ btr.75/27-906	S.Giovanni Masainas	4
	41^ " " "	Gibarussa	4
	105^ " " "	Baracche Sa Perda	4
	466^ " " "	Porto Pino	4
	272^ " 120/45 mod.18	Punta Menga	4

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100/17	Lazzaretto	2	(		
	Quartu S.Elena	-			
7-906	" "	4			
/14	" "	4	15		255
"	" "	4			
	Cuccureddus	-			
12 mod.14	"	4			
17 " "	"	4	11		185
	Casa Garbellini	-			
7-906	Monte Pauliara	4			
"	Monte Luas	4	9		178
	Carbonia	-	10		101
	Monte Gibarussa	-			
906	S.Giovanni Masainas	4			
"	Gibarussa	4			
"	Baracche Sa Perda	4	14		263
"	Porto Pino	4			
od.18	Punta Menga	4			

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G. U.	Costituzione ed armamento.	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.
	II° Gruppo	Carbonia	-
	36^ btr. 75/27 mod.906	Palmas	4
	100^ " " " "	Terra Monsignori	4
	249^ " 149/12 mod.14/18	Carbonia	4
	III° Gruppo	S.Antioco	-
	35^ btr.75/27 mod.906	S.Antioco	4
	99^ " " " "	S.Antioco	4
	403^ " 149/12 mod.14/18	S.Antioco	4
	277^ " 102/35	Mangiabarche	4
	278^ " 120/45 mod.A/18	Capo Sperone	4
	279^ " " " "	Grotte Bue Marino	4
	IV° Gruppo	Villarios	-
	110^ btr.149/35	Terra Monsignori	4
	203^ " "	" "	4
	CCXVII° Gruppo	Nuxis	-
	I^ btr.da 100/22 Skoda	"	4
	II^ " " " "	"	4
	III^ " " " "	"	4

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ed mamento.	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.	Forza	
			Ufficiali	Sottufficiali e Truppa
	Carbonia	-	13	118
/27 mod.906	Palmas	4		
" "	Terra Monsignori	4		
/12 mod.14/18	Carbonia	4		
	S.Antioco	-	16	374
27 mod.906	S.Antioco	4		
" "	S.Antioco	4		
/12 mod.14/18	S.Antioco	4		
/35	Mangiabarche	4		
/45 mod.A/18	Capo Sperone	4		
" "	Grotte Bue Marino	4		
	Villarios	-	6	43
49/35	Terra Monsignori	4		
"	" "	4		
po	Nuxis	-	16	251
100/22 Skoda	"	4		
" "	"	4		
" "	"	4		
	Tolcciac		5	50

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	III^ " " " "	"	4
540° Rgt.		Iglesias	-
	I° Gruppo	Gonnesa	-
	39^ btr.75/27 mod.906	Bacu Abis	4
	40^ " " " "	" "	4
	133^ " 75/13	" "	4
	455^ " 75/27 mod.906	" "	4
	II° Gruppo	Porto Scuso	-
	104^ btr. 149/35	Regione Serucci	4
	201^ " "	Monte Dolorosu	4
	276^ " 102/35	R.Capo Altano	4
	XCIII° Gruppo	Porto Scuso	-
	38^ btr. 75/27 mod.906	R.Arcu Su Soli	4
	53^ " " " "	R.Concali de Su Carboni	4
225^ Div.			
553° Rgt.		Alghero	-
	I° Gruppo	"	-
	69^ btr. da 149/12	Fertilia	4
	70^ " " "	"	4
	II° Gruppo	Monte Pedrosu	-
	82^ btr.da 75/27 mod.906	" "	4
	514^ " "102/35	P. del Giglio	4
	72^ " " 75/27 mod.906	Porto Conte	4
	436^ " " " " "	P. del Gallo	4
	74^ " "149/12	Monte Murone	4

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" "	"	4			
	Iglesias	-	7	50	
	Gonnesa	-			
27 mod.906	Bacu Abis	4			
" "	" "	4	12	132	
13	" "	4			
27 mod.906	" "	4			
	Porto Scuso	-			
149/35	Regione Serucci	4			
"	Monte Dolorosu	4	12	94	
102/35	R.Capo Altano	4			
opo	Porto Scuso	-			
75/27 mod.906	R.Arcu Su Soli	4	8	172	
" " "	R.Concali de Su Carboni	4			
	Alghero	-	13	110	
	"	-			
149/12	Fertilia	4	21	276	
" "	"	4			
	Monte Pedrosu	-			
75/27 mod.906	" "	4			
02/35	P. del Giglio	4	16	261	
75/27 mod.906	Porto Conte	4			
" " "	P. del Gallo	4			
49/12	Monte Murone	4			

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XIII° C. d'A.

G/ U.	Costituzione ed Armamento	Dislocazione	Numero pezzi.	Uffi
	III° Gruppo	Porto Conte	-	
	515^ btr. da 149/35	" "	4	
	605^ " " 100/17 mod.14	Peraponte	4	
	IV° Gruppo	S.Giuliano	-	
	439^ btr.75/27 mod.906	"	4	
	83^ " 152/45	P.Argentera	4	
	1208^ " 149/12	Fangal	4	
	282^ " 75/27 mod.906	Casa Galante	4	
XXXIII^ Brigata				
568° Rgt.		Arborea	-	
	I° Gruppo	Oristano	-	
	a) 32^ btr. 75/27 mod.906	Tanca Mulino	-	
	157^ " 105/27 P.B.m.913	Capo S.Marco	4	
	220^ " 105/14	Contrada Passino	4	
	221^ " "	Oristano	4	
	II° Gruppo	Arborea	-	
	a) 109^ btr.75/27 mod.906	S'Ungruni	-	
	a) 134^ " " " "	Linas	-	
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	Porto Conte	-	8	204
da 149/35	" "	4		
" 100/17 mod.14	Peraponte	4		
	S.Giuliano	-	27	315
5/27 mod.906	"	4		
2/45	P.Argentera	4		
9/12	Fangal	4		
5/27 mod.906	Casa Galante	4		
	Arborea	-	23	380
	Oristano	-		
75/27 mod.906	Fanca Mulino	-		
05/27 P.B.m.913	Capo S.Marco	4		
05/14	Contrada Passino	4		
"	Oristano	4		
	Arborea	-	18	358
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	Capo Frasca	4		

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a) 109^	btr.149/27 mod.906	Oristano –
a) 134^	" " " "	Linas –
271^	" 120/45	Capo Frasca 4
d) 560^	" 152/45	Casa Sassu 4
650^	" 149/35 mod.911	Marrubiu 4
III° Gruppo		Murachi –
e) 333^	btr.149/12 mod.14	Barattili S.Pietro 4
b) 456^	" 75/27 " 906	Riola Sardo –
c) 474^	" " " "	Barattili S.Pietro –
CCXXIX° Gruppo		Oristano –
10^	btr. 100/22 Skoda	" 4
11^	" " "	" 4
12^	" " "	" 4

N.B.- a) I pezzi delle batterie 32^, 109^ e 134^ sono stati versati al Deposito S

b) i pezzi della 456^ btr. sono stati versati al Deposito Settoriale di Par fuori uso per azione bellica tedesca).

c) i pezzi della 474^ btr. sono stati versati al Deposito Settoriale di Par

d) La bocca da fuoco del 4° pezzo della 560^ btr. trovasi alla riprarazione Piacenza.

e) La 333^ btr. ha un pezzo inefficiente.

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75/27 mod. 906	Deiogratia				
" " "	Linas	–			
20/45	Capo Frasca	4		18	358
52/45	Casa Sassu	4			
49/35 mod.911	Marrubiu	4			
	Murachi	–			
.149/12 mod.14	Barattili S.Pietro	4		16	206
75/27 " 906	Riola Sardo	–			
" " "	Barattili S.Pietro	–			
rpo	Oristano	–			
100/22 Skoda	"	4		13	302
" "	"	4			
" "	"	4			

atterie 32^, 109^ e 134^ sono stati versati al Deposito Settoriale di Fanca Molino;

56^ btr. sono stati versati al Deposito Settoriale di Fanca Molino (tre pezzi messi
ione bellica tedesca).

74^ btr. sono stati versati al Deposito Settoriale di Fanca Molino;

o del 4° pezzo della 560^ btr. trovasi alla riprarazione presso il R. Arsenale di

un pezzo inefficiente.

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A.A. & C.D. Sec.
A.F. H.Q.

1. Attached at Appendix A is a summary of the organisation of Italian A.A. at NAPLES, showing

1. Designation of units and chain of command.
2. Proposed establishment and present strength of Army units
3. Proposed establishment and present strength of Navy units

2. This information is forwarded to assist you in calculating the total number of Italian personnel required for A.A. on the Mainland.

3. It will be seen that the total required at NAPLES (including the C.D. Group) and present strengths are:

	Total Required		Present Strength		Difference	
	Offrs	O.Rs	Offrs	O.Rs	Offrs	O.Rs
Army personnel	75	1312	85	789	+ 10	- 523
Navy personnel	22	533	22	281	-	- 252

4. It is understood from the Italian Artillery H.Q. at NAPLES that 200 of the Army deficiencies can be made up from local depots. It is suggested that the others could be made up from batteries which are likely to be dissolved in SARDINIA.

5. Of the H.A.A. sites only 215 Battery is equipped with a predictor in working order. The establishments shown, however, are for sites complete with predictor and range finder. It is suggested that these deficiencies might be made up by equipment released in SARDINIA. In this case any reinforcements allowed from SARDINIA should be mainly instrument specialists. A complete list of instrument deficiencies is being prepared.

6. The summary includes the IV Coastal Group, under command of 574 Coast Regiment, R.A., as it is part of the same Italian organisation as the three A.A. Groups.

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7. If it is desired not to defend the electric installations at [illegible]

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7. If it is decided not to defend the electric installations at the Silan Lakes, 145 Group consisting of 12 x 57/[illegible]mm guns could profitably be employed in this area. In that case the figures [illegible] be increased by 3 officers and 47 O.Rs for each of the three batteries (4 guns) in the Group.

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G.C. Gray.

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Comd 22 A.A. Bde

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APPENDIX "A"

ORGANISATION OF ITALIAN A.A. AT NAPLES

1. CHAIN OF COMMAND

Comando Artiglieri Forze Armate Campania (Artillery H.Q. : Italian Army in Campania).
(General SALVATORES)

19° Raggruppamento c.a.
(Col. TUFARELLI)

1° Gruppo	2° Gruppo	3° Gruppo	4° Gruppo Costiero
637 Battery (4 x 90/53)	446 Battery (4 x 90/53)	Batteries 1-8	263 Bty
639 Battery (4 x 90/53)	632 " (4 x 90/53)	(4 x 37/54	264 Bty
813 " R.M. (6 x 90/53)	180 " R.M. (6 x 90/53)	and 2 x 20mm)	265 Bty
606 " R.M. (4 x 90/53)	215 " R.M. (4 x 76/40)		
195 " R.M. (6 x 90/53)			

NOTES

1. The Naval Batteries (R.M.) are operationally under the command of the Groups as shown above, but have their own comando Gruppo (Group H.Q.) for administrative and disciplinary purposes.

2. The IV Gruppo is a coastal Group under the command of 574 coast Regt. R.A. and is included in the 19° Raggruppamento for convenience of administration by the Italians.

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3. 446 and 813 Batteries will not be ready for action for about a month. Another Battery of 4 x 76/40 not shown above in being prepared, but it is not yet decided where it will be deployed.

4. Each "gruppo" is commanded by a Lieut. col. A battery represents a gun site.

5. The two H.A.A. "gruppos" pass barrage data to their sites, as received

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5. The two H.A.A. "gruppos" pass barrage data to their sites, as received from G.O.R. The 37/54 mm guns receive their fire orders direct from the nearest L.A.A. Control Post. For purposes of training and general liaison each "gruppo" is under the control of a British regiment:-

1° Gruppo	-	59 H.A.A. Regt. R.A.
2° Gruppo	-	72 H.A.A. Regt. R.A.
3° Gruppo	-	13 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.

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STRENGTH - ARMY UNITS

UNIT	Establishment		Present Strength		Deficiency		Surplus	
	Offrs.	ORs.	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
Comando 19th Raggruppamento	12	56	14	68	-	-	2	12
Comando 1st Gruppo	3	22	3	13	-	9	-	-
" 2nd Gruppo	3	22	3	13	-	9	-	-
" 3rd Gruppo	3	22	2	1	1	21	-	-
" 4th Gruppo	3	22	2	6	1	16	-	-
637 Battery 90/53	3	91	6	62	-	29	3	-
639 Battery 90/53	3	91	4	40	-	51	1	-
446 Battery 90/53	3	91	2	18	1	73	-	-
632 Battery 90/53	3	91	6	60	-	31	3	-
Battery 75/40	3	86	-	-	3	86	-	-
1 Battery 37/54	3	47	5	37	-	10	2	-
2 " "	3	47	6	39	-	8	3	-
3 " "	3	47	3	38	-	9	-	-
4 " "	3	71	4	57	-	14	1	-
5 " "	3	47	3	40	-	7	-	-
6 " "	3	47	3	43	-	4	-	-
7 " "	3	47	-	-	3	47	-	-
8 " "	3	47	-	-	3	47	-	-
263 Coast Battery	4	106	6	62	-	44	2	-

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637 Battery 90/53	3	91	6	62	-	29	3	-
639 Battery 90/53	3	91	4	40	-	51	1	-
446 Battery 90/53	3	91	2	18	1	73	-	-
632 Battery 90/53	3	91	5	60	-	31	3	-
Battery 76/40	3	86	-	-	3	80	-	-
1 Battery 37/54	3	47	5	37	-	10	2	-
2 " "	3	47	6	39	-	8	3	-
3 " "	3	47	3	38	-	9	-	-
4 " "	3	71	4	57	-	14	1	-
5 " "	3	47	5	40	-	7	-	-
6 " "	3	47	3	43	-	4	-	-
7 " "	3	47	-	-	3	47	-	-
8 " "	3	47	-	-	3	47	-	-
263 Coast Battery	4	106	6	62	-	44	2	-
264 Coast Battery	4	106	9	153	-	-	5	47
265 Coast Battery	4	106	4	39	-	67	-	-
TOTALS	75	1312	85	789	12	582	22	59

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STRENGTH - NAVY UNITS

180 Battery 90/53 (6)	3	110	3	67	-	43	-	-
195 " 90/53 (6)	3	110	3	66	-	44	-	-
606 " 90/53 (4)	3	90	3	48	-	42	-	-
813 " 90/53 (6)	3	110	3	9	-	101	-	-
215 " 76/40 (4)	3	85	3	63	-	22	-	-
Comando Grupo Marina	7	28	7	28	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	22	533	22	281	-	252	-	-

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Originator's No. 03626

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Subject: Special Deployment

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (AMIA)
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Further to this HQ sig message O 323 dated 22 Apr 44.

1. The following 20mm eqpts are held surplus at MONOPOLI

3 German Flak 38
3 Breda

2. The above eqpts are also required for the special deployment referred to in this HQ sig message under ref, in addition to the 4 Scotti 20mm guns previously asked for.

3. The same conditions apply, i.e. full scale of amn is required but no personnel.

4. We shall be grateful if you would issue the necessary authority for the release of these eqpts to this Bde in addition to the 4 Scotti guns referred to in your letter G/3 dated 24 Apr 44.

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for Brig
Comd 25 AA Bde

Field
26 Apr 44

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Army Form C.2130. **MESSAGE FORM** Serial No. 1629

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TO MMIA FOTALI

FROM NCC MAIN Sqd Macfarlane | Originator's Number: 3973 | Date: 28 | In Reply to Number: —

Restricted ⊙ Transmitted below is message rptd Army Sub-Commission FOTALI
2 AA Bde addressed to 8 AA Bde Q 747 dated 21 Harbr ⊙
17 LAA Regt ⊙ Begins ⊙ Ref your 3-tonners loaded with empties to collect
Unit sending officer and 4 second charge ⊙ ETA
capacity 90/53 mm Italian AA ammn assistance
Bn Hdqrs. Taranto 30/4/44 — 1/5/44 ⊙ Report your

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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four rpltd four three tonners loaded with supplies
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your assistance

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TO FDM

FROM AAI

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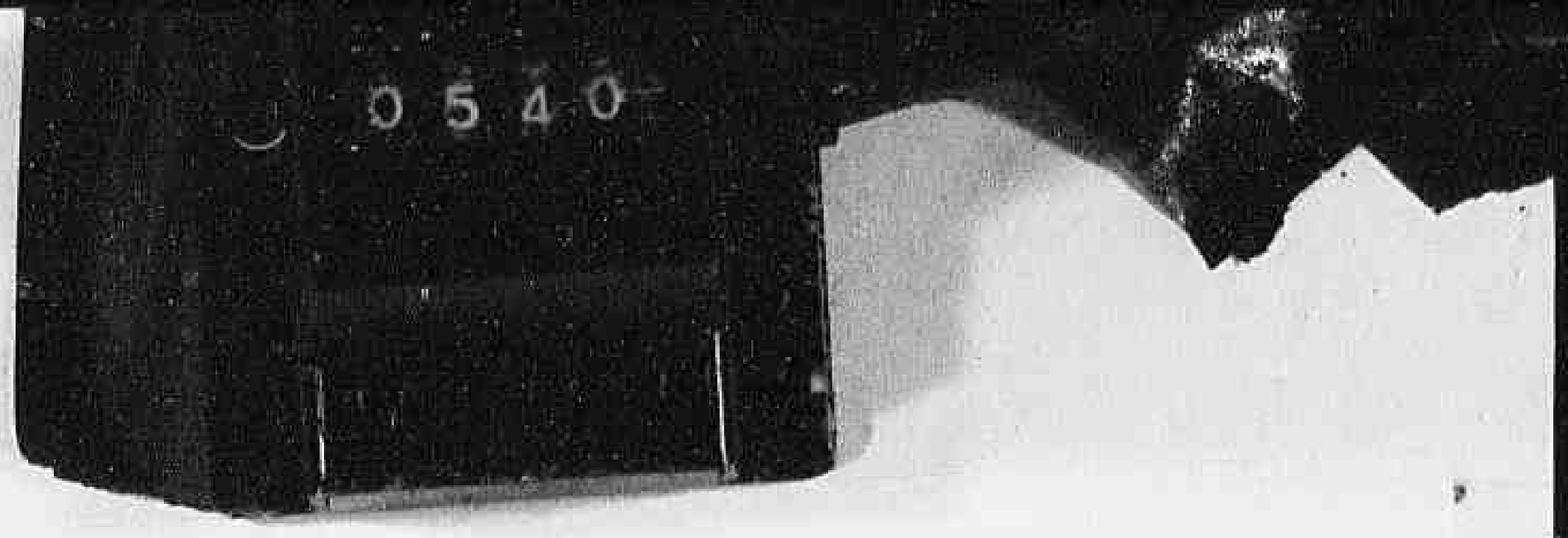
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TO HQ. 25 4A Bde

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T E L E S C R I T T O in partenza

P.M.151, 26 aprile 1944

DA SUPERESERCITO - OPERAZIONI

AI COMANDO IX CORPARMATE

et conseguenza:

AI A.C.C. - SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO - (a mano)
(Riferimento foglio n° C/3 del 24 aprile)

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N° 4499 di prot.OP. AIA COMANDO 25^ BRIGATA AEREA HA CHIESTO TRAMITE A.C.C. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO, DI POTER DISPORRE, PER SPECIALE IMPIEGO, DI 4 MITRAGLIERE DA 20 mm. SCOTTI, SENZA PERSONALE, CON NORMALI DOTAZIONI DI MUNIZIONI PER OGNI PEZZO AIA 756 QUESTO S.M. AUTORIZZA CESSIONE TEMPORANEA ED EVENTUALI ALTRE RICHIESTE DI MUNIZIONI AIA

SUPERESERCITO - 1145200444

H.Q. 25th Airborne Corps desires loan of 4 20 mm. Scotti machine guns without sights for use on special mission. Guns will be returned to owner upon completion of mission. Request authority be granted to issue guns to 25th Airborne Corps.

P. C. C.

TEN.COLONNELLO in s.S.M. a.p.a. autorizza temporaneamente
Capo Ufficio Operazioni - altresì ad effettuare
(Fierro Camillo) richiesta munizioni

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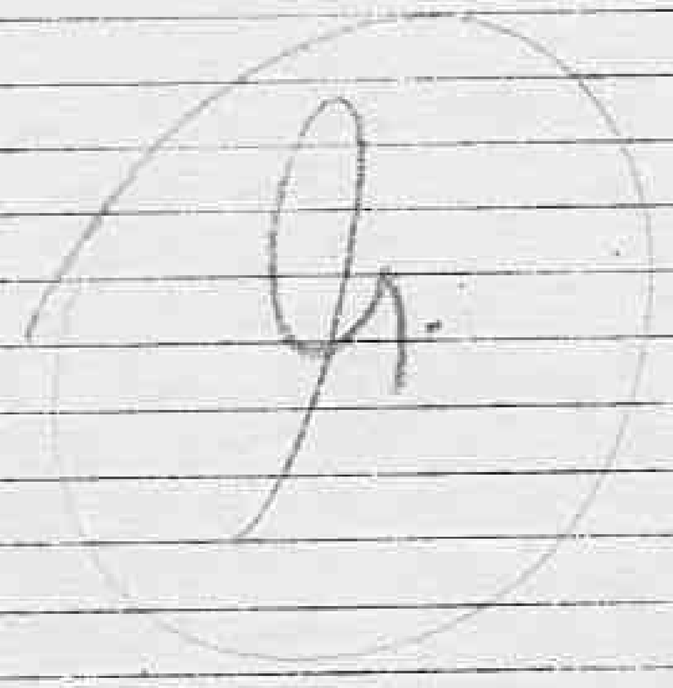
SD1446 O SECRET O Ref AFHQ F36977 of 24th NOTE all O FIRST O One tpt British S/L Bty complete with 6 S/Ls and crews to be nominated by 25 AA Bde is placed under comd 8 Army w.e.f. 25 April O Request 25 AA Bde despatch to commence to 26 Apr MAIN HQ 8 Army H.20(OT) - Jct H.20(OT) near ST ANGELO DA BIFE immediately O 8 Army will call (?) 9th Army area sonest O Move to be under arrangements MOVCIT O SECOND O for AFHQ O Most grateful you release above unit O NO action will be taken by switch forward (?) to released under your F 3980 CITE EFFECT of 15 April

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SD1646 O SECRETO Ref AFHQ F-36917 of 24- NOV 6
all O FIRST O One tpr British S/L Sqn complete with
6 S/Ls and crews to be nominated by 25
AA Bde is placed under comd 8 Army w.e.f.
25 April O Request 25 AA Bde despatch to commander
to 2L Army MAIN HQ 8 Army 119(OT) - JA 1120(OT) near.
ST ANGELO DA BIFE immediately O 8 Army will
call (?) 9th Army area arrest O More to be under
(arrangements) MOVEIT O SECOND O for AFHQ O More gratified you
release stone unit O NO action will be taken to
switch inward (?) if released under your F-33840
CITE FHCCT of 18 April

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Subject: 20 mm SCOTTI A.A. Guns

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Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main H.Q. (MEFTA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/3
24 Apr 44

S E C R E T

Copy to : HQ 25 A.A. Bde
MEFTA LO 4 District

1. It is requested that you authorise HQ 9 CORPS to loan, for special employment, four SCOTTI 20 mm Anti Aircraft guns to HQ 25 A.A. Bde, VILLA TRAVERSA, ALTAMURA Road, BARI.

2. The quota of ammunition normally carried with each gun should also be handed over. 25 A.A. Bde will inform you if more is required.

3. No personnel are involved in this loan.

A M P
Maj Gen.,
Army Sub Comm., ACC.

CC/EGB

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A Advance Code. Effective from 16.30 hrs.

From:- 25 A. B. Brigade G/3102

Address to:-

For. Action M.M.I.S.

Liaison Code Communications

A. C. O. Brigade

Brig O. i/c 3244. Message Priority restricted reference telephone message from Maj Dalton.

Please Battleaxe IX Corps D'Annata release figure 4 25 M. Pr.

SCOTTI. Opens this Brigade for special role/deployment. Italian personnel. ~~Italian~~ NOT report NOT required

THI/17.55

Transmitter S. C.

Received.

Duty Clerk/Clerk

Lt Operator

Staff Officer S/C

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ACTION SLIP

This slip must not be removed

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To: G.1 for info

Telephone message 1480 hrs 22 Apr.

From Maj. Dobbs at 25 A.A. Bde.

"25 A.A. Bde are sending us a signal requesting 4 x 20 mm Scotti A.A. guns under 1X Corps, & be handed over to them for a special purpose. No personnel required. Dobbs recommends this release & 25 A.A. Bde."

AGS 22/4

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I think this is very important when the signal arrives.

Pattern.

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ARMY FORM G2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: NMH

Date Time of Origin: 231220B

— OFFICE DATE STAMP. —

For Action

TO NMH LD XXXI CORPS

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

Originator's No.: O 357

O FOR NEWTON C Following message should have been sent by 1st Bde 1st Cav Div but was not sent as radio was not operating

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY WRITTEN OR ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS. WIRELESS SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

SIGNED C. [illegible] Capt

IS LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED CONTRARY TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE OF HIGHEST DEGREE OF PRIORITY

SIGNED

Time	Station	Op.
THI or TOR		
Time cleared	1	

F.S.E. "A" (500) pads of 100's 11-45.

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Subject:- Establishments

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (SMEA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3
21 Apr 44.

S M R E

Will you please forward to this Sub Commission copies of the establishments on which AA Units at BARI are organised. They should show the numbers of officers, NCO's and men comprising batteries of the different calibres of gun, and also Raggruppamento and Gruppo H.Q's, and Listening Posts.

Please treat as urgent.

G-H

NH for
Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

A. 790.
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This slip will NOT be removed

To: GII / AA - Cdl

BAUMANN's log dated 17 Apr 1 para 2 says that 500 Italian Army personnel are employed on Balloon Barrage work in ARLON and that a further 200 are required for NAPLES

Do you know anything about this?

Balloon Barrage is entirely an RAF responsibility. I know nothing about this area.

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A O T I O N S L I P

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To: GSO 1

Suggest a united answer to Offices Memoranda as follows:

Concld

1. 22 AA Bde have stated that they doesnot intend to employ Italian s/L's in AA Role

2. Enquiries are being made from Allied Commanders and 5th Corps Regt regarding their requirements of S/L's. We will reply in full when these are known and have been submitted to AFHQ.

Reply as above in routine

20/4 GI

Reply initialled as above, as requested by Gen Keyes, 21/4.

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TRANSLATION

From SHAEF Ref. 2779

To: M.M.I.A. File G/3 Date 19 April

Subject. Searchlights in the Naples Area

1. H Q Fifth Army Command, Campania, has informed this General Staff that the 3rd Searchlight Regiments were employed at Naples by 32 A A Bde and 5 Th Coast Regt with their 33 S/L's only for action as soon as possible (see details attached).

It seems HQ has also stated that a S/L regiments is envisaged in the reorganization programme of the A A defence of Naples, already approved by the Allied HQ command.

2 This General Staff proposes to re-establish the above S/L unit into one complete battalion, making up present deficiencies if possible. (about 1200 men).

You are requested to ascertain the number and if there is no objection to the establishment of this battalion please let the number it should be given in the programme.

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Signed Gruber

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Strength of 3 S/L Regt/Regiments as at March 1942

a Personnel

1 Field Officer
6 Junior Officers
60 NCO's men (15 to make room for Officers)

b S/L Equipment

8 Lights ready for action
8 Lights being repaired
19 Lights in working order to be given back by the Officer when the Regt/Regiments has it necessary personnel

c Tasks

A A Defence (under 2 A A Bde)
Coast Defence (under 5th Coast Regt R A)

TOS Recovery & repair of S/L material
Preparations for re-establishing listening posts

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

G13,
SEGRETO
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N° 2779 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 19 aprile 1944

OGGETTO : Fotoelettriche nella zona di Napoli.-
Allegati: 1. Searchlight units in the Naples area

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. LEQUILE

1°) - Il comando FF.AA. della Campania ha informato questo S.M. che il 3° raggruppamento fotoelettricisti, attualmente impiegato a Napoli dalla 22^ brigade A.A. e dal 574 Coast rgt., avrà quanto prima 35 stazioni efficienti (vedasi specchio esplicativo allegato).
Detto comando ha inoltre comunicato che l'esistenza di un raggruppamento fotoelettricisti è considerato nel programma di riorganizzazione della difesa c.a. di Napoli, già approvato da quel comando Alleato.

2°) - Questo S.M.R.E. ha intenzione di riordinare la suddetta unità fotoelettricisti in un btg. organico, completandolo del personale attualmente deficiente (circa 140 uomini).
Si prega Codesta A.C.C. di voler prendere in esame la questione e, qualora nulla osti alla costituzione del suddetto settantio-

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Si prega Codesta A.C.C. di voler prendere in esame la questione e, qualora nulla osti alla costituzione del suddetto battaglione, comunicare a quale numero del noto programma dovrà essere attribuito.-

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S. M. R. E. UFF. OPER. e MOB.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. di div. G.B. Oxilia)

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Allegato al n° 2779 prd. del 19.4.44

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SITUAZIONE DEL 3° RAGGRUPPAMENTO FOTOELETTRICISTI
ALLA DATA DEL 24.3.1944

a) - Personale

- 1 ufficiale superiore
- 5 ufficiali inferiori
- 60 sottuff. e truppa (è in corso l'assegnazione di altri 50 u.)

b) - Stazioni f.e.

- 6 stazioni efficienti
- 6 stazioni in corso di riparazione
- 19 stazioni efficienti che saranno restituite dagli A.A. non appena il Ragr. disporrà del personale necessario

c) - Compiti

- concorso alla difesa c.a. (dipendenza d'impiego dalle 22 brigate A.A.)

- concorso alla difesa costiera (dipendenza d'impiego del 574° Coast Rgt. R.A. inglese)

- ricupero e riparazione materiale f.e.

- previsto concorso per il ripristino del servizio fonogoniometri-
co.-

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S. M. R. E. * UFF. ORG. e MOB.

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To amant [illegible] NAS
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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: F O L I
Date: 30.3.44
Ref.: 11507/S

Subject: A/A AMMUNITION SUPPLIES AVAILABLE.

Further to letter Nº 9359/S of 17th instant.

We send you attached statements shewing A/A Ammunition stocks available at the BRINDISI Batteries.

for THE MINISTER.

DG.-)

MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

FLAG OFFICER
TARANTO AREA
DATE 1 APR.
No: L. 2/ 1050/5.

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A/A AMMUNITION SUPPLIES AVAILABLE.
(Ministry of Marine's letter No.11507/S of 30th March, 1944.)

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II.

No.T.A.1050/5.

ARMY SUB-COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Forwarded in continuation of my letter No.T.A.1050/5 of 24th March, 1944.

TARANTO.
8th April, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

MILITARY MISSION.
Date 7 183
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

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(b) -

A/A AMMUNITION STORED AT THE BRINDISI BATTERIES.

Calibre.	Battery Number.		1st Charge Cartridges. Normal	- V.R. -	V.R. c.l.
102/35	Brindisi	B. 288	-	266	-
90/53	Brindisi	B. 593	-	437	300
76/40	Brindisi	B. 506	-	1.800	-
	"	B. 512	-	1.800	-
	"	B. 543	-	780	-
	"	B. 552	-	1.800	-
	"	B. 569	-	1.800	-
	"	B. 585	-	1.802	-
	"	B. 598	-	1.200	-
			Tracer Explosive		
20/65	Brindisi	B. 512	8.356		
	"	B. 543	5.953		
	"	B. 552	2.979		
	"	B. 569	6.000		
	"	B. 593	5.328		
	"	B. 598	3.000		
			Cartridges Oerlikon		
20/70	Brindisi	B. 288	10.200		
	"	B. 506	3.000		

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A/A AMMUNITION STORED AT THE BRINDISI BATTERIES.

1st Charge Cartridges. Normal	- V.R.	- V.R. c.l.	2nd Charge Cartridges. Normal	V.R.	- V.R. c.l.
-	266	-	-	1.659	-
-	437	300	-	434	-
-	1.800	-	-	4.200	-
-	1.800	-	-	4.800	-
-	780	-	-	2.789	-
-	1.800	-	-	5.388	-
-	1.800	-	-	4.804	-
-	1.802	-	-	4.800	-
-	1.200	-	-	2.400	-

Tracer Explosive	Tracer exposive incendiary-
8.356	-
5.953	-
2.979	-
6.000	-
5.328	-
3.000	-

Cartridges Oerlikon	Cartridges Rheinmetall
10.200	-
3.000	-

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A/A AMMUNITION STORED AT
THE BRINDISI BATTERIES.

Calibre.	Battery Number.		Cartridges Oerlikon	
	Brindisi	B. 512	8.150	
			Ordinary	Armour Pier
13.2	Brindisi	B. 585	-	3.0

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A/A AMMUNITION STORED AT
THE BRINDISI BATTERIES.

er.	Cartridges Oerlikon.	Cartridges Rheinmetall.
512	8.150	-

	Ordinary	Armour Piercing Cartridges.	Tracers.
585	-	3.000	3.000

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A.A. AMMUNITION STOCKS AVAILABLE.

(Minister of Marine's No.9359/S of 17th March, 1944.)

II.

No.T.A.1050/5.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Forwarded with reference to your letter No.G/3/21 of February, 1944.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date _____

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

E.L.Morgan.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

TARANTO.
24th March, 1944.

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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: F O L I
Date: 17.3.44
Ref;: 9359/S

Subject: A/A AMMUNITION STOCKS AVAILABLE.

In reply to your letter N° TA 1050/15 of 2nd instant we send you:-

(a) = A list of A/A Ammu. available in Storehouses and Magazines of the Italian Royal Navy. (Encl.N° 1).
(b) = A list of A/A Ammu. available at the Batteries (Encl. N° 2).
(c) = A list of A/A Ammu. which could be manufactured by MARIMUNI, Taranto with the materials available (particularly cartridge cases), also that which could be made in the event of cartridge cases being supplied to the above Department. (Encl. N° 3)

In due course, details will be forwarded in regard to ammunition stored in the Magazines and at the Batteries in BRINDISI.

2) For your information, we would say that small arms ammunition (projectiles and accesories, including fuses) could be manufactured in the Naples area, utilizing the 100,000 cartridge cases available at the Bombini, Parodi & Delfino Co.'s Works.

for THE MINISTER.

DG.-)

FLAG OFFICER
TARANTO AREA, T.
DATE 18 MAR.
No: 5416/1050/15

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A/4 Stormo. trasferito in I.R.N. Stockholm Thrasferito

ALL

(a) - ELENCO MUNIZIONI ANTIAEREE ESISTENTI NEI DEPOSITI E POLVERIERE

Depo

Calibro	Specie delle munizioni	Taranto (Buffoluto)
102/35	Cartucce I°carica normale	I.344
	" I°carica V.R. Kol. Stock	I5.I94
	" I°carica V.R.C.1 " Taranto	943
	Cartucce 2°carica normale	-
	" 2°carica V.R.	I0.0I3
	" 2°carica V.R.(bos-solo acciaio) Stab. Artiglieria	8.969
	" 2°carica V.R.c.l.	34,463
I00/47	Cartucce I°carica normale	I.757
	" I°carica V.R.	I6.672
	" I°carica V.R.c.l.	2.880
	Cartucce 2°carica normale	I.50I
	" 2°carica V.R.	II.I9I
	" 2°carica V.R.(bos-solo acciaio)	2.332
	" 2°carica V.R.c.l.	76
		34,109
90/53	Cartucce I°carica normale granata R.M.	-
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E. Mar. Navy + Aeron	24
	Cartucce I°carica V.R.granata.R.M.	638
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	6.895
	Cartucce I°carica V.R.c.l. granata R.M.	I50

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(I)

ALLEGATO I

I AMMAZZI ESISTENTI NEI DEPOSITI E POLVERIERE DELLA R.MARINA

le munizioni	Depositi e polveriere Taranto (Buffoluto)	Cagliari (Silique)	La Maddalena (Stagnali e S.Stefano)
°carica normale	I.344	697	I07
°carica V.R.	I5.I94	5.274	-
°carica V.R.C.1	943	-	-
°carica normale	-	5.6I4	-
°carica V.R.	I0.0I3	224	II3
°carica V.R.(bos-olo acciaio)	6.969	-	-
	3 4,463		
°carica V.R.c.1.	-	-	-
°carica normale	I.757	-	-
°carica V.R.	I6.672	-	-
°carica V.R.c.1.	2.880	-	-
°carica normale	I.50I	-	-
°carica V.R.	II.I9I	-	-
°carica V.R.(bos-olo acciaio)	2.332	-	-
°carica V.R.c.1.	76	-	-
	3 6,409		
°carica normale granata R.M.	-	-	-
ta unificata R.M.-R.E.	24	-	-
°carica V.R.granate.R.M.	638	-	-
ta unificata R.M.-R.E.	6.895	875	-
°carica V.R.c.1. M.	I50	-	-

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Tarento
(Buffoluto)

Calibro	Specie delle munizioni	
90/53	Cartucce I°carica V.R.c.l. granata unificata R.M.-R?E.	I.483
	Cartucce 2°carica normale granata R.M.	I42
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	2.269
	Cartucce 2°carica V.R. granata R.M.	2.22I
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	227
	Cartucce 2°carica V.R.c.l. granata R.M.	40
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	200
76/40	Cartucce I°carica normale (bossolo ottone)	627
	Cartucce I°carica V.R. (bossolo ottone)	I9.294
	Idem bossolo acciaio	I5.369
	Cartucce I°carica V.R.c.l. (bossolo ottone)	3I
	Cartucce 2°carica normale (bossolo ottone)	4.573
	Idem bossolo acciaio	76c
	Cartucce 2°carica V.R. (bossolo ottone)	II.778
	Idem bossolo acciaio	I0.608 340
		63,382

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Calibro	Specie delle munizioni	Taranto (Buffoluto)	(S
90/53	Cartucce I°carica V.R.c.l. granata unificata R.M.-R?E.	I.483	
	Cartucce 2°carica normale granata R.M.	I42	
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	2.269	
	Cartucce 2°carica V.R. granata R.M.	2.22I	
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	227	
	Cartucce 2°carica V.R.c.l. granata R.M.	40	
	Idem granata unificata R.M.-R.E.	200	
76/40	Cartucce I°carica normale (bossolo ottone)	627	
	Cartucce I°carica V.R. (bossolo ottone)	I9.294	
	Idem bossolo acciaio	I5.369	
	Cartucce I°carica V.R.c.l. (bossolo ottone)	3I	
	Cartucce 2°carica normale (bossolo ottone)	4.573	
	Idem bossolo acciaio	762	
	Cartucce 2°carica V.R. (bossolo ottone)	II.778	
	Idem bossolo acciaio	I0.608 340	
		63,381	

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delle munizioni	Depositi e polveriere: Taranto (Buffoluto)	Cagliari (Siliqua)	La Maddalena (Stagnali e S.Stefano)
e I°carica V.R.c.l. unificata R.M.-R?E.	I.483	-	-
e 2°carica normale R.M.	I42	-	-
enate unificate R.M.-R.E.	2.269	-	-
e 2°carica V.R. R.M.	2.22I	660	-
enate unificate R.M.-R.E.	227	439	-
e 2°carica V.R.c.l. R.M.	40	-	-
enate unificate R.M.-R.E.	280	-	-
e I°carica normale ottone)	627	I.I2I	22
e I°carica V.R. ottone)	I9.294	5.658	I.706
colo acciaio	I5.369	-	-
e I°carica V.R.c.l. ottone)	31	6I3	-
e 2°carica normale ottone)	4.573	I.563	299
colo acciaio	762	-	-
e 2°carica V.R. ottone)	II.778	I6.640	I3.257
colo acciaio	I0.508	-	-
	340		
	63,382	.../...	

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Taranto
(Buffoluto)

Calibro	Specie delle munizioni	
76/40	Cartucce 2°carica V.R.c.l. (bossolo ottone)	340
37/54	Cartucce con proietto T.S. spoletta O.P.X.A.35 II tipo.	I67.840
	Idem spoletta O.P.X.A.38 II tipo.	I68.739
	Idem spoletta O.P.X.s.c. 38 II tipo.	I3.4I9
20/65	Cartucce T.S.A.	I.054.026
	Idem senza autodistruzione	473.28I
	Idem scoppianti incendiarie traccianti con autodistruz.	795.722
20/70	Cartucce T.S. (Oerlikon)	I.4I9.576
	Idem Rheinmetall.	9I.002
I3,2	Cartucce ordinarie.	60.672
	" perforanti	330.355
	" traccianti	43.4I6
	" T.S.I.	3.656
	" T.P. abbinate	4.469.542
	" T.O. abbinate	329.635

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Depositi e polveriere

delle munizioni	Taranto (Duffoluto)	Cagliari (Siliqua)	La Maddalena (Stagnali e S.Stefano)
e 2°carica V.R.c.l. o ottone)	240	I.327	-
e con proietto T.S. e O.P.X.A.35 II tipo.	I67.840	-	-
ttetta O.P.X.A.38 .	I68.738	-	-
oletta O.P.X.s.c. ipo.	I3.4I9	-	-
e T.S.A.	I.054.026	39.760	28.60I
nza autodistruzione	473.28I	-	-
oppianti incendiarie nti con autodistruz.	795.722	-	87
e T.S. (Oerlikon)	I.489.576	I7I.498	67.469
einmetall.	9I.002	36.968	-
e ordinarie.	60.672	-	I7.084
perforanti	330.355	6.025	27.790
traccianti	43.4I6	I2.275	27.768
T.S.I.	3.686	-	-
T.P. abbinate	4.469.542	-	-
T.C. abbinate	329.835	-	-

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A/A Comando della Piazzaforte

ALLEGATO 2

(b) - ELENCO MUNIZIONI ANTIAEREE ESISTENTI PRESSO LE BATTERIE

Calibro	Nominativo delle Batterie		Cartucce I normali	- V.R.
I02/35	Taranto -	T.394	-	I.233
		T.484	-	5.I76
	La Maddalena -	M.I99	-	748
		M.29I	-	590
		M.333	-	890
		M.70I	-	834
	Cagliari -	C.I35	5	987
		C.I94	-	6
		C.282	-	798
		C.344	-	6
		C.367	I04	2I5
I00/47	Taranto -	T.892	I69 -	I.23I
90/53	Taranto -	T.I25	-	-
		T.I66	-	I.355
		T.2I6	-	I.349
		T.305	-	849
		T.856	-	-
		T.884	-	I.409
		T.937	-	I.392
	La Maddalena -	M.325	-	980
		M.6I5	-	I.320

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A/A Comm. ab. Ch. Battaglia

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ZIONI ANTIAEREE ESISTENTI PRESSO LE BATTERIE

ominativo della Batteria		Cartucce I°carica			Cartucce 2°carica		
		normali	- V.R.	- V.R.c.l.	normali	- V.R.	- V.R.c.l.
rento -	T.394	-	I.233	-	-	3.I37	-
	T.484	-	5.I76	-	-	-	-
Maddalena -	M.I99	-	748	-	-	I.905	-
	M.29I	-	590	-	-	I.768	-
	m.333	-	890	-	-	3.009	-
	M.70I	-	834	-	I.877	-	-
gliari -	C.I35	5	987	-	-	I.695	-
	C.I94	-	6	2I7	-	I.598	-
	C.282	-	796	-	-	I.996	-
	C.344	-	6	-	-	I.460	-
	C.367	I04	2I5	-	-	2.565	-
rento -	T.892	-	I.23I	-	-	4	3.583
rento -	T.I25	-	-	300	-	-	-
	T.I66	-	I.355	-	-	I.340	-
	T.2I6	-	I.349	-	-	I.578	-
	T.305	-	649	-	-	906	-
	T.656	-	-	300	-	-	-
	T.884	-	I.409	-	-	I.393	-
	T.937	-	I.392	-	-	I.350	-
Maddalena -	L.325	-	980	-	-	I.09I	-
	L.6I6	-	I.326	-	-	I.333	-

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Calibro	Nominativo della Batteria		Cartucce I° normali	Cartucce I° V.R.
90/53	Cagliari -	C.I96	-	I.072
		C.3b5	-	570
76/40	Taranto -	N.I	5I7	259
		N.2	-	I.200
		T.4II	-	I.223
		T.500	-	800
		T.58I	-	803
		T.79I	-	762
		T.792	-	I.290
		T.803	400	-
	Gallipoli -	Ga.893	I60	-
		Ga.997	I55	5
	La Maddalena -	M.I05	494	9I5
		M.I42	-	I.833
		M.I97	-	I.34I
		M.368	-	I.226
		M.384	-	I.252
		M.467	I05	I.579
		M.733	-	I.6I3
		M.785	906	3II
		M.809	-	I.I65

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Ubicazione della Batteria		Cartucce I°carica			Cartucce 2°carica		
		normali	V.R.	V.R.c.l.	normali	V.R.	V.R.c.l.
Palmieri	C.I96	-	I.072	-	-	872	-
	C.365	-	570	-	-	554	-
Santo	N.I	5I7	259	-	-	2.336	-
	N.2	-	I.200	-	-	3.600	-
	T.4II	-	I.223	-	-	3.583	-
	T.500	-	800	-	-	I.600	-
	T.56I	-	803	-	-	2.745	-
	T.79I	-	762	-	-	I.872	-
	T.792	-	I.290	-	6	3.365	-
	T.803	400	-	-	-	I.342	-
Tripoli	Ge.893	I60	-	-	-	357	-
	Ge.997	I55	5	-	-	400	-
Maddalena	M.I05	494	9I5	-	-	3.2I7	-
	M.I42	-	I.833	-	-	3.356	-
	M.I97	-	I.34I	-	-	3.0I9	-
	M.368	-	I.226	-	-	I.577	-
	M.384	-	I.252	-	-	3.03I	-
	M.467	I05	I.579	-	-	3.877	-
	M.733	-	I.6I3	-	-	3.469	-
	M.785	906	3II	-	-	2.744	-
	M.809	-	I.I65	-	-	I.205	-

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Calibro	Nominativo delle Batterie		Cartucce I° ca... normali	- V.R.	- V.R.
76/40	Cagliari	- C.I46	547	-	
		C.I65	-	493	
		C.407	-	457	
		C.498	-	642	
		C.6I4	-	47I	
		C.703	-	7I2	

			Cartucce T.S.
20/65	Taranto	- Batt.Amm.Cattaneo	4.964
		" Amm.Toscano	-
	La Maddalena	- Batt.Rubin de Cervin	29.555
		" Ferrero	9.560
		" Cappellini	28.79I
		" Talmone	-
		" M.6I8	I5.000
		Gruppo Mitr.22	I4.205
		" " 24	44.267
		" " 26	44.253
		" " 27	I0.287
	Cagliari	- Batt.Boggio	I3.723
		" Faldi	6.998
		" C.I94	9.347
		" C.305	7.555

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tivo della Batteria		Cartucce I°carica			Cartucce 2°carica		
		normeli	- V.R.	- V.R.c.l.	normeli	- V.R.	- V.R.c.l.
ri -	C.I46	547	-	--	-	800	-
	C.I65	-	493	-	I.598	-	-
	C.407	-	457	-	-	80I	-
	C.498	-	642	-	-	I.007	-
	C.6I4	-	47I	-	-	707	-
	C.703	-	7I2	-	-	76I	-

		Cartucce T.S.	Cartucce S.I.T.
o -	Batt.Amm.Cattaneo	4.964	-
"	Amm.Toscano	-	I8.653
delena -	Batt.Rubin de Cervin	29.555	-
"	Ferrero	9.560	-
"	Cappellini	28.79I	-
"	Talmone	-	29.385
"	M.6I8	I5.000	-
Gruppo Mitr.	22	I4.205	-
" "	24	44.267	-
" "	26	44.253	-
" "	27	I0.287	-
i -	Batt.Boggio	I3.723	-
"	Feldi	6.998	-
"	C.I94	9.347	-
"	C.305	7.225	-

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Calibro	Nominativo della Batteria		Cartucce
20/65	Cagliari	- Batt.C.407	5.95
		" C.498	10.76
		" C.614	4.95
		" C.703	8.00

			Cartucce Oe
20/70	La Maddalena	- Batt.Millelire	29.70
		Gruppo Mitr.22	29.8I
		" Mitr.28	-
		" " 29	-
		" " 30	-
	Cagliari	- Batt.Prunas	5.4I
		" C.I98	6.29
		" C.282	2.32
		" C.344	5.97
		" C.367	5.53
		" C.407	2.I6

			Cartucce Ordinaria
I3,2	La Maddalena	Batt.G.Ferreri	-
		" Gerassini	-
		" M.368	-
		Gruppo Mitr.2I	-

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nativo della Batteria		Cartucce T.S.	Cartucce S.I.T.
ieri -	Batt.C.407	5.958	-
	" C.498	I0.760	-
	" C.6I4	4.95I	-
	" C.703	8.009	-

		Cartucce Oerlikon	Cartucce Rheinmetall
addalena -	Batt.Millelire	29.700	-
	Gruppo Mitr.22	29.8I6	-
	" Mitr.26	-	39.480
	" " 29	-	I9.I20
	" " 30	-	I9.820
ieri -	Batt.Prunas	5.4I8	-
	" C.I98	6.292	-
	" C.282	2.325	-
	" C.344	5.977	-
	" C.367	5.535	-
	" C.407	2.I62	-

		Cartucce a palla Ordinaria	perforante	tracciante
ddalena	Batt.G.Ferreri	-	5.728	5.588
	" Gerassini	-	I4.008	I3.678
	" M.368	-	I6.348	I6.347
	Gruppo Mitr.2I	-	23.488	23.I89

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Calibro	Nominativo della Batteria	Ordinaria
I3,2	La Maddalena - Gruppo Mtr.23	+
	" " 25	-
	" " 28	-
	Cagliari - Batt.C.282	I.5II

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stivo della Batteria		Cartucce a palla Ordinaria	perforante	tracciante
ddalena	- Gruppo Mitr.23	+	23.266	24.366
	" " 25	-	950	500
	" " 28	-	8.615	-
ri	- Bett.C.282	I.5II	I.5I2	I.5I2

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A/P Comm. Sbal. per la marina con Instruz. circolate da MARIMUNI di Napoli, Taranto.

ALL

(c) - ELENCO DEI COLPI ANTIAEREI CHE POSSONO ESSERE CONFEZIONATI N TARANTO CON I MATERIALI DISPONIBILI.-

Calibro	Specie delle munizioni	n° approssimato delle con bossoli esistenti presso Marimuni.
I02/35	Cartucce c.a.I^ carica V.R.	600
	" " 2^ carica V.R.	8.000
I00/47	Cartucce c.a.I^ carica V.R.	4.500
	" " 2^ carica V.R.	3.500
90/53	Cartucce c.a.I^ carica V.R. granata unificata R.E.-R.M.	-
	Cartucce c.a.2^ carica V.R. granata unificata R.E.-R.M.	-
	Cartucce c.a.I^ carica V.R. granata R.M.	-
	Cartucce c.a.2^ carica V.R. granata R.M.	-
76/40	Cartucce c.a.I^ carica V.R.	5.000
	" " 2^ carica V.R.	3.000

The availability of the cartridges depends upon the

N.B - Il confezionamento delle cartucce, è subordinato al riforn
Qualora vi fossero le spolette, si potrebbero confezionare
cartucce tra 76 e I02 e circa I50.000 cartucce tra 90 e I0
colonna di questo prospetto.-

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ALLEGATO 3

COLPI ANTIAEREI CHE POSSONO ESSERE CONFEZIONATI NELLE OFFICINE DI MARIMUNI I MATERIALI DISPONIBILI.-

delle munizioni	n° approssimato delle cartucce confezionabili con bossoli esistenti presso Marimuni.	con bossoli nuovi da fornire a Marimuni.
cce c.a.I^carica V.R.	600	I8.000
" 2^carica V.R.	8.000	20.000
cce c.a.I^carica V.R.	4.500	I8.000
" 2^carica V.R.	3.500	I8.000
cce c.a.I^carica V.R. ta unificata R.E.-R.M.	-	50.000
cce c.a.2^carica V.R. ta unificata R.E.-R.M.	-	50.000
cce c.a.I^carica V.R. ta R.M.	-	3.600
cce c.a.2^carica V.R. ta R.M.	-	5.000
cce c.a.I^carica V.R.	5.000	50.000
" 2^carica V.R.	3.000	90.000

lonamento delle cartucce, è subordinato al rifornimento dello spago occorrente.

i fossero le spolette, si potrebbero confezionare con bossoli nuovi circa 60.000 tra 76 e I02 e circa I50.000 cartucce tra 90 e I00 oltre quelle elencate nelle 2^ questo prospetto.-

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Army Form C.2136

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 716

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups GR.

Office Date Stamp

D/439

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TO MMIA 25 AA Bde.

FROM MMIA LO 31 Bdes.

Originator's Number G 10/1

Date 19

In Reply to Number

Ref your G/3/10 April 3rd. Of first 10 Groups of guns ready for collection as arranged April 22nd. 8

This message may be sent As Written by any means *(except) (.....) Wireless

Signature.....

This message must be sent In Cipher if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands

Signature.....

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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Time of Origin

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

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TO AA Inf Div MMIA FOTALI 8AA Bde 25 AA Bde ~~and AFHQ~~

FROM		Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AFHQ	CITE FHIGT	F-13840	18	

Secret O Dated 11 April your Release is wire 6 5/21 and cir from 8 AA Bde O These will be OTOTALI will be consulted BY complications arising ITALIAN Army personnel could be released from 25 AA Bde and MMIA will complete necessary arrangements with ITALIAN Authorities OTP when released will come under comd of A A I. SD 1277 Not to all addressees ITALIAN S/L complete naval S/Ls and personnel more too great ~~Tactical~~

(.....) Wireless

Signature.....

Originator may delete "secret" and insert "precedence"

Signature.....

Immediate

0900

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MESSAGE FORM

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN CIPHER SECRET	No. of Groups GR.	Office Date Stamp D/929
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TO AAI wtel MMIA FOTALI & AA Dde 25 AA Dde and AFHQ

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AFHQ CITE FHGCT	F-33840	18	

Secret O Dated 11 April your SD 1277 Not to all addressees O Release is granted immediately of one Tp of ITALIAN S/L complete with 6 S/Ls and crew from 8 AA Dde O These will be named S/Ls and personnel O FOTALI will be consulted O/I complications arising from too great ITALIAN Army personnel could be released from 25 AA Dde and MMIA will complete necessary arrangements with ITALIAN Authorities O Tp when released will come under comd of A A I.

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Signature .....

Immediate

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Subject: Disposal of 76/40 mm guns at CROTONE.

L.O. Army Sub-Commission (ACC)
XXXI Italian Corps,
Pontegrande - Catanzaro.

11 April 1944.

To: XXXI corps.
Copy to: Army Sub- Commission (ACC) Main H.Q.(MMIA) Lequile.

As a result of the visit made 10 April to Crotone by Major Austen of 25 AA Bde, please ensure that the following provisions are made for the disposal of the guns, ammo and equipment of the 81st and the 160th Batteries at Crotone:

1); By April 22 there will be ready for collection by road transport from Crotone

Gun No. 19589 of the 81st Battery of 76/40 mm.
.. 19616 .. ..
19595 .. ..
19445 .. ..
Telemetro No. 82296 .. .. ..
Tavolo Previsore .. .. ..
Also 2,000 rounds of ammo.

2) By May 2nd there will be ready for collection:

Gun No. 19588 of the 160th Battery of 76/40 mm.
19575 .. ..
19502 .. ..
Telemetro No. 80108 .. .. ..
Tavolo Previsore.
Also 2,000 rounds of ammo.

Please ensure that by the dates mentioned above all the guns, ammo and gunsite equipment are ready near the main road and that loading parties are also ready so that there will be the minimum of delay on the arrival of the lorries.
The transport will arrive in both cases on the evening before the dates mentioned and loading will begin AT FIRST LIGHT.
Please arrange for an Officer from the Battery concerned to meet

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.. 19616 .. ..
    19595 .. ..
    19445 .. ..
Telemetro No. 82296 .. .. ..
Tavolo Previsore .. .. ..
Also 2,000 rounds of ammo.

2) By May 2nd there will be ready for collection:
Gun No. 19588 of the 160th Battery of 76/40 mm.
    19575 .. ..
    19602 .. ..
Telemetro No. 80108 .. .. ..
Tavolo Previsore.
Also 2,000 rounds of ammo.

Please ensure that by the dates mentioned above all the guns, ammo and gunsite equipment are ready near the main road and that loading parties are also ready so that there will be the minimum of delay on the arrival of the lorries.
The transport will arrive in both cases on the evening before the dates mentioned and loading will begin AT FIRST LIGHT.
Please arrange for an Officer from the Battery concerned to meet the transport column in the main square at Crotone when they arrive in order to direct the lorries to suitable harbour for the night.
Also I should be grateful if you could arrange accomodation at Crotone for the night for the drivers and co-drivers of the Allied vehicles. (They will have their own food with them;)
Please communicate at once with this Office if it appears likely that the a/m stores will not be ready for collection on the dates stated.

a.m. newton Capt. It.-Col.
I.O. XXXI Italian Corps.

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Subject:- SILA LAKE - DEFENCE.

SECRET

G/3583

Hq 2 District CMF
242/4 G(O)

4 Apr 44

Hq, AAI.

Copy to:- SILA

1 It is desired to draw your attention to the question of adequate defence against sabotage and air attack of the one vital point in CALABRIA.

2 This is the Monte SILA hydro-electric installation Map ref 23967, capable of producing up to 196,000 KVA and at present providing over ¼ of the electricity used in Southern Italy.

3 From the AA defence point of view, there are five VPs, i.e. two dams and three power stations. All installations are camouflaged and a successful high flying attack seems to be out of the question.

It would be possible for a low flying aircraft to cause some damage.

4 It is considered that the troops at present located at the Lakes are adequate for defence against saboteurs.

5 (a) The following Italian AA units are located at the Lakes:

Unit	Offrs.	ORs.	Equipment.
145 AA Group 5 Cia Mitraglliere	19	326	12 x 37/54 mm. 26 x 20 mm

(b) The three 37/54 mm btys are not ideally deployed as two are defending dams and are defending one of the power stations, the more vulnerable targets.

6 This AA cannot be regarded as operationally efficient for the following reasons:

4 766

(a) Arrangements have apparently been made for early warning to be received from the RAF AMES (RADAR Station) at ISOLA CAPO RIZZUTO map ref Z 6844 but they are not yet effective.

(b) Fire by night would be impossible because there are

(i) no searchlights
(ii) no radio sites for unseen targets
(iii) no methods of distinguishing friendly or hostile aircraft.

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It would be possible for a low flying aircraft to cause some damage.

4 It is considered that the troops at present located at the Lakes are adequate for defence against saboteurs.

5 (a) The following Italian AA units are located at the Lakes:

Unit	Offrs.	Other.	Equipment.
144 AA Group 5 Cia Mitragliere	19	326	12 x 37/54 mm. 26 x 20 mm

(b) The three 37/54 mm btys are not ideally deployed as two are defending dams and are defending one of the power stations, the more vulnerable targets.

6 This AA cannot be regarded as operationally efficient for the following reasons:

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(a) Arrangements have apparently been made for early warning to be received from the RAF AMES (RADAR Station) at ISOLA CAPO SIGNITO map ref Z 6814 but they are not yet effective.

(b) Fire by night would be impossible because there are

(i) no searchlights
(ii) no radio sites for unseen targets
(iii) no methods of distinguishing friendly or hostile aircraft.

7 It is therefore requested that the AA defences of the SILA Lakes be put in a state of readiness and that the area be made a prohibited zone for aircraft.

If Allied forces are available, one LAA Bty (16 x 40 m Bofors) would be suitable - this would permit one bty to be allotted for the protection of each power station.

Lt.Col
for G1
Major General,
Commanding.

J.S.

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MESSAGE FORM

SEE ALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No. 81 / Office Date Stamp 6/3

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TO MMIA 10 XXXI Corps

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
0332	8	

Restricted Tues. evening.	0 officers 9	Reference 2d AB Book Cfirst	G/3/25 mill	of arrive	3 April Date of Origin 0	

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN in any secret Cipher

This Message must be sent in CIPHER subject to [illegible] or to call here

Originator's Instructions
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Signature
For Commanding Officer [illegible] and [illegible]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

AAO 4701 24 March 1944

SUBJECT: Italian A.A.

TO : HQ MMIA c/o Allied Control Commission

1. Reference this Section AAO 4701 dated 21 March 44, and memorandum subject "Employment of Italian Personnel in A.A. & C.D. duties," forwarded with Brigadier Fenton's D/O letter to Brigadier Duchesne dated 5 March 44.

2. It is understood that Major Dobbs, G2AA has now visited AA Bdes in Italy employing Italian AA units, so that immediate domestic problems have presumably been dealt with.

3. It is felt that the bigger problem must now be considered of which Italian AA units are to be effectively employed and which can be dispensed with. This refers not only to Italy but also to Sicily and Sardinia. It appears from AFHQ letter AG 091. 711-2 (Italian) G.C.T - AGM dated 13 March 44 that there are considerable numbers of Italians shown as employed in AA who are not in fact fully employed. It is therefore requested that Major Dobbs report to this Section with fullest available details of Italian AA units, location, strengths and armament to permit of a review being prepared on the possibilities of their future employment in an AA role. Before leaving, it is requested that the proposed date for Major Dobbs' visit be notified and confirmed as convenient.

R.B. PARGITER,
Major General,
A.A. & C.D.,

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Copy to: G-3 Org (Foreign)

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O 022115Z

From MMIA

To AAI rptd FLAMBO
FOTALI
DDL FLAMBO

T H I

SD485 (°) Ref your signal SD1072 of 1 Apr (°) Personnel from disbanded btys at TARANTO and BRINDISI have NOT rpt NOT been applied against third priority list by MMIA as they are naval rpt naval and MMIA have no jurisdiction (°) Some of these personnel are being included by FOTALI in naval labour releasing docks op coys at TARANTO and BRINDISI

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From: [redacted]

TOO 22 1030 A

To : FREEDOM

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rptd FALCON FILPOT FATIMA

SD391 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Reference FREEDOM Signal 63286 of 11 March addressed FATIMA (.) Current strength states show ten thousand eight hundred Italian troops employed on Anti Aircraft duties in SARDINIA (.) How many of these do you consider should be recommended to CCS for permanent retention on this duty query

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LARIANO (LANCCE)
G/3
6 Apr 44

SUBJECT:- Italian AA.

AFHQ

Copy to: A.A.I.
FOTALI
Allied Garrison Cond,
SARDINIA

1. In accordance with your F22767 of 25 March details of Italian AA, from Italian sources, are attached as follows:-

Appendix 'A' Italian AA on the Mainland : 1. Navy Units
2. Army Units

Appendix 'B' Italian AA Ammunition on the Mainland

Appendix 'C' Italian Army AA in SARDINIA

Appendix 'D' Italian AA Equipment and Ammunition in SICILY

2. The Ministry of Marine is itself trying to find out details of Navy AA in SARDINIA. These will be forwarded as soon as they are obtained from FOTALI. The Ministry's figures for Navy personnel on AA duties in SARDINIA, as on 26 February, are 56 officers and 4,267 ratings. According to the Italian General Staff the Italian Navy is providing AA defence at CAGLIARI, LA MADDALENA, and ELMAS.

A.G.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Italian [illegible] on the National

1. [illegible] Italian [illegible] by the Ministry of Marine and manned by Marines

UNIT	Italian Higher Formation	Town or Unit	Major Command	[illegible] Equipment
1 Reggimento Artiglieria Marina	Comando Militare Marittimo [illegible]	[illegible]	8 [illegible] 320	18 x 100/47mm 4 x 100/47mm 41 x 90/53mm 57 x 76/40mm 23 x 40/70mm 86 x 20/70mm 22 x 13.2mm 33 A/A
[illegible] (Difesa costiera territoriale)	Comando Militare Marittimo [illegible]	[illegible]	3 [illegible] 320	2 x 102/35mm 2 x 57/43mm 6 x 90/53mm 42 x 20/70mm 42 x 76/40mm 15 A/A
[illegible] Battaglione C.C. R.R.	Comando Marina [illegible]	[illegible]	22 [illegible] 320	16 x 20/65mm 4 x 76/40mm

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Appendix A

Artillery of Marine and attached by Marines

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Name of Unit	Under Command	Location	Personnel	REMARKS
Btry (H)	8 x 8" How Bde	16 x 100/5Hm 4 x 90/5Hm 2 x 60/5Hm 2 x 155Hm	4 x 100/4.7Hm 8 x 75/4.0Hm 2 x 50/7Hm 2 x 37/5Hm	160 offrs 3,200 enlngs	Count 8 x 8" How Bde investigating if numbers can be reduced. All static montings
BATTERY	8 x 8" How Bde	2 x 100/5Hm 6 x 90/5Hm 12 x 75/4.0Hm	2 x 37/5Hm 12 x 50/7Hm 12 x/f.	30 offrs 1,080 enlngs	All static montings
BATTERY	22 x 8" How Bde	16 x 90/5Hm 4 x 75/4.0Hm		24 offrs 307 enlngs	Operationally this unit is under the 1st 19th Superintendent. All static montings

/2. Any Units....

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Italian A.A. on the Mainland (Cont'd)

2. AAM Units

U N I T	Italian Higher Formation	Loss of Unit	Union Card	A.A. Equipment
142 Batteria c.a.	XX Corpo d'Armata (Ten Minute Airfield	8 A.A. Bde	4 x 80mm (Vickers) No 40 Predictor 2 x 20mm = Plot 38	
20 Raggruppamento c.a.	XX Corpo d'Armata DIE	25 AA Bde	8 x 77/28mm 4 x 75/27mm 22 x 20mm	20 x 76/40mm 8 x 37/54mm
139 Gruppo	XX Corpo d'Armata RECCHI	25 AA Bde	18 x 20mm (8 are mobile Plot 30's)	
1503 Batteria c.a.	XX Corpo d'Armata [illegible]	25 AA Bde	10 x 20mm (6 are mobile Plot 30's)	
4 Compagnia Mitraglieri	XX Corpo d'Armata CIGLIE DIV. CORPO (BASE)	25 AA Bde	8 x 20mm (6 are mobile Plot 50's)	
Servizio Dotazione (M.V.'s)	XX Corpo d'Armata DIE	25 AA Bde	4) x M/c.	
19 Raggruppamento c.a.	Rome Area (CAS [illegible])	[illegible]	22 AA Bde	12 x 90/53mm 12 x 20mm 22 x 37/54mm
145 [illegible] Gruppo	XXII Corpo d'Armata	[illegible] (CAS [illegible])	12 x 37/54mm 26 x 20mm	

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Airfields in the Mainland (Cont'd)

Name of Base	Usable Cond	No. Hardstands	Revetments	REMARKS
[illegible] Airfield	8 M.A. Bde	4 x 80m (Steel) No 40 Parklatter 2 x 20km - Flak 38	3 Offrs 105 O.Rs.	Fully mobile equipment, but only transport 1 runabout truck
[illegible]	25 AA Bde	8 x 77/20mm 4 x 75/27mm 22 x 20mm	20 x 76/40mm 8 x 57/53mm	10 Offrs 1,979 O.Rs.	Includes 23 Offrs and 517 O.Rs. of Early Warning System. All guns static.
[illegible]	27 AA Bde	18 x 20mm (8 are mobile Flak 38's)	14 Offrs 218 O.Rs.	
[illegible]	25 AA Bde	10 x 20mm (6 are mobile Flak 38's)	4 Offrs 96 O.Rs.	
[illegible] Cairo (East)	25 AA Bde	8 x 20mm (6 are mobile Flak 38's)	3 Offrs 60 O.Rs.	
[illegible]	25 AA Bde	4 x 7/8in.	5 Offrs 100 O.Rs.	
[illegible]	22 AA Bde	12 x 90/75mm 12 x 20mm	25 x 57/53mm	4 Offrs 463 O.Rs.	
[illegible] (Cairo West)		12 x 57/53mm 24 x 20mm	19 Offrs 326 O.Rs.	To be placed dom unless 2 Flak coy AA, for a fence

Italian AA Ammunition - Mainland

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Appendix B

A. Ammunition held by Units

UNIT	CALIBRE of GUN mm	No GUNS	AA ROUNDS HELD	ROUNDS per GUN
1. AA unit of IX Corps Bari (Units figures 31 March 44)	88/55	4	3662	913
	77/28	8	17614	2202
	76/40	20	11417	571
	75/27	4	3647	912
	37/54	8	7427	928
	20 mm(Flak 38)	22	57991	2635
	20 mm (Italian)	38	106,387	2800
2. Naval and Army Batteries - NAPLES (Unit figures 24 March 44)	90/53	28	5038	180
	76/40	4	1170	292
	37/54	22	16599	754
	10 cm	12	15918	1326
3. 1st Reggimento Artiglieria Marina Taranto and DICAT Brindisi	Exact figures not held but sites have approximately 500 rounds per gun for calibres 76/40 to 102/35.			

B. Ammunition in Depots (Navy figures from Ministry of Marine 17 Mar 44)
(Army figures from SACSEA 2 April 44)

CALIBRE	No of rds in Army Depots	No of rds in Naval Depot at Buffoluto, Taranto
102/35	nil	34,463
100/47	nil	36,409
90/53	1427	44,377
88 mm (German		

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90/53	1427	14,377
88 mm (German		
77/28		
76/40	14,677	63,382
75/27 CK	14,584	
40/30		
37/54		349,997
20 mm Italian	575,877	2,323,030*
20 mm Oerlikon		1,580,578

* Of these 795,722 fitted with tracer and self-destructive fuze.

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C. Possibilities of Manufacture

The following numbers of rounds could be made up in the Naval Arsenal at Taranto with returned cartridge cases:

102/35	38000 rounds
100/47	3600 rounds
90/53	108000 rounds
76/40	140000 rounds

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Italian AA in SICILY

1. Identification List:

U N I T	Loan of Unit	A/A Equipment	Personnel Offrs & Men
132 A.A. Group	Porto Torres	16 x 90/53 9 x 20mm 8 x 37/54	39 933
79 A.A. Group	Portella	8 x 75/46	17 428
24 A.A. Group	Portella	16 x 90/53	19 322
125 A.A. Group	Portella	8 x 37/54 15 x 20mm	16 308
83 A.A. Group	Cagliari	8 x 37/54 8 x 20mm	17 306
58 A.A. Group	Olbia	8 x 90/53 4 x 75/46 4 x 76/40 4 x 20mm	85 647
86 A.A. Group	Olbia	4 x 90/53 8 x 37/54 8 x 76/40 6 x 20mm	17 910
132 A.A. Group	Golfo Aranci	8 x 90/53 8 x 37/54	17 366
43 A.A. Group	Bonorva	8 x 76/40 5 x 20mm	11 201
401 Battery	Chilivani	4 x 20mm	3 30
845 Battery	Porto Torres	4 x 20mm	1 45
83 Battery	Campanedda	8 x 20mm	6 78

Total - Raggruppamento Nord - 203 officers 4,969 O.R.s.

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A.A. Equipment		Personnel Offrs & Men		REMARKS
16 x 90/53 9 x 20mm	8 x 37/54	39	933	Includes 7 officers and 710 O.Rs of Regrouping No 1
8 x 75/46		17	428	
16 x 90/53		19	520	
8 x 37/54 15 x 20mm		16	398	
8 x 37/54 8 x 20mm		17	396	
8 x 90/53 4 x 75/46	4 x 76/40 4 x 20mm	25	647	
4 x 90/53 8 x 37/54	8 x 76/40 6 x 20mm	17	510	
8 x 90/53 8 x 37/54		17	366	
8 x 76/40	5 x 20mm	11	201	
4 x 20mm		3	90	
4 x 20mm		2	45	
8 x 20mm		6	78	

Total - Regrouping Nord - 183 officers 4,369 O.Rs.

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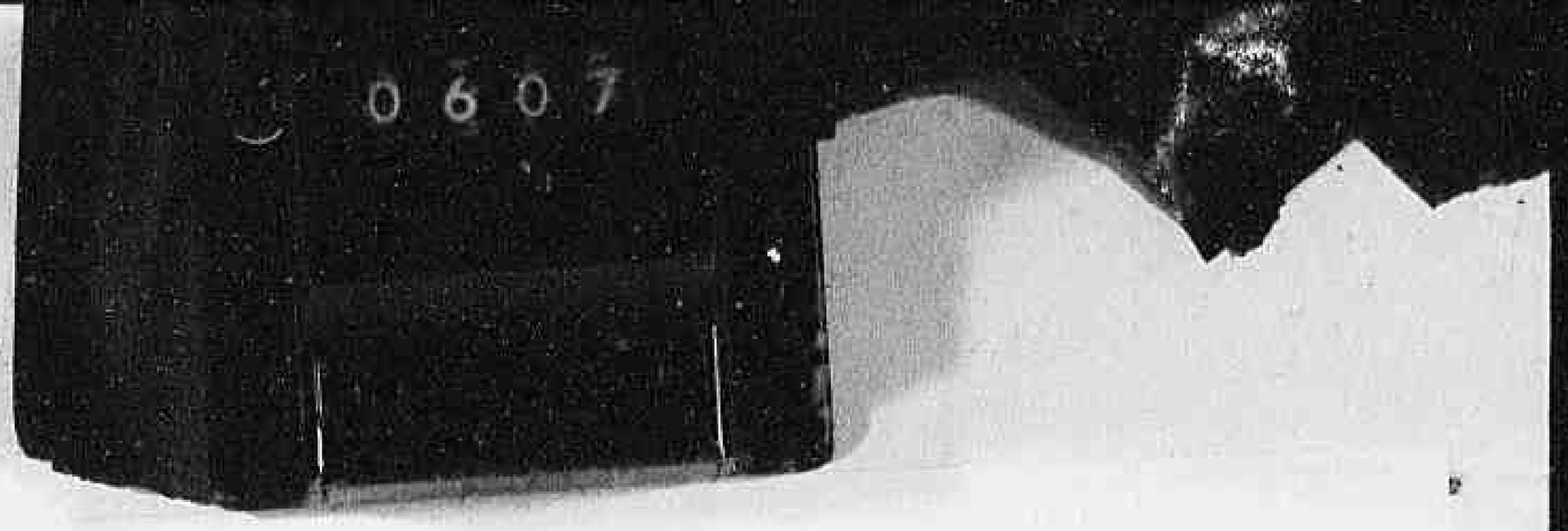
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12 x 20/20	4 x 20cm	18	628
8 x 77/30 4 x 73/20	8 x 37/35 16 x 20cm	27	503
8 x 73/27		16	352
4 x 77/30 8 x 74/20	4 x 37/35 8 x 20cm	16	437
12 x 73/43		21	551
8 x 90/55 8 x 74/20	12 x 20cm	32	685
16 x 93/53	8 x 37/35	24	570
12 x 90/55		22	372
12 x 20cm		30	296
2 x Bofors quadruple AA	40	325 (2000 rounds)	4,440 Gallons
20 Oerlikons	20	333 (4000 rounds)	9,068 Gallons

257,031	378,730
37,914	-
3,870	36,031
27,037	31,901
9,172	67,072
24,000	36,000



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APPENDIX 'D'

ITALIAN AA in SICILY

There are no Italian Army AA units in SICILY except one Battery of 8 x 20mm attached to the SASSARI Division. The Italian General Staff have given the following figures of AA equipment and ammunition which is known to exist and is stated to be unable:-

Calibre	No of Guns	No of rounds
20mm	15	478,500*
37/54	16	20,000
76/40	47	not known
76/45	14	" "
75 CK and 75/46	—	17,470
88 German	9	8,550
90/53	65	20,000

(*) = Partly AA, partly Anti-Tank

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

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SUBJECT: Move of 76/[illegible] AM Gun from Crotone to Bari

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq (MMIA)
LECUILE (LECCE)
0/3/25
3 April 44

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HQ 25 AA Bde

Copy to LO XXXI Corps

1. A copy of our letter to the Italian General Staff is attached.

2. When you send a representative to examine this material will you get him to contact our Liaison Officer with the Italian XXXI Corps first, Lt Col H A C Howard, Villa Parlato, Pontegrande, Catanzaro. There are signposts on arival in Catanzaro.

3. Lt Col Howard will no doubt be able to arange for your officer to stay a night or two. If you inform this Sub Commission of the proposed date we will send on a signal.

Brigadier,
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Disposal of 76/40 mm guns at Crotone

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LECCE (LECCE)
6/3/44
3 Apr 44

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Copies to: Hq 25 AA Brigade
Hq 22 AA Brigade
MMIA HQ XXXI Corps
MMIA HQ IX Corps

Reference your letter PM 151 of 21 February and our 50/2/69 of 28 March.

1. In accordance with your suggestion and the request of Commander 25 AA Brigade it would be convenient to replace the 77/26 mm guns at Batteries 443 and 444 BARI by eight of the eleven 76/40 mm guns no longer required at Crotone.

2. Before deciding definitely to undertake the move of this material 25 AA Brigade wish to send an officer to Crotone to make sure that it is suitable for deployment at BARI. This officer will first contact XXXI Corpo d' Armata through our Liaison Officer at CATANZARO. If the material is suitable, he will make arrangements with XXXI Corps for the move of the guns, instruments and ammunition. 25 AA Bde has agreed to provide the transport and will make the necessary arrangements at the Bari end with Comando Difesa CA IX Corpo d' Armata. It will be the responsibility of XXXI Corps to see that the material is ready for loading on the date or dates agreed and to provide the necessary loading party.

3. After their representative's visit 25 AA Brigade will please inform this Sub Commission if the guns, mountings etc are suitable, and if so what arrangements have been made with XXXI Corps as regards the date of the move.

4. No move of personnel is involved.

5. 19 Raggruppamento GA at NAPLES is at present investigating the condition of four 76/40 mm mountings at Castellamare. If only barrels are required to make this equipment ready for action a possible source would be the three 76/40 mm guns remaining at Crotone and the fourth gun of that battery, stated to be under repair at NAPLES.

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6. In accordance with paras 1-4 above, will you please issue the necessary instructions to XXXI and IX Corps.

Major RA
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

CCL.

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From MMIA

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To AAI rptd FLAMBO
FOTALI
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SD485 (°) Ref your signal SD1072 of 1 Apr (°) Personnel from disbanded btys at TARANTO and BRINDISI have NOT rpt NOT been applied against third priority list by MMIA as they are naval rpt naval and MMIA have no jurisdiction (°) Some of these personnel are being included by FOTALI in naval labour releasing docks op coys at TARANTO and BRINDISI

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Subject:- ITALIAN AA.

8 AA BRIGADE,
CMF.

D/1/4/G. 25 Mar '44. 69

To:- Army Sub-Commission ACC,
HQ, MMIA,
Lequile near LECCE.

Copy to: 78 HAA Regt (for Lt-Col. G.C. BLOXAM).

Ref AMG letter A.0-4701 dated 21 March, para 4, please say what action you propose to take regarding use of personnel released (approx 550) or state whether you consider them to be Naval personnel and consequently at the disposal of Naval Sub-Commission or of Fotali.

J. Crum

Brigadier.,
Commander 8 AA Brigade.

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THIS SLIP MUST NOW BE REMOVED

To:

Sheri Dobbs

Do you know what he refers to and what it means in numbers. Not sure it would be available to us?

GI

I can't find out whether released personnel are issued an Honorable Discharge or what for Dobbs?

G Ord.

Isn't this in C.O. battalion, issued a letter with 3 appx. Init. in 45 file ~~or records~~?

G 1 Sec.

Letter referred to us at fo 34.

BNDL.

Auditing clerk preparing, directed to obtain ~~from~~ Records?

They are interested in Prop. Custody but not Disposition

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

AAO-470I. 21 March, 1944.
CAF/CVI.

SUBJECT: Italian A.A.

TO : HQ 8 A.A. Bde.

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Reference your D/1/4/G dated 12 Mar 44.

1. Closing down the Italian positions listed, is approved subject to the agreement of the Sector Air Defence Commander.

2. Movement of Italian A.A. within Bde areas, when agreed by the S.A.D.C. does not require approval from this Section.

3. As a matter of policy it has been laid down that Italian A.A. be used to the utmost to free Allied A.A.

4. As you know, Major Dobbs has been appointed to the Army Sub-Commission A.C.C., H.Q. M.M.I.A., as A.A. liaison officer to assist in implementing this policy. The closing down of Italian A.A. positions should therefore be coordinated with M.M.I.A. to permit of the most effective use of the personnel to be thus released.

5. M.A.A.F. require searchlights for homing beacons in areas where there are no Allied searchlights. It is possible that some of the eighteen searchlights and detachments released from the Taranto area could be employed for this purpose.

6. A report is therefore requested as follows:-

(a) The number of Italian searchlights remaining operational at Taranto and total personnel involved in manning them.

(b) The condition of the eighteen searchlights to be released as regards generators, spare parts, carbons, etc.

(c) Any comments on the practicability of moving the detachments to airfields to man the searchlights as homing beacons.

R. B. PARKER,
Major General,
A.A. & C.D.

Copy to:- Army Sub-Commission A.C.C. HQ M.M.I.A.
A.A. Officer, M.A.A.F.
M.A.A.F. (Rear)
M.A.C.A.F.
HQ 22, 25, 52, 62, 66, 73 AA Bdes } Reference paras 2, 3 & 4.
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SUBJECT:- Programme

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/2/69
29 Mar 44

S M R E

Copy to: MMIA LO XXXI CORPS

1. Investigation by this HQ developes that the following Anti-Aircraft units, with locations and strengths shown, are now available for the Allied programme inasmuch as their retention on Anti-Aircraft duty is not desired by the Allies:

U N I T	L O C A T I O N	S T R E N G T H
Comando 21 Ragg	CROTONE	12 officers, 43 O.Rs.
87 A.A. Group	CROTONE	16 officers, 434 O.Rs.
78 A.A. Group	SAN LORENZO	22 officers, 257 O.Rs.

2. It is desired that these units be nominated at once to fill serials in the Allied programme and that all personnel be made available. Such property, guns, etc, as are rendered surplus should be turned over to XXXI CORPS for storage.

3. Please advise your action at once.

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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CROTONE on ITALIAN A.A. at CROTONE and SILAN LAKES — XXXI CORPO d'ARMATA.

File 6/3

1. The following figures were verified (22/23 Mar 44) for A.A. units under the XXXI Corps d'Armata:

LOCATION	U N I T	Offrs	O. Rs.	Equipment
CROTONE	Comando 21 Raggruppamento	12	43	
	87 A.A. Group	16	434	11 x 76/40 mm 4 x 20 mm
SILAN LAKES	145 A.A. Group 5 Cia Mitragliere	19	326	12 x 37/54 mm 26 x 20 mm
SAN LORENZO	78 Group	22	257	11 x 75/46 mm 4 x 20 mm
		69	1,060	

2. AFHQ policy is to close down the A.A. defences of any places in ITALY which we do not wish to defend ourselves. In other places the Italian A.A. is incorporated in the Allied layout and linked up for early warning, fire orders etc. The main reason for this is that the closest liaison must exist between A.A. and Allied Air Forces, and this would be difficult for an independent Italian unit. In the case of CROTONE and SILA the question therefore arises:

(a) Are the Italian A.A. defences to be removed altogether ? or
(b) Is an Allied unit to be brought in in addition ?

3. CROTONE

At present the Italian A.A. is pretending to be operational without being so in fact. The site I visited was in no way ready for action. Arrangements are apparently being made for early warning to be received from the R.A.F. A.M.E.S. (Radar station) at ISOLA but they are not yet effective. Apart from that the only predictors they have are of the old Brandin type which are useless against modern targets. This rules out effective fire by day. Fire by night would be impossible anyway:

(a) No searchlights.
(b) No radar sets for unseen targets
(c) No way of distinguishing friendly and hostile A/C.

There is apparently no intention of providing Allied A.A. at CROTONE, and there is therefore no case for retaining the Italian.

As regards the disposal of the equipment and the men. The 76/40mm guns are on static mountings. It would require a lot of work and transport to move them elsewhere (e.g. BARI) and would not, I consider, be worth the trouble.

If this is agreed there would be 16 offrs and 434 ORs available for other duties. Port duties at CROTONE would appear suitable, and for this the existing barracks on the gun sites could still be used.

/4. SILAN LAKES ..

4. SILAN LAKES

The situation here is similar. If it is decided not to defend these hydro-electric installations against air attack, the Italian guns should be removed. In this case, if Comd 22 A.A. Bde agrees, the twelve 37/54 mm guns could be usefully employed in swelling the L.A.A. barrage at NAPLES. They are modern guns complete and in good condition, and there is plenty of ammunition. They are on semi static mountings, at present deployed in very awkward places, and it would probably take about three weeks to transfer them.

I have talked about these A.A. defences with General CORONATI. He says he is not worried about A.A. defence. There is practically no chance of a raid and in any case the installations are well camouflaged. He found the defences there and decided to leave them. He is much more concerned over defence against Saboteurs, and wants to be sure of keeping the necessary number of troops (450) on this task.

These installations are capable of producing up to 198,000 Kw/Amps of electric power. At present they provide over 3/4 of the electricity used in Southern ITALY. From the A.A. defence point of view their are five very small VPs, two dams and three power houses. Of the three 37/54 batteries at present deployed two are defending dams and one a power station. It is difficult to see why the dams are defended rather than the other two power houses as the latter are much more vulnerable. All the installations are very well camouflaged and it would be very difficult, though not altogether impossible, for a low flying A/C to do any damage. A successful high flying attack seems to be out of the question.

If it were decided that these installations should be defended one L.A.A. Bty (18 x 40 mm Bofors) would seem a suitable scale; this would give one troop to each power station. On the whole, however, it seems a legitimate risk to rely on good camouflage and the improbability of attack, not to bring in any Allied A.A. and to use the Italian guns elsewhere.

5. GROUP at SAN LORENZO

It is now confirmed by SMRE that for these eleven 75/46 mm guns that there are only 600 rds of ammunition in all. It is not therefore worth considering their use. This releases 22 offrs and 257 ORs for other duties.

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24 March 44

Major R.A.

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G 3
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War Diary
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SUBJECT:- Coastal Artillery

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MOLA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3/23
31 Mar 44

S E C R E

Ref our G/3/17 of 18 Feb.

1. 193 and 194 Batteries at BARI are now required in primary Anti Aircraft and Coast Defence role. They were transferred from under cond 203 Fixed Defences to under cond 25 A.A. Bde on 10 March.

2. Will you therefore please transfer them from Appx 'B' to Appx 'A' in the above mentioned letter.

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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For Action: RA AAI, FATIMA FOR OFFENHAUER

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions: | GR

Originator's No: 0311 O/R for DOBBS O/A-FHR in F22767 of 25 March cite FHECT request upon to furnish copy Falcon 631 ref 31 AR statement from ITALIAN source of AA unit strength (at unit, not location) related to O/A ref ft not in AAIA file.

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TO MAAF Sfax BALCON FIELD FAIRCHA

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FROM AFHQ	CITE FHGCT	Originator's Number: F 22767	Time: 25	In Reply to Number

Dated 22 March, your SD 391 ⊙ ONE ⊙ ITALIAN Navy are responsible for fixed coast defences of SARDINIA and are thickening Italian dual purpose AA and CD guns ⊙ TWO ⊙ ITALIAN AA guns also reported to be employed on thickening up allied AA defences ⊙ THREE ⊙ Specific information on Number of personnel required for defences NOT presently reported this HQ therefore unable to state personnel effected of 10800 10500 shown in SARDINIA ⊙ FOUR ⊙ Will carry out local survey to determine final requirements. ⊙ FIVE ⊙

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

Request DOBBS G2 AA furnishes this HQ copy FALCON Q 31 yt 31 AR statement from ITALIAN sources of AA units showing (a) unit (b) location (c) equipment

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From: MILA TOO 22 1035 A

To : FREEDOM THI
rptd FALCON FILPOT FATIMA

SD391 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Reference FREEDOM Signal 63256 of 11 March addressed FATIMA (.) Current strength states show ten thousand eight hundred Italian troops employed on Anti Aircraft duties in SARDINIA (.) How many of these do you consider should be recommended to CCS for permanent retention on this duty query

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TO FOTALI INFO DISTWG MMIA

FROM AAI

Originator's Number: SD1955 | Date: 36 | In Reply to Number: 58

Ref my 1605/50/2 dtg (SD) of 15 feb paratroc & request your decision on availability of marine personnel

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TO SMRE

FROM MMIA

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 345	12	

193 and 194 Battalions at BARI have received the necessary AA and accessory C.D units. 0-3 Battalions should command from 203 Fixed Defenses to 25 AA Bde. 2 of 10 units

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TO 25 A·A Bde, 203 Field defences. c/o MMIA 2 Disp

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FROM A·C·M·F.

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD 2370	9	

Ref our 1605/50/2/GSD of 15 Feb. 0193 and. 194 batteries at BARI now required in primary AA and secondary ~~C.D~~ C.D role ⊙ Transfer these batteries from affx. B to affx. A ⊙ Batteries come from under comd. 203 Field defences to under comd. 25 A.A. Bde w.e.f. 10 March GR to be filed in SMRE

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO Al

Ufficio Operazioni

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N. 2123 Allegati OP. Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Movimento di reparti antiaerei.
Movement of Ack Ack Units.

AL COMANDO IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M.67

LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO Lequile
Sottocommissione Esercito
(rifer.f° n° G/3/19 del febbraio 1944)

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In seguito a proposta della Commissione Alleata di Controllo - Sottocommissione Esercito - con foglio a riferimento, si autorizza il Comando della difesa c.a. del IX C.d'A. di trattare direttamente con il comando della 25^ Brigata a.a. Alleata tutte le questioni inerenti a spostamenti di reparti o di materiali contraerei.

Si prega il Comando del IX C.d'A. di segnalare di volta in volta a questo Stato Maggiore gli spostamenti dei reparti e le cessioni dei materiali.=

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. Gi Div. A.Mariotti)

P.C.C.
IL TEN.COLONNELLO in s.S.M.
-Capo Ufficio Operazioni-
(Piero Sampò)

Piero Sampò

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AUTHENTICATION

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To: GOC (Not urgent)

1. This is the correspondence referred to in Gen PARGITER'S D/O letter to you brought back by DOBBS from ALGIERS.
2. As you know, he has a memo detailing the matters which AFHQ would like cleared up.
3. The chief of these remaining to be done is the working out of the AA in SARDINIA, and he is waiting for a definite decision from AFHQ as to what is to be disbanded, before going there.
4. After the dates referred to in para 2 have been done, the appt of G II (AA & CA) or Mission can be terminated.
5. I know that DOBBS personally does not think that there will be enough to justify it, and Brig DUCHESNE had the same opinion.

For: 1st Echelon troops only
Gen Staff. Then we
can get them perhaps by
Dec 10 Sept

R Gp (AA & CA)
4-6 GB in draft order.

GI 9/5

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b) Delegation of duties	
c) Degree of decentralisation for discipline, trg and adm.	
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a) Relations of Officers and Men	
b) Interest in Men	
c) Organised recreation	

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Artiaircraft & Coast Defence Section,
Allied Force Headquarters.

5 March 1944.

Dear Duchesne,

BRA, ACMF sent on some correspondence from you relating to the appointment and employment of Major J.A. Dobbs, R.A. as GSO2 AA (Liaison) with your mission. The attached memorandum which has been approved by the Ops. brunch of this AFHQ, will, I hope, clear up the matter for you. Shall hope to look you up when I am next over your way - a long time since we last met in Hong Kong!

Yours Sincerely
Guy Franklyn.

Brig. C.C. Duchesne C.B.E. M.C.
Army Sub Commission ACC
Main Hq MMIA
Lequile (Lecce)

Major Dobbs TMRo G(S)/ Secret

To see. As discussed I sent you a draft letter for my Signature but on further consideration it should be a personal letter from you to Duchesne. I have redrafted it on these lines. Please let me know if you approve.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

Memorandum for Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Personnel in AA & CD Duties.
Appointment of G2 AA Liaison with ACC.

1. At the time of the original landings in the TARANTO area this Section was ordered to attach to the Airborne Division a group of specially selected AA officers to assist in rallying the Italian AA units to cooperate in the defence of TARANTO in default of any possibility of early arrival of British AA units. They received their instructions direct from Gen. Hopkinson.

2. As a result of the activities of this group, a large number of Italians were in fact successfully "coopted" by 8 Army and brought under operational control of 8 AA Bde Hq as soon as this formation arrived, but their organization was vague and their administrative status even vaguer.

3. To clarify the position, a policy was asked for by the MG, AA & CD on 7 Oct., and after reference to Chief of Staff, the following was decided:-

a. To use Italian AA as complete units to the utmost to free our own units for service in forward areas, incorporating them in a British or American framework on a 50% efficiency ratio.

b. To close down existing AA defences of any place which we did not wish to defend ourselves.

c. Not to resort to "dilution" for the time being.

These decisions were communicated to AA units in this Section 470.I/AA dated 20 Oct 43, copy attached.

4. About this time all of the AA officers referred to in para 1 above were withdrawn except Captain Dobbs who remained with 8 AA Bde to assist in implementing the agreed policy. 428

5. In the meantime, Italians had also been employed at both BARI and NAPLES and questions were constantly being referred by AA Bdes which this Section could not answer. As it was also found necessary about this time to regularize the position of Captain Dobbs, it seemed best to place him on the WE of MMIA with definite status as a liaison officer. This was done concurrently with evolution of the status and organization of the mission itself.

6. As to the duties of Major Dobbs, it may be said that these are primarily to assist AA Bde Comds in resolving all questions or difficulties

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which may arise in connection with the employment and training of existing Italian AA as indicated in this Section's letter AAC 210.310 of 9 Feb 44. In addition, there is now a proposal to form a number of Coast Defence batteries for service with Hq 203 Fixed Defences in Italy. This latter organization is under direct command of HQ A.C.M.F. but coast defence questions in Sardinia are dealt with by this Section through the medium of a resident C.D. liaison officer - Major R.W. Kemsley RA - C/ONOIC, MADDALENA. Major Dobbs is therefore liaison officer between your mission and all of AFHQ, HQ ACMF and those AA Bdes in Italy which now or later may have Italians under their command, each within their respective spheres of responsibility.

7. The initial arrangements for his employment as in para 2 of your AQ/4 of 22 Feb 44 addressed HQ ACMF, would appear to be just what is wanted and at a later date you may consider establishing direct contact with Major Kemsley.

8. Taking into account assistance in the organization of training and in securing the assimilation of British methods of fire control and procedure generally, it is considered that Major Dobbs should be fully employed but should this not prove to be the case, there would be no objection to his undertaking other additional duties at your discretion provided his primary duties are not thereby interfered with or neglected. At the present time difficulties are being experienced in such matters as shortage of ammunition and lubricants, complaints of the inadequacy of rations (particularly shortage of macaroni) and uncertainty as to pay, promotion, etc. All of these points should presumably be cleared by Major Dobbs through the A.C.C.

9. This Section is empowered to deal direct with subordinate headquarters on all technical matters within the competence of MG, AA & CD, and it might be desirable that Major Dobbs should come over to ALGIERS at the conclusion of his initial tour if you have any points arising from it which require to be cleared. In the meantime, if there is any general information which you would like circulated to AA Bdes, the simplest and quickest solution would be to send us a draft direct. Limited resort may also be had to "DO" correspondence but the proper channel for official papers is through the G-3 Section at AFHQ.

For and in the absence of

R. B. PAPWORTH,
Major General,
AA & CD

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTIAIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

20 October 1943.
GAF/CVI

470.1/AA

SUBJECT: Policy in regard to the employment of Italian Troops.

TO : All A.A. Bdes.

1. General policy is covered in A.F.H.Q. G3/ASD/920 dated 12 October 1943. Broadly speaking, this allows for the use of Italian troops to the maximum consistent with their capabilities.

2. As applied to A.A., it has been agreed that:-

(a) Italian A. A. will be used as complete units to the utmost possible to free our own units for service in forward areas.

(b) Where A.A. units are available and willing to collaborate in areas for which A.A. defences are planned, they should be incorporated in a British or American framework on a 50% efficiency rating as was done initially with French units in North Africa.

(c) "Dilution" with Italians will not be resorted to unless, at a later stage, this should be considered desirable from a man power aspect.

(d) Established Italian A.A. defences, at places which we do not wish to defend, will be closed down, and the Italian units disbanded if on a Home Guard basis or moved elsewhere if regular army units. If left at such places on their own they might merely be a nuisance to our own Air Forces. Action under this sub para will NOT however be a matter for local A.A. Commanders.

3. Equipment for Italian units will come from captured stocks and will therefore be limited, since present policy does not contemplate using U.S. or British resources on any appreciable scale for this purpose.

4. In order that available Italian forces may be allocated with the least possible delay, A.A. Bdes affected will report details of designation, comd., strength and armament of Italian units now cooperating and the possibility and desirability of using other units which may be available and suitable.

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It will be necessary to state both when and where it is proposed to employ such units and it must be realized that transportation difficulties will undoubtedly limit their movement within the theatre.

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5. A.A. Bdes immediately affected are:-

Eighth Army	62 Bde handing over later to 25 Bde in area BARI-BARLETTA
Fifth Army	12 Bde handing over later to 22 Bde in area NAPLES-SALERNO
A.F.H.Q.	8 A.A. Bde in area BRINDISI-TARANTO.

As regards SICILY it would probably not now be possible to reconstitute any A.A. units which were there before our occupation but this can be examined by Comd. 73 AA Bde with the appropriate local authorities, British and Italian.

6. As the advance of armies under 15 ArmyGroup progresses, arrangements in conformity with the A.F.H.Q. policy outlined in this letter will no doubt be ordered by Comds. concerned and it will be up to forward A.A.Bdes, both British and American, to take preliminary action with a view to eventual hand over to A.F.H.Q. Bdes following up.

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7. Finally, it is emphasised that the Italians have been recognised as co-belligerents, NOT as Allies, and the extent to which their co-belligerency can be usefully exploited will depend on how they are handled. They cannot be ordered to cooperate.

(sgd) R. B. PARGITER

R. B. PARGITER,
Major General,
AA & CD

DISTRIBUTION:

8 A.A. Bde
73 A.A. Bde
} for action in accordance with paras 4 and 5.

2 R.M. A.D. Bde
34 C. A. Bde (A.A.)
2626 C.A. Bde (A.A.)

25 A.A. Bde
52 A.A. Bde
66 A.A. Bde
31 C.A. Bde (A.A.)
44 C.A. Bde (A.A.)
} to note for future reference

Through 15 Army Group

2 A.A. Bde with Eighth Army
62 A.A. Bde with Eighth Army
12 A.A. Bde with Fifth Army
22 A.A. Bde with Fifth Army
35 C.A. Bde (AA) with Fifth Army
45 C.A. Bde (AA) with Fifth Army
} for action as directed by 15 Army Group

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Ref your G/24/164 dated 29 feb O Please return plan direct to MMIA

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Subject :- Italian AA

HQ ACMF
1605/50/2/SDM

4. Mar 44

Army Sub-Commission ACC (MMIA)

In reply to your letter G/3/18 dated 23 Feb 44.

1. Release of Allied transport for the Italian AA units in the NAPLES Area is NOT agreed.

2. It is considered that sufficient transport can be provided by 22 AA Bde to maintain the Italian AA units which are affiliated to it.

J. a. Christie-Smith
Lt Gen

for Lt-Gen
C G S

Copy to :- RA
22 AA Bde

No. G 6 Main.

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A A Memorandum 23 February 1945

Amended to 13 March 1945

7th AA Trp 1

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1 Attached are details as far as I have been able to ascertain, of:

(a) The organisation of Allied A.A. and C.D. in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia

(b) State of Italian A.A. Units

Note: ~~All Italian units are under the Italian Navy.~~
A separate statement is being prepared for Armistice.

2. In summary, the composition of Italian A.A. in Italy and Sardinia is as follows:

	Officers + men	HAA. guns 76 mm & above	LAA guns 20 – 40 mm	Average No. of men for unit of 8 HAA & 12 LAA guns
Under Italian Navy	7000	196	93	233
Under Italian Army in Italy	4584	70	83	338
Under Italian	2794	177	12 (?)	

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Sardinia is as follows:

	Officers' guns	HAA guns 76 mm + above	LAA guns 20–20 mm	Barrage R.F. guns for guns of 2 HAA or 12 LAA guns
Under Italian Navy	7000	196	93	233
Under Italian Army in Italy	4584	70	23	328
Under Italian Army in Sardinia	9794	177	12 (?)	723
TOTAL	21,378	443	188	

The figures in col 4 can only be a rough guide, but do point to a shortage of AA personnel over that required for the equipment available, especially for the Italian Army in Sardinia. The figure for the Italian Navy is normal

3 Before the fall of the Mussolini regime Italian AA was of three kinds:

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a. Naval units administered directly by the Italian Navy
b. Fascist Militia units responsible to the Italian Army operationally
c. Fascist Militia units responsible operationally to the Italian Navy.

In the fall of 1943 Fascism types (b) and (c) were incorporated in the Italian Army and Navy respectively. Examples of these types of organization in the AA units were of

a. Brindisi
b Bari
c Taranto

4. Then in cases as at Brindisi, Army officers commanding Naval Batteries. S.M.R.E (Maggiore Marocchi) states that it is exceptional that such personnel have passed was completely to the Navy and are not included in any Army returns.

5. At Taranto the Italian Navy has changed the name of the A.A. organization from 5° Legione Milizia to the 1° Reggimento Artiglieria Marina. The officers have Army titles ranks but have no connection with the Army.

6. At Cattaro and the Lake Lakes the Italian AA is independent of any Allied AA Bde; therefore it is under the operational command of the local Allied Bde. The Brigade controlling the Italian AA

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6. At Cantone and the Isles Lakes the Italian AA is independent of any Allied AA Bde; elsewhere it is under the operational command of the local Allied Bde. The Brigades controlling the Italian AA at Taranto, Brindisi, Bari and Naples have all stated that they consider it a very useful addition to the defences especially for transport at night. The Italian sites now receive ~~Radio~~ Radar (Radiolocation) information from the Control sites, and steps are being taken to improve their methods of Fire Control.

7. The efficiency of the units depends very largely on their morale. This is tending to go down, mainly owing to problems of rations and clothing. This raises three questions:

(a) Are the A and B scales to be abolished and a standard ration to be instituted for all Italian Troops? If not could Italian

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A.A. Units, who are just as much operational as Allied troops in the same role, be put on basis A?

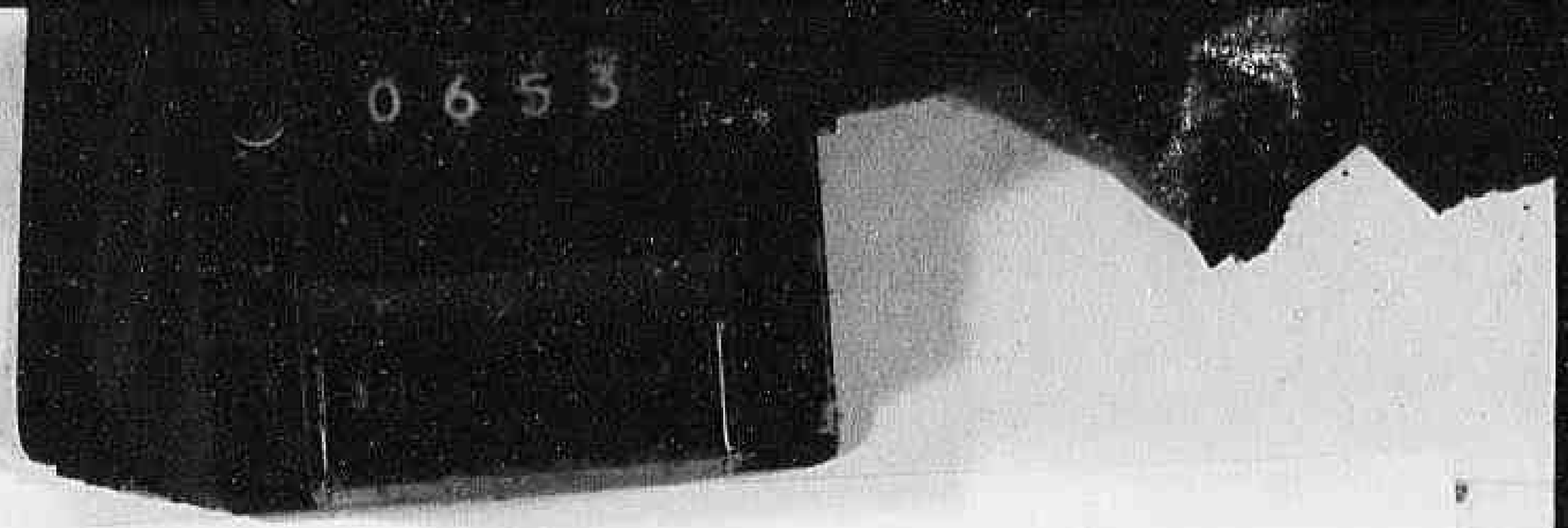
(b) Is the Navy Sub Commission going to provide the boots and clothing for Italian Naval A.A.? Or could this be made the responsibility of the Army Sub-Commission in order to ensure uniformity of treatment for all Italian AA?

(c) In the latter case could AA be put next on the priority list after troops in combat areas?

23 Feb 1943

G. Dobbs
Major A.A.

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Maj. A.P.
Copy to Control Files
Dec 3rd 1943

Organisation of Allied A.A. Artillery, Sardinia 1

1. A.A. under command of Army Commanders

Unit	Nationality	Location	Operationally under
35 AAA Bde	American	C.E.F. Area (Bizerte)	Fifth Army
45 AAA Bde	American	Santa Maria	Fifth Army
71 AAA Bde	American	II Corps Area	Fifth Army
12 A.A. Bde	British	I Corps Area	Fifth Army
2 A.A. Bde	British	Foggia & Envd.	Eighth Army

2. A.A. under command of Major General A.B. Payne
M.G. A.A. & C.D. AFHQ.

Unit	Nationality	Location
31 AAA Bde	American	Cagliari, Monserrato & Sardinian Airfields

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71 A.A. Bde	American	II Corps Area	Fifth Army
12 A.A. Bde	British	V Corps Area	Fifth Army
2 A.A. Bde	British	Foggia Area	Eighth Army

2. A.A. under command of Major General A.B. Paget
M.G. A.A. & C.D. AFHQ.

Unit	Nationality	Location
31 A.A.A. Bde	American	Cagliari, Decimomannu & Santa Lucia Airfields
34 A.A.A. Bde	American	Palermo Airfields
8 A.A. Bde Brig D.A.S. Lean	British	Taranto, Brindisi & Grottaglie Airfields HQ at P79 5122 — Sheet 2003
25 A.A. Bde Brig Richards	British	Bari, Manfredonia & Barletta HQ at P38 2231
22 A.A. Bde Brig G.G. Gray	British	Naples HQ at N 19352 Sheet 243
62 A.A. Bde	British	Foggia
66 A.A. Bde	British	Castellamare & Torre Annunziata
73 A.A. Bde	British	Catania, Messina & Augusta

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3. Coastal Defense

Coastal Defense Sector is under

Cmd 203 Fixed Defenses S.A (Naples)

who is responsible to ACMF.

203 Fixed Defenses consists of 8 detachments disposed as follows:

Defense No 1	Barletta	Defense No 5	Vasto & Manfredonia
Defense No 2	Naples	Defense No 6	Bari
Defense No 3	Brindisi	Defense No 7	Naples
Defense No 4	Gaeta	Defense No 8	Naples, Taranto

Location

HQ 203 Fixed Defenses N 179472

Villa Arnela

71 Via Alessandro Manzoni

Naples (near Allied Officers Club)

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Italian A.A. under command of Allied A.A. Brigades

Location	Italian Unit	Italian High Command	Under command of	A.A. Equipment		Personnel
Taranto & Gallipoli	1° Raggruppamento Artiglieria Marina	Navy Comando Militare Marittimo Taranto	8 A.A. Bde Taranto (Baltak)	18 x 102/35 14 x 90/53 33 x 40/39 32 x 13.2	14 x 100/47 57 x 76/40 28 x 20/70 33 s/l	
Brindisi	Dirett. Brindisi	Navy Comando Militare Marittimo Brindisi	8 A.A. Bde Taranto	2 x 102/35 6 x 90/53 12 x 76/40	2 x 37/54 12 x 20/70 8 x 13.2 15 s/l	36 off
San Pancrazio Salentino	121° Batt. C.A. Dec. 42/43	IX Corpo d'Armata	8 A.A. Bde	4 x 88 mm (German) 2 x 20 mm (German)		106
Torre Canne		IV Zona Aerea Territoriale	8 A.A. Bde	6 x 20 mm		50
Bari	Dirett. Bari	IX Corpo d'Armata	35 A.A. Bde	14 x 76/40 11 x 75/27 12 x 77/28	8 x 37 mm 16 x 20 mm 13 s/l	134
Manfredonia	—	"	"	10 x 20 mm		20
Mondolfi	—	"	"	18 x 20 mm		18
			(Baltak)			358

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Italian A.A. under Command of Allied A.A. Brigades

Under Command of	A-A Equipment		Personnel	Remarks
8 A.A. Bde Troops (Rome)	18 x 102/35 41 x 90/53 23 x 40/39 22 x 13.2	14 x 100/47 37 x 76/40 26 x 20/70 33 5/2	230 officers [illegible] 160 officers 390 O.R.s	Figures supplied by Unit 10/Feb/44 Officers 1/3 Marine 2/3 Italians Marines are Artillery All under Italian Navy
8 A.A. Bde Troops	2 x 102/35 6 x 90/53 42 x 76/40	2 x 37/54 42 x 20/70 5 x 13.2 15 5/2	2000 officers 36 officers 1851 O.R.s	All Naval personnel Principally Marine figures
8 A.A. Bde	4 x 88 mm (German) 2 x 20 mm (German)		3 officers 106 O.R.s	Complete German AA Bty with No 10 Predicta. All soldiers
8 A.A. Bde	6 x 20 mm		50 officers	Handed on Training to Ack
2.5 A.A. Bde (Rome)	14 x 76/40 6 x 75/27 12 x 20/38 10 x 20 mm 18 x 20 mm	8 x 37 mm 16 x 20 mm 13 5/2	191 officers 25 officers 126 officers 2457	Figures from DA Order of Battle Figures from Order of Battle 3/Feb/44 for 20 AA Bde. Officers and soldiers of San Marzio Battalion. Battalion probably included strength needs for the Regiment would be about 1000.

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Italian A.A. (Contd.)

Location	Active Unit	Attached Higher Hqrs	Under Command of	A.A. Guns
Naples	Regt Hqrs & 1 Bty D.I.C.A.T.	Gen Basso	22 A.A. Bde (Retd.)	3.4 x 3.0/m.3 4 x 76/40 8 x 37/54
Rome & Lazio	87 A.A. Regt 145 A.A. Regt	21 Pzr Div Hqrs & 21 Corps Troops	Not under command	12 x 76/40 (Mobile) 8 x 20 mm 12 x 37/54 6 x 20 mm
SARDINIA			31 A.A. Bde (Germans)	
Cagliari				12 x 90/53 (Mobile) 18 x 102/35
Maddalena				39 x 76/40 (also ED role) 12 x 90/53 16 x 102/35
Decimomannu & Villacidro				24 x 90/53 24 x 37/54 12 x 76/40
Olbia				16 x 90/53 8 x 37/54 8 x 76/40
Porto Torres				12 x 90/53
Milis & Riola				16 x 76/40

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	32 AA Bde (Mobile)	12 x 90/53 18 x 102/55 24 x 76/50 (Mobile role) 12 x 40/56 12 x 102/55 24 x 90/53 24 x 37/50 12 x 75/46 16 x 90/53 8 x 37/50 8 x 75/46 12 x 90/53 16 x 75/46	2406 officers 9,388 O.R's	Figures for equipment taken from AFHQ location statement. Figures for personnel from 21st Army Order of Battle ? Some guns may be manned by Naval personnel Number required to man the equipment cannot be stated 3500; 15/16 can man as many employed in the early training stages.
	Not under command of any Allied Bde.	12 x 76/40 (Mobile) 8 x 20 mm 12 x 37/50 3 x 20 mm	30 officers 567 O.R's 10 officers 368 O.R's	Figures from table for Gen Scott of 22 Jan. Also available are 12 x 76/40 and 8 x 20 mm and 12 x 37/50 officers 368 O.R's and 37 instant delayed
	31 AA Bde (Amphibian)	12 x 90/53 18 x 102/55 24 x 76/40 (Mobile role) 12 x 40/56 12 x 102/55 24 x 90/53 24 x 37/50 12 x 75/46 16 x 90/53 8 x 37/50 8 x 75/46 12 x 90/53 16 x 75/46	2406 officers 9,388 O.R's	Figures for equipment taken from AFHQ location statement. Figures for personnel from 21st Army Order of Battle ? Some guns may be manned by Naval personnel Number required to man the equipment cannot be stated 3500; 15/16 can man as many employed in the early training stages.

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SUBJECT:- Italian AA TARANTO

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
L'AQUILA (LECCE)
G/3/22
23 Feb 44

H. 8 AA Bde

Reference conversation Cond 8 AA Bde — Major DOBBS of 22 Feb and your letter D/1/G of 16 Feb, it is confirmed that no action is being taken by this Sub Commission.

As the 1° Reggimento Artiglieria Marina is under the cond of Comando Militare Marittimo, TARANTO, and has no connection with the Army, it seems that the matter should be approached through FOTALI.

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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian AA Defences.

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8 AA BRIGADE.
CMF.

D/1/G. 16 Feb 44.

M.M.I.A.,
LECUILE near LECCE.

I. Ref conversation to-day GSO 1 - Comd 8 AA Bde, AA Equipments deployed at Taranto are as follows:-

	Heavy Guns.	Light Guns	Searchlights.
British	24	36	24
Italian.	126	71	31

It will be noted that the number of Italian equipments is considerable; this fact enabled a lower British scale to be accepted than would otherwise have been considered necessary.

2. The Commander of the Italian AA Defences at Taranto is Col. Cavallo, his immediate superior being, it is understood, Admiral Fiorivanza, Commando Militare Marittimo Taranto. I have a British Liaison officer (subaltern) at Col. Cavallo's HQ and British AA Units do what they can to assist Italian AA units with transport, aircraft recognition, courses etc. We also provide them with RDF data to enable them to produce accurate fire, and the times and courses of practice co-operating aircraft are notified to them so that they can exercise their instrument personnel at the same time as our own.

3. Anti-Aircraft guns do not come into action often, but when they do, it is essential that all personnel manning them are alert and well trained, and that guns, instruments, ammunition, telephone lines etc. are in proper working order. It is therefore necessary to have someone in command with drive and initiative, otherwise men lose interest and equipment suffers.

It is particularly essential at this time that someone with drive should be in command as there has been no recent enemy air activity and the Italians no doubt tend to think more of when they can get home than of how efficient they can be as gunners.

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(b) Capt X a Bty Comd, on being asked the name of Major Y his next superior, said he did not know as he had never met him.

(c) Men on a gun site stated that they were not getting enough food and that it often did not arrive till the afternoon or evening of the day on which it was due to be consumed.

I find it difficult myself to check up whether Col. Cavallo is doing his job properly, nor do I feel that it is much use approaching Admiral Fiorivanza who is not reputed to be a strong man. Moreover he has recently been appointed Prefect of Taranto in addition to his other duties and for all I know may be a close personal friend of Col. Cavallo. At the same time I do not wish to condemn the latter out of hand.

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I would therefore request that some Italian officer, senior to Col. Cavallo be sent down to carry out a complete check, operational and administrative on the Italian Units in the Taranto area. If everything is found satisfactory well and good. If not, Col. Cavallo can either be "chased" or replaced by someone more suitable.

J. Cumm

Brigadier.
Commander, 8 AA Brigade.

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SUBJECT:- Italian AA Ammunition

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LE QUILE (LECCE)
G/3/21
25 Feb 44

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F O T A L I TARANTO

Copy to: Navy Sub Commission A.C.C.

1. We are trying to find out what stocks of ammunition there are in Southern ITALY for the following calibre AA guns:

102/35 mm	77/28 mm	37/54 mm
100/47 mm	76/40 mm	20 mm
90/53 mm	75/27 mm	13.2 mm

2. Could you please enquire from the Italian Naval Authorities what stocks of ammunition of the above calibres are held and their location.

(a) Stocks of ammunition at present on AA sites.

(b) Stocks of ammunition in Depots.

(c) An estimation of the number of fresh rounds that could be made up in Italian Naval Arsenals using returned cartridge cases, e.g. 90/53 mm.

Maj
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT:- Movem of talian AA Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H. .(M IA)
LE UILF (LICC)
G/3/20
21 Feb AA.

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H. 25 AA Bde

1. A letter has been received from the Italian General Staff giving details of certain moves of Italian S/L units, and transfers of Italian S/Ls to British hands. These will be discussed by Major DOBBS on a visit.

2. It is recognised that you may often find it necessary to move Italian AA and S/L about for operational reasons. To speed the process up the Italian General Staff has been asked to authorise such moves to take place by agreement between the Allied AA Bde and the Italian AA HQ concerned, in your case Comando Difesa c.a. IX Corpo d'Armata, without reference to the General Staff.

3. For your future guidance it is pointed out that

(a) the Italian higher formation should be informed before the move of an Italian AA unit takes place.

(b) under policy laid down by AFHQ, all Italian material on the mainland is reserved for the Italians. Any transfer desired, therefore, must be arranged through this Sub Commission.

for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

AEC

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SUBJECT:- Moves of AA Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/5/19
25 Feb 44

S I R E

1. Reference your 1470/OP of 9 Feb para 4, 25 AA Bde will be instructed

(a) that moves of Italian AA units should not take place without the Italian higher formation being informed

(b) that any transfer of material desired must be arranged through this Sub Commission.

2. It is often necessary to move AA and Searchlight units about for operational reasons, for example, a decrease in the Allied AA defences at a given place. It would be appreciated, therefore, if authority could be given for such moves to take place by agreement between the Allied and Italian AA HQs concerned, in this case 25 AA Bde and Comando Difesa C.A. IX Corps d'Armata, without reference to the Stato Maggiore.

3. The points mentioned in paras 1 and 2 will be investigated in a visit by this Sub Commission's liaison officer for AA, Major DOBBS.

Major Q A
for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Transfer of stores of A.A. Units

1°. - During transfer of the 1503 AA Battery from GROTTAGLIE to BARLETTA and MANFREDONIA (on the 12, 13, 14 & 15 JAN by Brit. trucks) the British Tpt officer i/c. arrange - further to instructions received from the 25 A.A. Bde) that the two 60cm. visual signalling sets be left at the disposal of above Bde with their motors.

2. - On the 25 JAN — by order of the 25 AA Bde — 2 vis. sig. sets with motors & personnel were transferred from MONOPOLI to MANFREDONIA. (of the 20cm. 1513 AA Bty)

3. - On the 30 JAN — by order of the 25 AA Bde — 2 vis. sig. sets (331 Inc.) at NOICATTARO were taken by an allied unit.

4. - It will be appreciated that:
- All transfers of it. units to be act. to Allied Forces be signalled to the Italian HQrs. (HQ. AA defence, 9 Corps Bari for above) so they can be informed of Mvts.
- Transfer of any kind of stores be dealt through the Army sub Comm. Acc as generally done.

We would appreciate if you could inform us whether in the case of the 25 AA Bde, it will be possible to obtain what requested or in the contrary what steps are to be taken.

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P. M. 151, li 9 febbraio 1944.

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OGGETTO: Trasferimenti e cessioni materiali di reparti contraerei.-
Transfer of A.A. Units Stores.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

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1°)- Nel trasferimento della 190ª batteria contraerea da 20 da Orta-glie a Barletta e Manfredonia (giorni 12-13-14-15 gennaio a mezzo autocarri inglesi) l'ufficiale inglese preposto al trasporto ha di-spos to - su ordine della 25ª Brigata A.A. - che le due stazioni fo-toelettriche da 60 cm. con motori fossero lasciate a disposizione della stessa brigata.

2°)- Il giorno 25 gennaio - d'ordine della 25ª Brigata A.A. - due sta-zioni fotoelettriche con motori e relativo personale della 1513ª btr. c.a. da 20 sono state trasferite da Monopoli a Manfredonia.

3°) -Il giorno 30 gennaio - d'ordine della 25ª Brigata A.A. - due sta-zioni fotoelettriche (331ª sezione) dislocate a Roicattaro sono state prese da un reparto alleato.

4°) -Sarebbe desiderabile che :
- i trasferimenti di reparti dipendenti per l'impiego dei coman-di alleati fossero preventivamente segnalati ai comandi italia-

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SUBJECT:- Italian AA - NAPLES

Title 24

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q.(MAIA)
ERQUILL (ALCOM)
G/3/18
27 Feb 44

HQ A C I F

Copy to: HQ 22 AA Bde

Reference your 1605/30/2/3D1 of 15 Feb.

1. The Italian General Staff has agreed to write to Gen BASTICO authorising him to organise the Italian AA at NAPLES in accordance with the establishments proposed by Comd 22 AA Bde attached as Appx 'A' to your letter. Major JONES will liaise between Gen BASTICO and Comd 22 AA Bde for this purpose.

2. Could your approval be given for the release of transport as detailed in para 3 of the above Appx for the use of this Italian AA unit. At present it has none at all and borrows from American and British units.

3. The Italian army in CAMPANIA is extremely short of tpt as you know and there is no chance of getting it from them or from any other Italian source.

4. Allied tpt, if released, could be put on charge to 22 AA Bde.

Title 708
Major
for Brigadier
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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PLEASE RETURN TO MMIA.

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Italian AA

HQ, ACLF.
1605/50/2/SD1
15 Feb 44.

MMIA

1. Italian AA at Naples has now become organised and it is desired to put it on an official basis.

2. It is suggested that the following be formed from existing resources, no further Italian personnel being required.

(a) RAGRUPPAMENTO D.I.C.A.T. (NAPOLI)

(b) Two GRUPPI BATTERIE

(c) Nineteen AA Batteries

(d) Three AA/CD Batteries

3. At Appendix "A" is a copy of 22 AA Bde's letter of 9 Feb, with Appendices A and B showing how the above units are required to be formed.

4. You are requested to take this matter up with the Italian Army and obtain their views, and also, if agreed, the nominations of the various units.

5. When this information is to hand AFHQ will be asked to give authority for the units to be placed under command of 22 AA Bde.

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Lt-Gen,
C G S.

Copy to :- G (Ops)
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Appendix "A" to 1605/50/2/SD1
dated 15 Feb 44

Subject:- Italian AA Organisation

188

9 Feb 44.

HQ ACRF

1. With further reference to this HQ 188 of 17 Jan 44, the necessary information on which to base a minimum establishment for Italian personnel manning AA and CD guns in the NAPLES Area has now been received and the proposed establishment is shown at Appendix "A" to this letter, with individual establishments at Appendix "B".

2. The organisation (to be known as "DIFESA CONTRAEREI TERRITORIALE" or "D.I.C.A.T") consists of a RAGRUPPAMENTO controlling all btys through two GRUPPI BATTERIE.

3. It is recommended that the following scale of tpt be allotted :-

	Cars	Trucks	M/Cs
HQ	3	1	2
Each Group HQ	2	3	-
Total	7	7	2

4. Establishments in every case are for btys with Fire Control instruments. These are not all available at present but it is thought best to cater for their presence now to avoid future changes in establishment.

5. The HQs concerned are capable of handling the necessary CD element which is included in the total.

6. Details of the composite CD btys are to be found in the Appreciation of Coast Defence in ITALY, lately submitted to you by CO 203 Fixed Defences.

7. Numbers required are in excess of those originally estimated owing to :-

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2. The organisation (to be known as "Italian Coastal Artillery" or "D.I.C.A.T") consists of a RAGRUPPAMENTO controlling all btys through two GRUPPI BATTERIE.

3. It is recommended that the following scale of tpt be allotted :-

	Cars	Trucks	M/Cs
HQ	3	1	2
Each Group HQ	2	3	-
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(a) Provision for full scale of F.C.Is.

(b) Increased requirements of 203 Fixed Defences.

(c) Necessity for replacing US tps manning 37 and 20mm guns.

(d) Discovery of further 37 and 20mm guns

GC GRAI
Brigadier
Comd 22 AA Bde

Field.

Notes
AA = Anti Aircraft
CD : Coast defence
FCI = Fire Control Instrument

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APPENDIX "A"

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TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED

	Offrs	WOs & Sjts	Rank & File	All Ranks
HQ	10	16	34	60
2 Group HQs	6	10	34	50
3 Btys 6 x 90/53	9	12	318	339
7 Btys 4 x 90/53	21	28	602	651
1 Bty 4 x 76/40	3	3	82	88
8 Btys 37 and 20mm	16	24	320	360
3 CD Btys	9	21	279	309
	74	114	1669	1857

Total Armament (AA only)
46 x 90/53
4 x 76/40
32 x 37/54
16 x 20mm

APPENDIX "B"

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENTS

		Offrs	WOs & Sjts	Rank & File	All Ranks
1. HQ	Colonel	1			
	Field Offr	2			
	MO	1			
	Offrs	6			
		10	16	34	60
2. Each Group HQ	Field Offr	1			
	Offrs	2			
		3	5	17	25
3. Each Bty 6 x 90/53		3	4	106	113
4. Each Bty 4 x 90/53		3	4	86	93
5. Each Bty 4 x 76/40		3	3	82	88

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16 x 20mm

APPENDIX "B"

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	Field Offr	2			
	MO	1			
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		10	16	34	60
2. Each Group HQ	Field Offr	1			
	Offrs	2			
		3	5	17	25
3. Each Bty 6 x 90/53		3	4	106	113
4. Each Bty 4 x 90/53		3	4	86	93
5. Each Bty 4 x 76/40		3	3	82	88
6. Each Bty 4 x 37mm & 2 x 20mm		2	3	40	45
7. Each Composite CD Bty		3	7	93	103

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Subject:-Anti Aircraft Defence.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.).

L.O.3rd. Italian Corps,
Catanzaro.

17 Feb 44.

Ref:-G.5.

H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

On my visit to No. 7 District on the 11th. inst., I enquired whether they had any interest in the A.A. defence of REGGIO. The Brigadier in charge of A.A. was not interested in REGGIO but was very much interested in the Italian Army taking over the defence of MESSINA, CATANIA, SYRACUSA etc. I told him that we may be able to extend 3rd. Corps area to MESSINA and the purpose of this letter is to obtain your permission for same. I can then submit a proposition to No. 7 District and it will then be up to them. Signal your reply if possible.

I propose we send to MESSINA the following composite A.A. group:-

Guns 75/46	...	11
37/54	...	4
M.G. 20 mms	...	4
Officers	...	27
O.Rs	...	278
M.T.	...	6

The A.A. defence of MESSINA is manned by British units and I think it would be a sound scheme to replace them by Italian units. It appears that the only necessity for this defence is a small dock [illegible] and the possibilities of an air raid are remote.

W.V.J.

Major.

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SUBJECT:- Anti-Aircraft Artillery

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MEDIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3/18
18 Feb 44

Chief of Staff SMRE

1. Attached ACMF letter 1605/50/2/SD1 of 15 Feb with 22 AA Bde N° 188 of 9 Feb as Appx 'A', is forwarded to you for your views as requested in para 4.

2. If you agree would you please nominate the units and issue the necessary orders to regularise the whole organisation with copy to this Sub Commission.

3. Please return the attached letters after translation.

AEC

for Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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APPENDIX 'A'
to G/3/17 of
Feb 44

STATEMENT OF ITALIAN COAST DEFENCE ARTY — 4 Sep 44 — H.Q. 1st GUARDS

Station	Name or No of Btty	Composition Offrs	O.Rs	Number & Calibre of Guns	Location	Strength Offrs	ORs
TARANTO	T 125	Army	Marines	6 — 90/53	861002	3	80
	T 356	"	"	6 — 90/53	775034	3	80
	T 610	"	"	5 — 100/47	739053	3	80
	T 515	"	"	4 — 100/47	682098	3	80
	T 789	"	"	5 — 90/53	697138	3	80
	T 704	"	"	4 — 100/47	677166	3	80
BRINDISI	B 288	Army	Navy	2 — 102/35	539368	2	82
BARI	195	Army	Army	4 — 76/40	375854	3	70

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APPENDIX 'B'
to G/3/17 of
Feb 44

STATEMENT OF ITALIAN COAST ARTY - 4 Feb 44

Station	Name or No of battery	Composition Offrs	ORs	Number & Calibre of Guns	Location	Strength Offrs	ORs
TARANTO	Alessandri	Army	Marines	4=120/40	727058	3	50
	909	Army	Marines	6=76/40	721070	3	80
	T 504	Army	Marines	4=76/40	694089	3	70
BRINDISI	Pisacane	Army	Navy	4=152/40	255563	3	71
	B 503	Army	Navy	6=90/53	354257	3	130
BARI	155	Army	Army	3=76/40	432838	3	70
	154	Army	Army	4=76/40	441830	3	70

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Appendix 'C' to
G/3/17
dated Feb

STATEMENT OF ITALIAN COAST ARTILLERY - 4 Feb 44

Station.	Name or No of battery	Composition Offrs	ORs	No. & Cal. of Guns	Location	Strength Offrs	ORs
TARANTO	Admiral Cattanlo	Navy	Navy	3-305 mm	790030	5	250
	Rota	Army	Marines	(4-152/45) (1-120/40)	745050	3	70
	Aubry	Army	Marines	4-152/45	692089	2	80
	Gulli	Army	Marines	(4-152/45) (1-120/40)	669099	2	70
	P.Force	Army	Marines	2-152/40	665102	2	25
	T 790	Army	Marines	2-76/40	680109	2	15
	Admiral Toscano	Navy	Navy	3-202/40	450064	5	250
BRINDISI	Menga	Army	Navy	(3-152/45) (1-120/40)	324387	3	68
	B 552	Army	Navy	6-76/40	332378	3	88
	Brin	Army	Navy	2-381/40	335370	4	158
	Bandiera	Army	Navy	2-381/40	378354	4	152
	Filangieri	Army	Navy	(3-152/45) (1-120/40)	329342	3	68
BARLETTA	GOIA	Army	Army	4-75/34	897047	4	55
	I32	Army	Army	4-149/35	931039	2	106

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SUBJECT:- Const Artillery

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.. (M IA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/3/17
18 Feb 44

Chief of Staff SMRE

Copy to: FOTALI, Navy House,
TARANTO

1. At Appendix "A" are shown details of the Italian Coast Artillery batteries which are a part of the AA defences of the ports where they are stationed. It is not proposed to make any alteration to the present position of these batteries.

2. At Appendix "B" are shown details of batteries which are required in their primary Coast Defence Role. With effect from 15 Feb these batteries were placed under operational command of 203 Fixed Defences.

3. At Appendix "C" are details of batteries which are NOT required. Orders have already been given for the removal of the BARLETTA batteries in our G/9/13 of 13 Feb, (your 1715/OP of 15 Feb refers). Please arrange in conjunction with the competent Naval authority for the removal of the remainder. Any units or personnel made available as a result of this, should be allotted in accordance with our G/6/19 of 17 Feb.

ABC

Brigadier.
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian Coast Artillery

HQ ACMF
1605/50/2/G(SD)

15 Feb 44

Fotali, Navy House, TARANTO.
2 District
MMLA

1. At Appendix "A" are shown details of the Italian Coast Artillery batteries which are a part of the AA defences of the ports where they are stationed. It is not proposed to make any alteration to the present position of these batteries.

2. At Appendix "B" are shown details of batteries which are required in their primary Coast Defence role. With effect from 15 Feb today these batteries are placed under operational command 203 Fixed Defences.

3. At Appendix "C" are details of batteries which are not required. Will MMLA please make the necessary arrangements
(a) for the disposal of Army personnel
(b) in conjunction with Fotali the removal of Marine personnel.

Will Fotali please say whether the Marine personnel so released can be made available for work under ACMF. The need for all available personnel to be placed at the disposal of this HQ is very pressing.

4. Any units or personnel made available as a result of the action required at para 3 will be allotted to formations in accordance with Priority List Three (not to Fotali). MMLA will signal details in due course in accordance with 1605/50/3/SD1 of 17 Jan 44 (not to Fotali).

Lt-Gen,
C G S.

Copy to:- G(Ops)
RA
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Appendix "A" to
1605/50/2/G(SD)
dated 15 Feb 44

"A"

STATEMENT OF ITALIAN COAST ARTY - 4 Feb 44 - HA/LA GUNS

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(a) for the disposal of Army personnel
(b) in conjunction with Fotali the removal of Marine personnel.

Will Fotali please say whether the Marine personnel so released can be made available for work under AMF. The need for all available personnel to be placed at the disposal of this HQ is very pressing.

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Lt-Gen,
C G S.

Copy to:- G(Ops)
RA
NLO

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Appendix "A" to G78
1605/50/2/G(SD)
dated 1st Feb 44

"A"

STATEMENT OF ITALIAN COAST ARTY - 4 Feb 44 - HA/LA GUNS

Station	Name or No of battery	Composition Offrs	ORs	Number & Calibre of Guns	Location	Strength Offrs	ORs
TARANTO	T 125	Army	Marines	6 - 90/53	301002	3	80
	T 856	Army	Marines	6 - 90/53	775034	3	80
	T 610	Army	Marines	5 - 100/47	739053	3	80
	T 315	Army	Marines	4 - 100/47	682098	3	80
	T 789	Army	Marines	5 - 90/53	697138	3	80
	T 704	Army	Marines	4 - 100/47	677166	2	80
BRINDISI	B 288	Army	Navy	2 - 102/35	335368	2	82
BARI	195	Army	Army	4 - 76/40	375354	3	70

(Plus 2 Okys. [redacted] Hd. Qrs CMF-B.

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A Date
to
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Appendix "C" to
1665/50/2/G(SD)
dated 15 Feb 44

STATEMENT OF ITALIAN COAST ARTILLERY - 4 Feb 44

Station	Name or No. of battery	Composition Offrs	Composition ORs	Number & Calibre of Guns	Location	Strength Offrs	Strength ORs
TARANTO	Admiral Cattaneo Rota	Navy Army	Navy Marines	3 - 305 mm (4 - 152/45) (1 - 120/40)	790030	5	250
	Aubry	Army	Marines	4 - 152/45	692089	2	80
	Galli	Army	Marines	(4 - 152/45) (1 - 120/40)	669099	2	70
	P. Force	Army	Marines	2 - 152/40	665102	2	25
	T 790	Army	Marines	2 - 76/40	680109	2	15
	Admiral Toscano	Navy	Navy	3 - 202/40	450064	5	250
BRINDISI	Monga	Army	Navy	(3 - 152/45) (1 - 120/40)	324387	3	68
	D 552	Army	Navy	6 - 76/40	332378	3	88
	Brin	Army	Navy	2 - 381/40	335370	4	158
	Bandiera	Army	Navy	2 - 381/40	378354	4	152
	Filangieri	Army	Navy	(3 - 152/45) (1 - 120/40)	399342	3	68
BARLETTA	3014	Army	Army	4 - 75/34	897047	4	55
	132	Army	Army	4 - 149/35	931039	3	106

COPIA PER IL SIG. ADDETTO

Da SUPERESERCITO OPERAZIONI
Al COMANDO IX CORPO d'ARMATA

P.M.151, li 15 Febbraio 1944.

n° 1715/OP. di prot. alt Commissione Alleata Controllo habet comunicato che 132° batteria da 149/35 et 301° btr. da 75/34 del 149° gruppo costiero dislocate Barletta non dicasi non sono più necessarie tenuto conto che nella medesima zona saranno schierate batterie inglesi alt Commissione richiede inoltre che accantonamenti predette batterie siano al più presto messi at disposizione reparti inglesi alt Pregasi disporre in conseguenza tenendo presente disposizioni già impartite da questo Superesercito col foglio 1678/Ord. del 6 corrente alt Pregasi comunicare data ritiro batterie in questione alt

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TRANSLATION

ACC advises that I32 Tp of I49/35s and 30I Tp of 75/34s of I49 Pty

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n° 1715/OP. di prot. alt Commissione Alleata Controllo hanno comunicato che 132° batteria da 149/35 et 301° btr. da 75/34 del 149° gruppo costiero dislocate Barletta non giudicasi non sono più necessarie tenuto conto che nella medesima zona saranno schierate batterie inglesi alt Commissione richiede inoltre che accantonamenti predette batterie siano al più presto messi at disposizione reparti inglesi alt Pregasi disporre in conseguenza tenendo presente disposizioni già impartite da questo Superesercito col foglio 1678/Ord. del 6 corrente alt Pregasi comunicare data ritiro batterie in questione alt

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TRANSLATION

ACC advises that I32 Tp of I49/35s and 30I Tp of 75/34s of I49 Bty (CD) located at BARLETTA is no longer required in view of the fact that British guns areto be placed there. The Commission further requests that sites of above tps be placed at disposal of British units soonest. Please arrange accordingly bearing in mind instrs given by the GS in their I678/Ord of 6 inst. Advise date of withdrawal of these tps.

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MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN AMCOMEGR (O-P) QUICK REPLY/13 ⊙
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Serial No. 3

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TO (1) MIDA INFO (2) CSD ACMF (3) 1ST SUBAREA (4) LO MIDA (5) Q

FROM G DISTRO

Originator's Number: SD2597

Date: 13

Ts Books to Numbers

Request you arrange move Italian coast ktgs from BARLETTA so as to release accommodations urgently required for British but as ⊙ Navy and 513 coast sqt do not use not require these Italian coast ktgs ⊙ Request you arrange for their removal soonest possible

This Message May be sent AS ADDRESSED by Any Means * (Except)

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Signed

If Cable to be Intercepted or Not via Means Here this Message must be sent by CYPHER

Signed

Originator's Instructions
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Subject:- Withdrawal of Const Defence Units

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Near H.Q.(BARI)
LECCE (LECCE)
G/9/13
10 Feb 44

REMARK

Copy to: 151 Sub Area
Army Sub Commission No 2 District

1. It has been found that the undermentioned const defence units at BARLETTA are no longer required since British A.A. sites are now established in the same area.

132 (149/35) Const Defence Troop.
301 (75/34) Const Defence Troop.

2. In view of this and the fact that their billets are required for the British A.A. personnel, will you please arrange for the Italian units to be withdrawn as soon as possible.

3. Please inform this Sub Commission when these Units have been withdrawn.

ADC

Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian coast defence

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Military Mission to
Italian Army L.O.
C/o 2 District
Ref :- 96
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MMIA
LEQUILE

10 February

151 SUB AREA wish to remove from their emplacements/132 (149/35) CD Tp and 301 (75/34) CD Tp, both Italian, as British AA sites have now been placed within their arcs of fire. These CD tps are, in any case, considered to be redundant and their billets needed for the British AA personnel.

/at Barletta.

Will you deal with this matter through normal channels please.

Capt.
M.M.I.A.L.O.

Returned by hand to Dist. HQ with reference to our letter of 13/2

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A/A DEFENCE CALI. BR-IA.

G5
28/1/44
n° 29

Herewith copy of letter which is self explanatory.

Jachentgen Major

MILITARY MISSION.

Date

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

SRP
Have you seen this?
Ltr from G"

Translation please

No. whose authority for the issue of this permit? Date?

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Subject: A.A. Defences.

1. At present A.A. defence is in operation at CROTONE (for defence of the port) and at the SILA Cables (for defence of the SILA hydro-electric plants).

2. Dispositions:-

a) At CROTONE:- 87 AA Gp.

12 76/40 guns (one under repair)
8 20 mm AAMGs
4 20 mm AAMGs manned by Navy personnel

Strength: Offrs 25, ORs 567.

b) At SILA Cables:- 145 AA Gp

12 37/54 guns
6 20mm AAMGs.

Strength: Offrs 19, ORs 368

3. In addition to the a/a this HQ has at its disposal the 78 AA Gp with 12 75/46 guns (one out of action) and 3 20mm AAMGs, which was to have been allotted to the AA defence of Reggio Calabria. (Strength Offrs 15 ORs 222) The British military commander of Reggio Calabria with whom the matter had been agreed, has informed us that he is awaiting the decision of the competent British

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COMANDO XXXI CORPO D'ARMATA
-S.M.-Ufficio Operazioni-

Prot. N. 01/414 Allegati 1

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Al I'UFF.DI COLLEGAMENTO DELLA M.M.B.PRESSO IL COM.XXXI C.A.
- Magg. JOE LENTZER -

OGGETTO: Difesa controaerei.-

1°)- Attualmente la difesa controaerei è in atto a Crotone (per la difesa del porto)ed ai laghi silani(per la difesa degli impianti idroelettrici silani).-

2°)- Sono schierati:

- a Crotone:-87° gr.c.a.su:-12 pezzi da 76/40(di cui 1 in riparazione)
-8 mitragliere c.a.da 20 mm.;
-4 mitragliere c.a.da 20 mm.servite da personale della R.Marina.-

Forza effettiva dell'87°gr.c.a.:Uff.25-Sott.e truppa 567;

- ai laghi silani:- 145°gr.c.a.su:-12 pezzi da 37/54;
-6 mitragliere c.a.da 20 mm.

Forza effettiva del 145°gr.c.a.:uff.19 = sott.e truppa 368

3°)- Oltre ai suddetti gruppi c.a.questo C.A.dispone del 78° gr.c.a,su 12 pezzi da 75/46 (di cui 1 inefficiente)

Si prega di citare un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio cui si risponde

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3°)- Oltre ai suddetti gruppi c.a.questo C.A.dispone del 78° gr.c.a.,su da 75/46
12 pezzi (di cui 1 inefficiente) e 3 mitragliere da 20 mm., che avreb be dovuto essere schierato per la difesa c.a.di Reggio Calabria.-
Forza effettiva di detto 78°gr.c.a.:uff.15 - sottuff.e truppa 222.
Il comandante militare inglese di Reggio Calabria,col quale erano stati presi accordi al riguardo,ha comunicato che è in attesa di decisioni da parte delle competenti autorità inglesi.-

4°)- L'organizzazione c.a.fa capo al comando artiglieria di corpo d'armata tramite il 21°raggruppamento c.a. =
E' in via di attuazione la rete di avvistamento vicino(per il tiro) = come da lucido allegato.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
COMANDANTE ANTEAEREO
(E.Coronati)

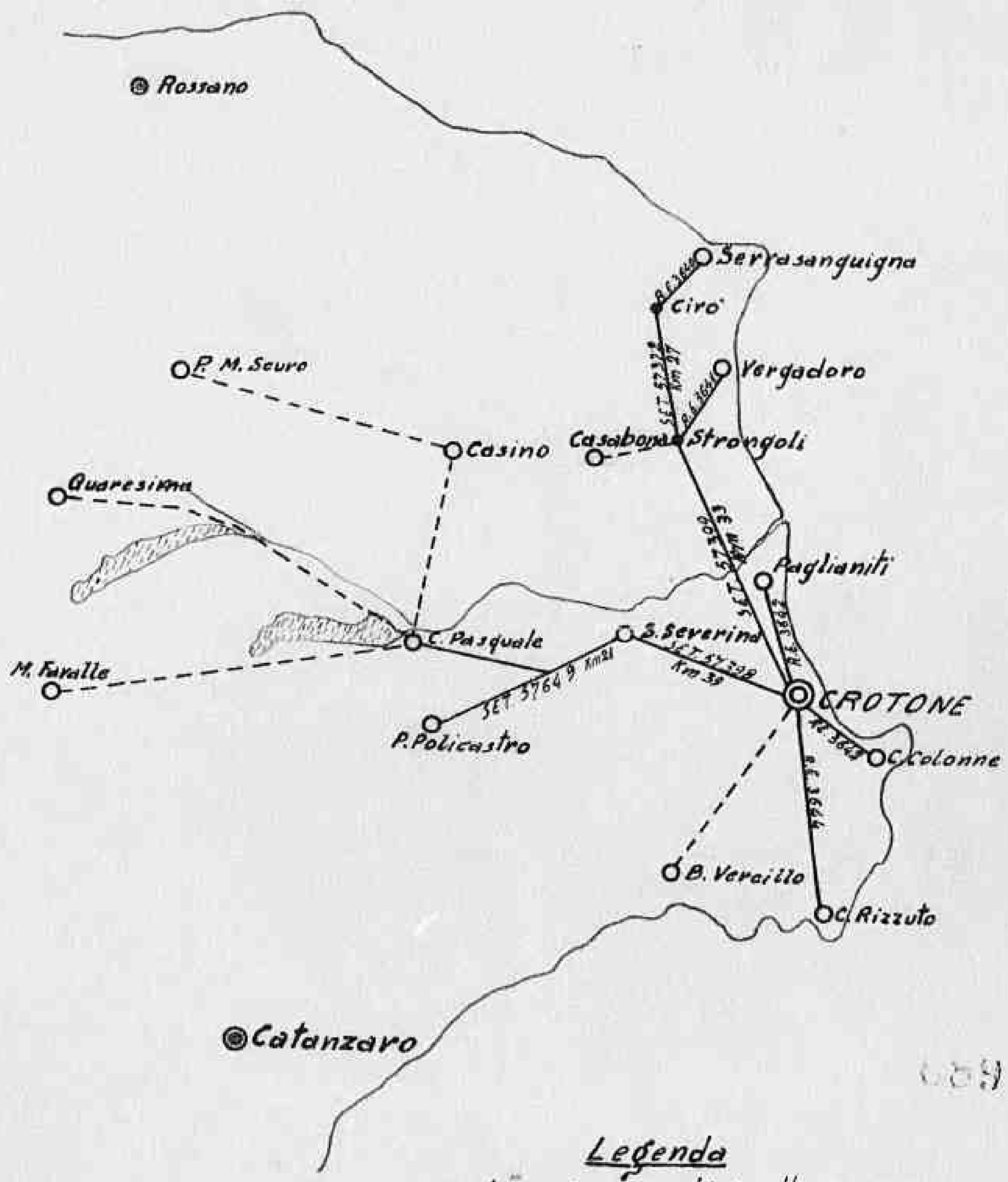
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ORGANIZZAZIONE A RETE RIDOTTA "B.."

C.R.N. DI CROTONE

Alleg. 1 f° N° 01/414
in data 28.1.44



Legenda

——— Linee permanenti in atto 7-9-1943 (inefficienti)

- - - - - Linee da costruire

◎ C.A.N.

○ P.A.

SCALA 1:500.000

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MESSAGE FORM

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From BMA

To ACAF

T O O

T H I 27 Hrs A

SD 146 (°) For BMA (°) Ref your 2513/1/455/RA of 22 Jan (°) Application should be made to GSD ACAF for priority for additional personnel (°) Question of availability and administrative set up will then be taken up with Italian Gen Staff

May be sent as written except ( ) wireless

To be sent in Cipher if liable to interception

(MILITARY)

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Sir,

They have apparently got about bce Station on A-A help in NAPLES where BASSO is staying and feeding.

They estimate that they will want about 500 more to man further A-A and CAI's exclusive of any allowance for HQ's + supply services

They want a complete organisation with HQ set up to look after other Stations A-A organisation in NAPLES

Do not know nothing about HQ and the men are still shown on the last state unless they are included in the 547 offrs and 1425 men of ZONA NAPOLI.

A | I suggest that Brig PRATT (BRA ACHF) who signs the letter is asked to apply to Brig FOSTER & get the necessary priority for these men and that MONACO be asked to find out from BASSO and report availability

Agree to A
Send Signal accordingly
Wait Monaco letter we know priority

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Sir,

They have apparently got about 600 Italians on AA duty in NAPLES whom BASSO pays and has recruited and feeding.

They estimate that they will want about 500 more to man fortified AA and CAI'T afford each any allowance for HQ's + supply services

They want a complete organization with HQ set up to look after other ports in Italian AA organization in NAPLES

Do know nothing about R-5 and they were not shown on list that states where they are and 1435 men of 20 AA are incl in the 547 that are NAPOLI.

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Agree to A
Send signal accordingly
Write Monaco letter as soon possible

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MESSAGE FORM

T O O

From AMIA

T H I

To MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

SD 137 (O) ref FLAMBO Nov 5/11462 of 21 ^ (O) and DISTWO SD2212 of 25 JAN

~~Has~~ your SD 4994 of 22 ~~Jan~~ and SD 2001 of 23 Jan NOT received © please repeat

May be sent as written except ( ) wireless

To be sent in Cipher if liable to interception

( )

SUBJECT :- Itali. A.A. units.

MILITARY MISSION. SECRET.

Date 2313/1/455/RA.

to 22 Jan 44.

ITALIAN ARMY

M.M.I.A.

1. Attached is a copy of 22 AA Bde letter 188 of 17 Jan 44. The letter from 45 AAA Brig quoted at para 2 gives details of defences at present manned by Italian personnel in the NAPLES area. These are as follows :-

Btv.	Map Ref.	Approximate Strength.	Equipment.
195	N 262480.	3 offrs : 110 OR	6 x 90/53
637	N 280458.	3 offrs : 110 OR	4 x 90/53
180	N 187481.	3 offrs : 110 OR	6 x 90/53
632	N 163449.	3 offrs : 110 OR	4 x [illegible]mm
813	N 272500.	3 offrs : 110 OR	6 x [illegible]mm
- .	N 2050 and vicinity.	?	12 x 37-mm 4 x 20-mm

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571	N 262495.	3 offrs : 110 OR	6 x 90-mm
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2. The extra guns are a valuable addition to the NAPLES defences, and it is obviously in the general interest that the organisation should be put on an official footing. Although it would probably be impossible to have any definite W.E., I consider that an Italian H.Q. should be established to control the various units. This H.Q. should function in exactly the same manner as other Italian units in so far as "A" and "Q" matters are concerned, and should be authorised to maintain sufficient personnel to man the defences detailed.

3. Can arrangements be made for this to be put into effect ? If you wish to obtain fuller details through your NAPLES representative, he should contact Comd 22 AA Bde direct. It will assist if early action can be taken, in order that the Italian units may be used to the best advantage in the A.A. defence layout.

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In the Field,
j.w.h.

J. H. Whitman
Brigadier,
B.R.A., A. C. M. F.

Copy to :- Comd., 22 ~~A.A.~~ Bde.

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Subject: Italian Equipment & Personnel

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17 Jan 44

H.Q. 15 Army Group (2)

1. I have taken up the question of the use of Italian A.A. and C.D. tps with A.A. & C.D. Section, A.F.H.Q. and it appears that, under the terms of A.F.H.Q. letter AG 400-1 (Italy) GCT - AGM dated 2 Jan 44, demands for Italian personnel and resources should be made to H.Q. 15 Army Group to be implemented through M.M.I.A. as required.

2. The attached copy of H.Q. 45 AAA Bde (U.S.A.) letter of 14 Dec addressed to A.A. & C.D. Section, A.F.H.Q., shows the state of affairs as regards use of Italian tps and equipt when this Bde passed from comd Fifth Army to comd A.F.H.Q. Since then, five of the H.A.A. positions have been put into action and manned by Italians and Lt.A.A. guns previously manned by 690 M.G. Bty have been manned by Italians.

3. The present strength of 1st Esercimar is about 600 all ranks and is growing as further guns are put into action. It is estimated that eventually about 1000 all ranks will be required to man A.A. guns and a further 100 to man C.A. equipt. These figures do **not** include any allowances for H.Qs, supply organisations or ancillaries.

4. While there appears to be no difficulty in rationing up to 700 men on verbal authority of P.B.S and Gen. BASSO is prepared to pay the numbers so far recruited, considerable difficulty is rather naturally experienced in the provision of stores, clothing, "R.A.S.C" and Medical supplies etc. Transport is a question of "hand to mouth" loans and the only interpreter and liaison officer available is an officer on loan from 45 A.A.A. Bde, whose permanence one cannot, in the circumstances, rely on.

5. The whole undertaking has now reached a stage where it is very desirable, if not absolutely essential, that it should be put on a proper footing if the Italian tps are to pull their weight under present circumstances or to take over the defence of NAPLES in the future.

6. It is suggested that a complete organisation be authorised with a proper H.Q. (to which could be attached an allied liaison officer) exercising its authority through Naval and Military "group" H.Qs controlling the required number of bays, both A.A. and C.A.

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8. I should be grateful if you could let me know what can be done in the matter and, pending a final arrangement being made, whether I can continue with the present arrangement on the assumption that the personnel set out in para 3 above will be authorised and such things as rations, lubricants, disinfectants and signal stores be made available from Allied sources.

I should add that if such authority is given, it should be possible to put into action a total of about 50 heavy and 45 light guns for A.A. purposes and some 15 S.Ls, mainly for Coast Defence. Furthermore, it would be possible to increase the present scale of Coast defence by manning some of the Italian C.D. equipt with Italians, thus releasing Br tps to man the 3 in guns which have been released to 203 Fixed Defences.

A.C. Gray

GC GRAY
Brig.
Cond 22 A. Bde.

Field
AGM/RGB.

Copy to: G.C. 203 Fixed Defences

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

I° REPARTO - Ufficio Operazioni

P.M. 151, li 14 gennaio 1944

N. 400 /OP. prot.

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

del

OGGETTO: batterie contraeree di Galatina e Grottaglie.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALLEATA
Presso l'Esercito Italiano

L e q u i l e

Si comunica che in data 11 corrente sono state cedute alla 62^ Brigata A.A. (che le ha richieste direttamente al IX Corpo d'Armata) le sottonotate batterie contraeree da 20 m/m :

- 838^ dell'aeroporto di Galatina;
- 1503^ } dell'aeroporto di Grottaglie
- 1513^ }

per essere avviate in zona Monopoli e Manfredonia.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen.di Div. A. Mariotti)

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H.Q.,
N.W.I.A.

The A.A. defence of CALCUTTA, all part of the Artillery Command, is concentrated at 3 points only.

They have no A/C or radio location but presumably they are expected to fire on guess and drop bombs on machine gun. Rather unsatisfactory.

The following are the strengths at the places mentioned:-

DUMDUM.

2 batteries of 75/27 type guns. (1 gone to a battery).
1 battery " 20/55 " "

DUM DUM.

2 batteries of 37/54 type guns.
1 battery " 20/36 " "

BUDGE BUDGE.

3 batteries of 75/13 type guns.

Further, the R.A.F. have radio locators at PROTORA, CAPE TAITJAYO and CAPE DIAMONDHARBO, all of which are not in touch with the Station AOC A/M.

A.T.S.

G.
Send copy of this to 2 Distrct & ask for information as to under whom does AA are. BRA. is A Gp sqn it is under AFHQ but we have been unable to find out anything further so send to them 61 Cdl

Jackson
Major.

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G.H.

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Platoon A.A.

Dispn of Platoon A.A. & arms & stores personnel is summarised below:-

① Mainland 20 Jan 44 Off. employed

9 Coys	224 Offs.	8200 ORs.	
51 Coys	68	1054	
31 Coys	44	406	
Company			
Total	336 Offs	4660 ORs	

② Mainland 20 Jan 44 non-employed

51 Coys 40 Offs. 404 ORs.

③ SARDINIA 1 Jan 44 non-employ.

	432 Offs.	16,160 ORs

No AA employed in SARDINIA

2. Italian A.A. on mainland is v/c

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Compared 44 406

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(b) Mainland 20 Jan 44 non-op employed

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(c) SARDINIA 1 Jan 44 non-op employ.

752 offs. 16,160 ORs

No AA op. employed in SARDINIA

2. Italian A.A. on mainland is o/c
British A.A Bde : 2 (TARANTO)
25 (BARI)
22 (NAPLES).

O/c for op. only. No adm.

3. Unofficial opinion of D AA Bde is that Italian AA is useless as A.A.

In any case Italian AA only open fire if they can satisfy

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A.A. open up.

4. If I can do a tour I can find out further details.

5. Referenced 6/15 Folios 95, 97, 101, 105 — 109, 112, 114, 119.

NCB 4/44.

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Information from H.Q. 31 A.A. Brig (Ville ROMANO, MONTERONI)

G.T.

Italian A.A. u/c & (British) A.A. Bde

1. Locations as on attached.
2. Italians reported useless as A.A. Only allowed to open fire if British A.A. do so first.
3. Adm. through Italian channels. Only u/c & A.A. Bde for ops.
4. Not likely to be any objection if Italians withdrawn from air-fields.
5. & A.A. Bde can give fuller details.
6. 25 A.A. Bde (SARI control Italian units.
7. Not known for certain but believed A.A. Bdes come directly under A.F.H.Q. for orders. This was so 3 weeks ago, but possible it has been delegated to A.C.M.F. now.

[illegible] 27/1/44

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5. 8 A.A. Bde can give fuller details.

6. 25 A.A. Bde ; HARI control other Italian units.

7. Not known for certain but believed 601 A.A. Bdes come directly under A.F.H.Q. for orders. This was so 3 weeks ago, but possible it has been delegated to A.C.M.F. now.

[illegible] 27/1/44

Shall I visit?

[illegible] 28/1/44

Observer Posts
Listening
G.L.R.O.F.
G.O.Rs
Convoys
Numbers entering the country (especially Airfield) { 8 AA Bde / 25 AA Bde

Feb 6. 9/9

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Location Statement — Platoon AA w/c
P Dvn A.A. Bde (as at 24 Dec 43).

Unit/Type	Location		V.A. P A	Remarks 25
AADC Taranto Rgt. Antiaerea Marina	Taranto	P.74128	V.A P	12.6 HAA Rgt 4/ LAA Rgt 21 S/Ls
AADC Brindisi Platoon AA.	Brindisi		P+A	4.P HAA Rgt 4.S LAA " 15 S/Ls
Platoon Bty H.Q.	Gallipoli	P.7032.02.	A	4 HAA Rgt (part) 2 S/Ls
AADC Lecce Platoon A.A. H.Q	Lecce	L5111911	A	6 LAA Rgt
AADC Lav. Pomigliano Platoon AA. H.Q.	Lav. Pomigliano	L.247114	A	4 HAA 2690 (part) 2 LAA Rgt

1. V.A.P = Vital Area Part

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AADC Lecce Italian AA. HQ	Lecce	L511711	A	16 LAA Regt
AADC San Pancrazio Italian AA. HQ.	San Pancrazio	L117114	A	4 HAA (6,80 (part) 2 LAA Regt.

1. V.A.P = Vital Area Part

A — Airfield defence
AADC — AA. Defence Cmd (Operational area)

2. Italian LAA guns at airfields (less LECCE) will be withdrawn shortly.

3. Not known by S.I LtAA & what extent any of above units up to strength in men or weapons.

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SECRET.

8 A.A. BRIGADE,
C.M.F.

E/1/14/Q 19 Dec '43.

SUBJECT:- ITALIAN A.A.

To:- Military Liaison
to ITALIAN ARMY.

G/13/16 109.

1. Ref your G/13/16 of 10 Dec '43, Italian Army units under command of this Brigade are as shown on the attached sheet.

2. The 20 mm units will be withdrawn from their present locations in the near future, and probably moved to the BARI Area.

Brigadier,
Commander, 8 A.A. Brigade.

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LOCATION	UNIT	STRENGTH OFFRS.	O.RS.	HIGHER FORMATION
LECCE AIRFIELD	58 Campagnia c.a. da 20 mm	5	68	CDV Zone aeree Territoriali
" "	838 Batteria da 20 mm	3	50	20 Raggruppamento art. c.a. Territoriali
" "	1545 Batteria da 20 mm (ex-German)	3	116	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' armata
Panerazio Airfield	1432ª Bta c.a. da 88/55 mm	3	49	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' armata
Manduria Airfield	Batteria 60ª da 20 mm	5	63	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps D' armata
Grottaglie airfield	Batteria 1503 da 20mm del 13° Gruppo c.a.	3	115	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' armata
"	Batteria 443ª della M.A.C.A.	3	65	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' Armata

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STRENGTH OFF.	O.Rs.	HIGHER FORMATION	LOCATION 8 Aug 43	REMARKS
5	66	CDV Zone Aeree Territoriali	BARI	Personnel are mixed army and air force.
3	80	CXO Raggruppamento Art. c.a. Territoriali	BARI	--
8	116	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' armata	BARI	--
3	99	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' Armata	BARI	Battery equipped with complete equipment of 4 German 88 mm of 4 guns, incl. Model 40 Predictor. all in working order.
5	83	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps D' Armata	BARI	--
8	115	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' Armata	BARI	--
5	63	Difesa c.a. del IX° Corps d' armata	BARI	--

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APO 394

MDT/hjp

In reply refer to:
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16 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: His Excellency Marshal Messe
Chief of the Supreme General Staff

The Allied Control Commission has been directed to call the attention of the Italian High Command to the fact that no orders should be issued moving Italian Antiaircraft units which have an operational role in rear of the Army boundary without previous reference to the British Antiaircraft Brigade Commander concerned.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

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MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

CC to:
Military Mission to the
Italian Army

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It tps for def.

MMIA

MMIA LO
C/O 2 District
Ref MF/103
9 DEC 43,

Herewith a letter fron Distwo
This copy was sentto me but
appears to have been intended
for you.

I have retained a copy.

Capt.
MMIA LO.

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SECRET

Subject:- Employment of Italian Troops for Defence and Internal Security.

IG 2 District (2)
2125 G

1 Dec 45

6 Base Sub Area
94 Sub Area
151 Sub Area
HQ Sub Area

Copy to:- G(Ops) (2 copy (with copy of 2125 G of 1 Dec))
PWB
File 2042 G

With reference to this IG 2125 G of 1 Dec 45 to PWB with copy to you.

1. Attached is a/a please find a statement of Italian VFs and Partisan defence troops in your area.

2. Taking into account our decision on PW in the above quoted letter would you please say whether

(a) You would like them to be retained in situ and become part of your operational cord.

or (b) You would like to utilise them in one or more parts of your sub area.

or (c) You do NOT wish to retain them.

3. Owing to demands for Italian PW in the Italy Base for their rehabilitation it is NOT likely that you would be able to retain them except as may be mentioned by you in above quoted letter.

4. Please reply as soon as possible.

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Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

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Appx 4 to
2128 G Rpts

7 Dec 43

ITALIAN VI's AND AUTO PARK DEPOTS

Unit	Location	Sub Area	Strength Offrs	Strength EMs
HQ 5 Sub-zone (c)	SAN SEVERO	151	2	-
107 Tank Bn(less 1 Coy)	ASCOLI SATRIANO	"	28	155
Anti-tank detn	ASCOLI SATRIANO	"	5	25
HQ 6 Sub-zone (c)	FOGGIA	6 Base	2	-
106 Tank Bn	FOGGIA (less 2 Coys & det)	"	32	605
Anti-tank detn	" " " "	"	7	130
HQ 7 Sub-zone	MANFREDONIA	121	2	-
105 Tank Bn	" " area	"	27	575
Anti-tank detn	" " "	"	12	345
HQ 8 Sub-zone	BARLETTA	"	2	-
1 Coy 107 Tank Bn	" area	"	6	75
Anti-tank detn	" "	"	4	90
HQ 9 Sub-zone	POTENZA	94	4	-
97 Tank Bn	" area	"	22	160
Anti-tank detn	" "	"	10	74

(c) in the process of re-organization.

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Subject: Italian AA

Military Mission
to Italian Army
6/13/16
2 Dec 4

8 A.A. Bde

1. It is understood from 8th Army Gp that all Italian AA units other than those deployed at A.I. are under your operational Cond.

2. Would you please fwd to this Mission a list of the Italian Army units concerned, with their strengths and locns as we are endeavouring to check up the numbers employed on AA def.

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Comd. 20
G/13. 108

Subject:- Air Defence of APULIA

SECRET

2313/1/340/RA

8 Dec '43.

Comd.,
M.M.I.A.

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Reference your G/13/13 of 6 Dec '43.

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1. As stated in our 2313/1/334/RA of 7 Dec '43, all A.A. units other than at BARI are under command A.F.H.Q.

2. The A.A. defences of BARI are commanded by Brigadier H.A.HOUMSELL, C.B.E., 62 A.A. Bde, which is under Eighth Army. All Italian units are under his command for operations. Italian comds are responsible to him for the efficiency of their units operationally, and to the local A.A.D.C. for the conduct of firing during enemy air raids.

A.E. BALLOCH
Major R.A.,
G.S.O. 2 R.A. 15 Army Gp.
for B.R.A. 15 Army Group.

In the Field.
VDS.

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SUBJECT :- Ground & Air Defence of APULIA

2313/1/334/TA
7 Dec '43

M.M.I.A.

Ref your G/9/9 of 4 Dec '43.

The figures quoted in your App. 'A' for A.A. defence are, to our best belief, correct. We have no record of designations of units deployed at BARI, but the total figures of officers and O.R's agrees closely. All other places mentioned besides BARI are under A.F.H.Q., through C.A.A.Bde, TARANTO.

All units at present deployed in an A.A. role continue to be required, and no change in task or locations is required.

A.E. Balloch

A.E. BALLOCH
Major R.A.
for B.R.A. 15 Army Group

In the field.
AEB.vds.

Ask for [illegible] figures

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HQ 2 District CMP
2006/1 C

6 Dec 43

Subject:- Italian Warship Ports

HQ Sub Area
6 Base Sub Area
71 Sub Area
94 Sub Area
151 Sub Area
57 Area

Copy to:- 8 Sub Area A
62 MA Bde Q
203 Fixed Defences Pro
MAIN

Italian ex and observer personnel will ON NO ACCOUNT be moved from their posts or accommodation without reference being made, through Sub Area HQ's, to the appropriate AA HQ concerned for their agreement.

For strict compliance.

Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- ITALIAN TPS FOR L of C

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Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
G/13/14
7 Dec 43

15 Army Gp

Copy to: 2 District (for infn)

1. In the course of discussion with me on 6 Dec, Brig Gen TAYLOR of the Allied Control Commission raised the question of responsibility for military defence of the Italian mainland. The discussion referred to his letter 370 of 5 Dec to AFHQ copy to you, on the use of the Italian Army and my G/S/5 of 30 Nov to you on the same subject and dealt with future responsibilities rather than current necessities.

2. He said that the military defence of SARDINIA rested necessarily on the Italian Army: and that of SICILY in the future may well also be vested in them in whole or in part. He enquired whether General ALEXANDER accepted responsibility for the military defence of the Italian mainland: and what Italian forces did he consider should be allotted for this purpose, in phases (e.g. NAPLES — FOGGIA and PISA — RIMINI) as the Allied Armies advanced. Did he contemplate handing over any territories to the Italain Army as the sole responsibility or did he contemplate always having an Allied headquarters in direct control? He asked for information on these points.

3. I replied that the responsibility for defence was vested in the Allied Comds of Districts. But the machinery of control needs clarifying. For example:-

(a) To my enquiry for an approved Italian order of battle for AA defence, No 2 District replied in their 2120 G of 3 Dec that this came under 15 Army Gp. My G/15/15 of 6 Dec refers.

(b) Under whose command is the coast defence Arty in No 2 District and what is the approved Italian order of battle?

(c) If the various arms are partly under Army Gp and partly under No 2 District, who coordinates them? I must ask the Italians

4. For defence and internal security No 2 District have ordered in their 2120 G of 1 & 3 Dec

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(b) Under whose command is the coast defence Arty in N° 2 district and what is the approved Italian order of battle?

(c) If the various arms are partly under Army Gp and partly under N° 2 District, who coordinates them? I must tell the Italians

4. For defence and internal security N° 2 District have ordered in their 2123 G of 1 & 3 Dec

(a) For CALABRIA 6,000 Italian Army.

(b) For APULIA, LUCANIA, CAMPANIA eight Italian bns totalling 5,000. I understand that most of these will be dispersed on guarding vital points.

(c) they make the ~~provision~~ reserve that more Italian tps may be necessary later.

5. For the definition of policy for Italian Army (ref 2 letters quoted in para 1) it is necessary to look further than the immediate present and to envisage the situation when the Allied Armies have advanced further North. Will the responsibility for internal security and defence then rest on the Italian Army? And with the absence of Allied tps in the SOUTH will not the internal security aspect be of considerable importance? It is submitted that the Italian garrisons now to be defined should be allotted with this aspect in view.

6. (a) Will you please enable me to reply to the points raised by Allied Control Commission in para 2.

(b) and answer the queries raised in para 3.

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
G/13/13
6 Dec 43

Subject:- Air Defence of APULIA

B.R.A. 15 Army Group
copy to Allied Control Commission
HQ 2 District

Ref our G/9/9 ~~of~~ G/13/94 of 4 Dec 43

1. Since writing the above letter we have learned that A.A. & C.D. Arty in APULIA are NOT under command of 2 District.

2. With regard to A.A. please let us have the Air Defence plan for APULIA so that the information may be passed to the A.C.C. as requested by them. May the responsibility assigned to the Italian A.A. Cmds please be clearly defined.

3. I would be grateful if you would state if you consider that any of these A.A. personnel are unnecessary or could be freed for other duties.

Brig
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UNCLT:- Ground & Air Def of APULIA

2 A/bstract

Copy to:- BAA 15 Army Gp
Allied Control Commission
(ref 27/.4 of 30 Nov 4)

Military Mission
of [illegible]
G/2/2
4 Dec 43

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I. May I please be supplied with 2 copies of the Ground and Air def plan for APULIA in order that I may know and inform the Allied Control Commission what responsibilities have been assigned and accepted by the Italian military authorities.

2. A copy of our letter to 2 District (G/15/10 of 30 Nov) in att for BAA 15 Army Gp and A.C.C. would BAA 15 Army Gp please check our figures in Appx 'A' with his own records and notify us of any outstanding differences.

3. As far as the Italiansare concerned, AA def for BRINDISI and TARANTO appears to be wholly the responsibility of the Navy. If A.C.C. have any figures of men employed in this task we should be interested to know them.

Brig
Cond

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

MDT/hjp

In reply refer to:
373.24

30 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Brigadier Ducheene, Military Mission to the Italian Army

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For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

APPENDIX 'A' to [illegible]/13/10 of 29 Nov 43

AIRPORT, A.A., V.P. & ANTI-PARACHUTIST DEFENCES IN APULIA

1. AIRPORT DEFENCE	LOCATION	Offrs	O.Rs.
4 AA Bty	PALESE (Nr BARI)	15	470
37 AA Bty	GIOIA DEL COLLE	14	245
Det Tps	9 Corps Airport	25	560
2. AA DEFENCE			
HQ AA Militia	BARI	46	830
139 Bty & 9 AA Sec	BARI-LECCE-GROTTAGLIE	26	600
13 AA Militia Bty	GROTTAGLIE	12	340
76 " " "	BARI	10	295
78 " " "	BARI	12	290
144 " " "	BARI-MONOPOLI-LECCE	15	460
AA MG Units	BARI-PALAGIANO	6	220
RDF Secs	BARI	4	250
Observer Units	APULIA region	15	1,050
3. VP & ANTI-PARA DEFENCE			
HQ 5 Sub-zone (ç)	SAN SEVERO	2	=
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SUBJECT:- ITALIAN TROOPS for DEFENCE and GUARD DUTIES

Military Mission to ITALIAN ARMY
G/13/10
30 Nov 43

N° 2 District

1. In APULIA, LUCANIA and CAMPANIA I understand that your requirements of Italian tps for defence and guard duties are likely to be as follows

			MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
71	SUB AREA	BRINDISI	1 Bn	2 Bns
103	" "	BARI	1 Bn	3 Bns
151	" "	BARLETTA	2 Bns	2 Bns
R.E.	" "	TARANTO	1 Bn	2 Bns
94	" "	SALERNO	1 Bn	2 Bns
57	AREA	NAPLES	1 Bn	2 Bns
			7 Bns	13 Bns

(b) I forsee no difficulty about provision of the above and should be grateful for your definite requirements as early as possible in order that units may be nominated.

(c) In addition my records shew AA and airport def in APULIA 200 officers 5,610 other ranks: and vital pt and anti parachute def in APULIA 165 officers and 2,484 other ranks. Details in Appx 'A'. Will you please say how many of these are required?

Your 2128 G of 17 Nov to 15 Army Gp copy to us proposed that AA & CD Arty should continue in their present tasks and locns. Will you please confirm.

2. In CALABRIA My records shew 211 Coastal Div 340 officers 5,100 other ranks: 212 COASTAL Div 200 officers 2,950 other ranks: AA def 8 offrs 1,300 other ranks: V.Ps. and anti parachute def 230 offrs and 6,500 other ranks. How many of these will be required?

Brig
Comd

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APPENDIX 'A' to G/13/10 of 29 Nov 43

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Brigadier General, USA

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Subject:- Italian Army Communications

HQ 2 District GHP
AIR/5 C

21 Nov 43

Copy to:- Allied

The following text from the Chief of Staff 7th Italian Army has been received from Allied.

1 HQ IX Corps in reorganising the Italian Army has been ordered to

2 In order to make this command completely efficient when regard to supplies in North and South Central direction, IX Corps needs to make use of the following circuits, now being used by British authorities.

(a) Post Office circuits both Export centres at BARLETTA, TRANI, BISCEGLIE, MOLFETTA, GIOVINAZZO, SPINAZZOLA and GRAVINA.

(b) Railway circuits BARI - FOGGIA, BARI - CANOSA, BARI - BARLETTA.

Can the necessary action also be taken in order that IX Corps may have the use of the above circuits."

2 The matter is being put to you for decision as three of the Export Centres are in Allied occupied area, and because AA is not under command of 2 District.

3 GSO 1 to 2 District is not in favour of the suggestion.

Major General,
Commanding.

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SUBJECT:= REORGANISATION of SPOTTER COMNS

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
G/9/5
18 Nov 43

Nº 2 District

1. Att is a translation of a letter received from 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

2. May this Mission please be informed of the action taken.

ABC

Nº Brig
Comd

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COPY

SUBJECT:= Reorganisation of AA Spotter Communication

G (Ops)
7 Army.

16 Nov 43

To:= [redacted]

HQ 1X Corps (for info)
HQ 7 Army Engineers

HQ 1X Corps is reorganising the AA Spotter comms in its territory.

In order to have this communication completely efficient with regard to spotting in a North and North Easterly direction, 1X Corps needs to make use of the following circuits, now being used by British Authorities.

(a) BARI spotting centre with Report centres at BARLETTA, FOGGIA, CAGNANO VARANO, MANFREDONIA, SPINAZZOLA and ALTAMURA.

(b) TARANTO = BARI, TARANTO = BRINDISI, BARI = POTENZA.

Can the necessary action please be taken in order that 1X Corps may have the use of the a/n circuits.

(signed)

[redacted]
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SECRET

Subject:- Disposition of Italian Forces

HQ 2 District CMP
2128 G

15 Army Group

17 Nov 43

Copy to:- AFHQ A

1 It is proposed to place cerain Italian Army troops under command of Sub Areas for Operations and Labour. In each Sub Area it is proposed that the Sub Area Commander shall have two separate Italian commanders under his orders, one commanding defence troops and one commanding troops required for labour.

2 The requirements of defence troops for VP guards, anti-pilferage guards and coast watching for the Eastern Ports are as follows:-

TARANTO	-	Two Bns
BRINDISI	-	Two Bns
BARI	-	Three Bns
BARLETTA	-	Two Bns

These figures do not include AA and CD Arty who should continue in their present tasks and locations.

3 The requirements of 57 Area and 94 Sub Area are not yet determined.

4 The requirements for labour at the Eastern Ports amounts to a total of 21,000 for the present.

5 As regards CALABRIA it is considered that two Divs of 31 Corps will meet the requirements there.

6 51st Corps is best located in the NEAR unless it is required for duty elsewhere.

7 Finally there isthe balance of 9 Corps which is not required for allottment to Sub Areas.

In conjunction with the Military Mission to the Italian Army, we are examining the possibility of allotting an area in which the balance of 9 Corps can be located.

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8 Your agreement is requested to an organisation on the above lines.

24.6.43

Major General,
Commanding.

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COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA
Stato Maggiore-Ufficio Operazioni

SEGRETO

N. 2/10426 di prot. P.M.107, li 16 Novembre 1943

OGGETTO : Riorganizzazione rete avvistamento Dicat.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA
PRESSO IL COMANDO DELLA 7ª ARMATA = LEQUILE

e, per conoscenza :

AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA = P.M. 67
AL COMANDO GENIO DELLA 7ª ARMATA = S E D E

Il Comando del IX Corpo d'Armata sta riorganizzando la rete di avvistamento della difesa contraerea del proprio territorio.

Per potere però rimettere completamente in efficienza la rete stessa nei riguardi dell'avvistamento delle provenienze da nord e da nord ovest sarebbe necessario che il C.A. predetto potesse disporre dei seguenti circuiti, attualmente in uso alle forze armate inglesi :

- centrale avvistamento di Bari con i Centri Raccolta Notizie di Barletta, Foggia, Cagnano Varano, Manfredonia, Spinazzola e Altamura;
- Taranto Bari, Taranto Brindisi e Bari Potenza.

Pregasi volersi compiacere interessare gli organi competenti per la restituzione, al IX Corpo d'Armata, dei suddetti circuiti.-

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d ' o r d i n e
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
(Raffaele Pelligra)

Comando 7ª Armata - Stato Maggiore

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C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Reorganisation of AA Spotter Communication

G (Ops)
7 Army.

16 Nov 43

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To:- ~~BMA~~

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Can the necessary action please be taken in order that 1X Corps may have the use of the a/n circuits.

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(sgnd) Gen PELLIGRA
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SECRET

SUBJECT:= Def O 7 ITALIAN Army Area

British Military Mission
to 7 ITALIAN ARMY
G/9/3
5 Nov 43

N° 2 District

Ref your Op Instruction N° 2 of 5 Nov para 11.

Herewith translation of 7 Army's notes received today on org for def.

Brig
Comd

ABC

TRANSLATION

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G (Ops) 7 Italian Army
2/10247
7 Nov 43

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SUBJECT:= Organisation for Defence of 7 Army Area

A .PUGLIE & LUCANIA

(a) Coast Defence Confined to stretches of front connecting ports of BARI, BRINDISI, OTRANTO, GALLIPOLI and TARANTO and six CD Tps deployed at BARLETTA = GIOVINAZZO = MOLA DI BARI = MONOPOLI = METAPONTO.

Port stretches are garrisoned as under:=

BARI = 1X Corps = 308 Coastal Bn (four coys).
196 and 197 Btys (totalling six Tps)
Three AA Tps (with dual role AA and CD)

BRINDISI = L1 Corps = Mobile Coastal Coy, with sec Arty (being allotted)
Tp CD (Army)
Five Tps CD (Navy)
Three Tps AA (dual role AA and CD)

OTRANTO = L1 Corps = Mobile Coy, with sec arty (being allotted)
Coy of 359 Coastal Bn.
56 Bty CD (three Tps)

GALLIPOLI= L1 Corps = Coy, 72 Coastal Bn.
54 Bty (three Tps)
Three Tps (Navy)

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TARANTO = L1 Corps = Eleven Tps (Navy)
Five Tps AA (dual role AA and CD)

(b) Aerodrome Defence Aerodrome Defence of BRINDISI = GOIOA DEL COLLE = PALESE (BARI) = GROTTAGLIE = S.PANCRAZIO is carried out by British Troops.

The defence of the remaining three airports is entrusted to

S.VITO DEI NORMANNI (L.1334) Coy, under Army control and one tp arty.
LEVERANO (L.4094) " " " " " " "
GALATINA (LECCE) (P.5483) Bn " " " (less Coy)

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Five Tps CD (Navy)
Three Tps AA (dual role AA and CD)

OTRANTO = L1 Corps = Mobile Coy, with sec arty (being allotted)
Coy of 555 Coastal Bn.
36 Bty CD (three Tps)

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LEVERANO (L 4094) " " " " " " "
arty.
GALATINA (LECCE) (L 5493) Bn " " " (less Coy) and two tps arty.

The proposal of this HQ to entrust defence of a/m aerodromes to the Italian Air Force is under consideration by Italian GHQ.

(c) Protection of Comns and VPs. For protection of VPs 1X Corps area (the protection of VPs is entrusted solely to 1X Corps) is divided into five Sub Areas := FOGGIA, BARI, LECCE, MATERA and POTENZA.

Each Sub Area will have under comd one Bn of about 700 men, except BARI which will have two.

At present BARI has only one Bn, MATERA has none, and no Bns are up to strength. The two missing Bns are being made up, and below strength Bns are being brought up to full strength.

In addition to the a/m Bns, there are 900 carabinieri.

(d) Anti-Parachutist Defence. AP Defence is in the process of reorganisation according to plans made before the armistice. These allowed for about 50 Anti-Parachutists units.

18 are at present available for duty; the remainder are being formed or reorganised.

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(e) AA Defence towns:= Confined to the defence of the following three

BARI Five Tps of 75mm and 76mm guns, two tps of 57mm, three tps of 20mm, two MG Coys of 8mm (S.ETIENNE)

BRINDISI Nine Tps of 102mm, 90mm and 76mm (three of which dual purpose AA and CD); four secs of 20mm, four secs of 15mm AA and sec of 57/54.

TARANTO Twenty=seven Tps of 102mm, 90mm and 76mm (five of which dual purpose AA and CD)

and the aerodromes of:=

S.PANCRAZIO One tp of 88mm, eleven detached 20mm.

GALATINA Three tps of 20mm and MG Coy 8mm S.ETIENNE.

B CALABRIA

(a) AA & CD Tps and crews previously employed in defence and aerodrome defence have been withdrawn.

(b) Defence of Comns and VPs. This is being reorganised.

The previous organisation will be reduced in relation to the diminishing numbers of VPs (i.e. non=operating railways)

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(4) A scheme for protection of principal railways now functioning, telephone exchanges, amplifiers, radio transmitters, hydro-electric plants and installations at the port of COTRONE.

In all 4000 men (six Bns) will be employed.

(c) Anti-Parachutist Defence Employment of 21 anti-parachutist units is under consideration.

(d) AA Defence This is confined to:-

CROTONE Four Tps of 76mm and Tp 20mm.

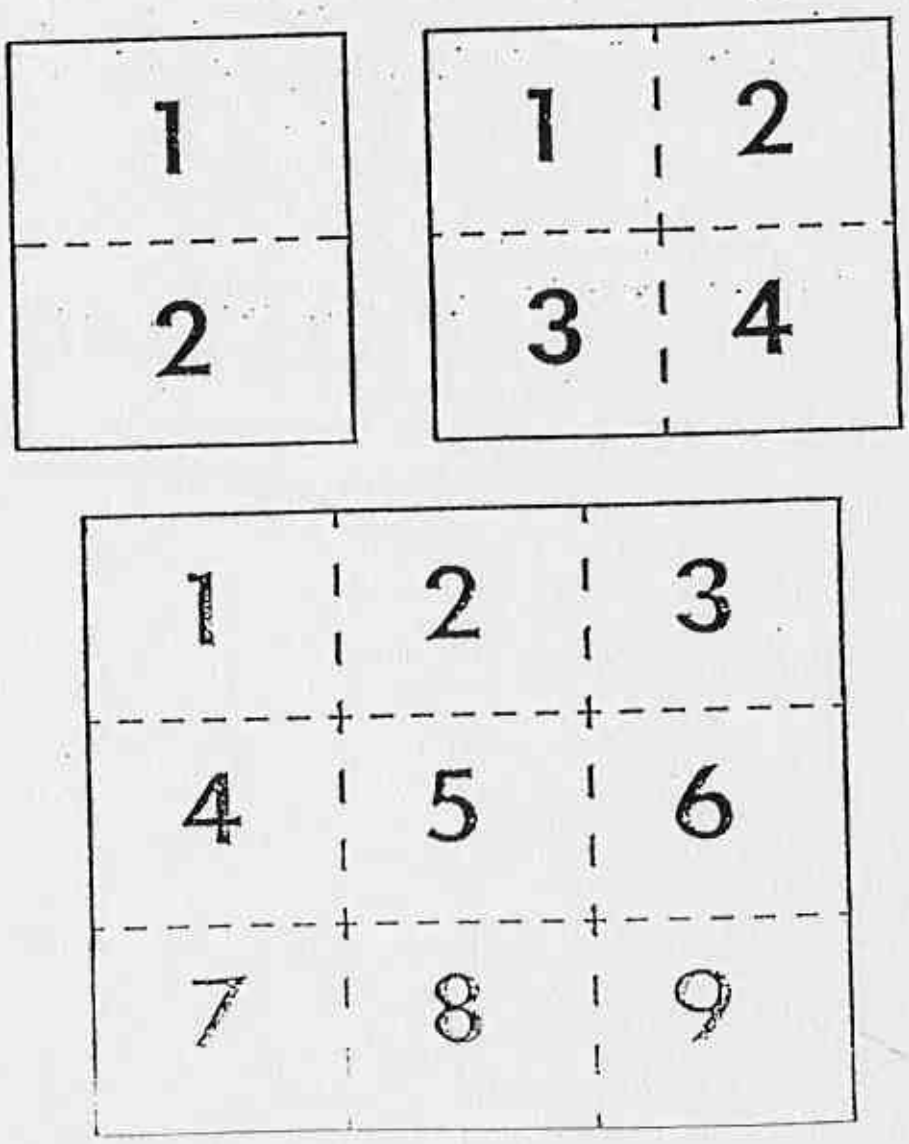
Hydro-electric plants at SILA. Three Tps of 57mm & two tps of 20mm

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GOLFO DI MANFREDO
Comando 7ª Armata
Sez. Informazioni
Trinitapoli
Barletta
Trani
Bisceglie
Andria
Corato
Molfetta
Terlizzi
Ruvo di Puglia
Spinazzola
Minervino Murge
Palazzo S. Gervasio
Altamura
M. Caccia
M. Lamacchia
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POTENZA-BARI

Longitudine dal meridiano di Roma

5°

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ONIA

-Btr. della D.P.BARI

141° 221° 234° 208° 209° 215°
152/140 75/27 15/37 14/35
96° 180° 193° 194° 195°
75/27 76/40-MACA

140°
152/140

308°

BARI

140°
41/40

Modugno

Bitonto

Bitritto

Mungivacca

Bitetto

Bitritto

Bolignano

Mola

Castellana

Monopoli

302°
65/33

M. d'Alesia

428

Castellaneta

Acquaviva delle Fonti

257

Putignano

Grotta delle Cotole

Grotta di Castellana

Ostuni

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155/14

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—— Reparti in Difesa costiera

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" " in Difesa Aerop.

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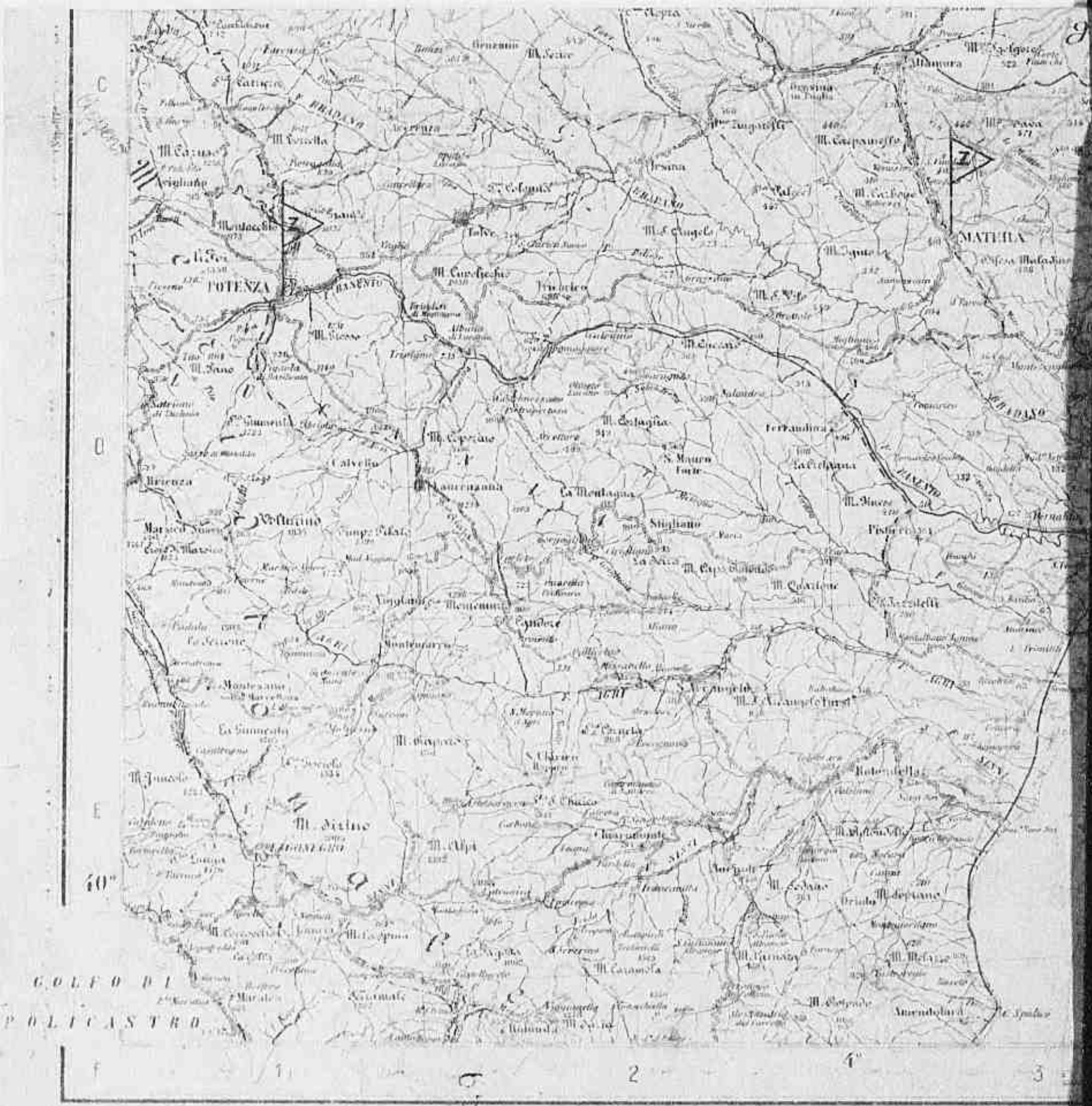
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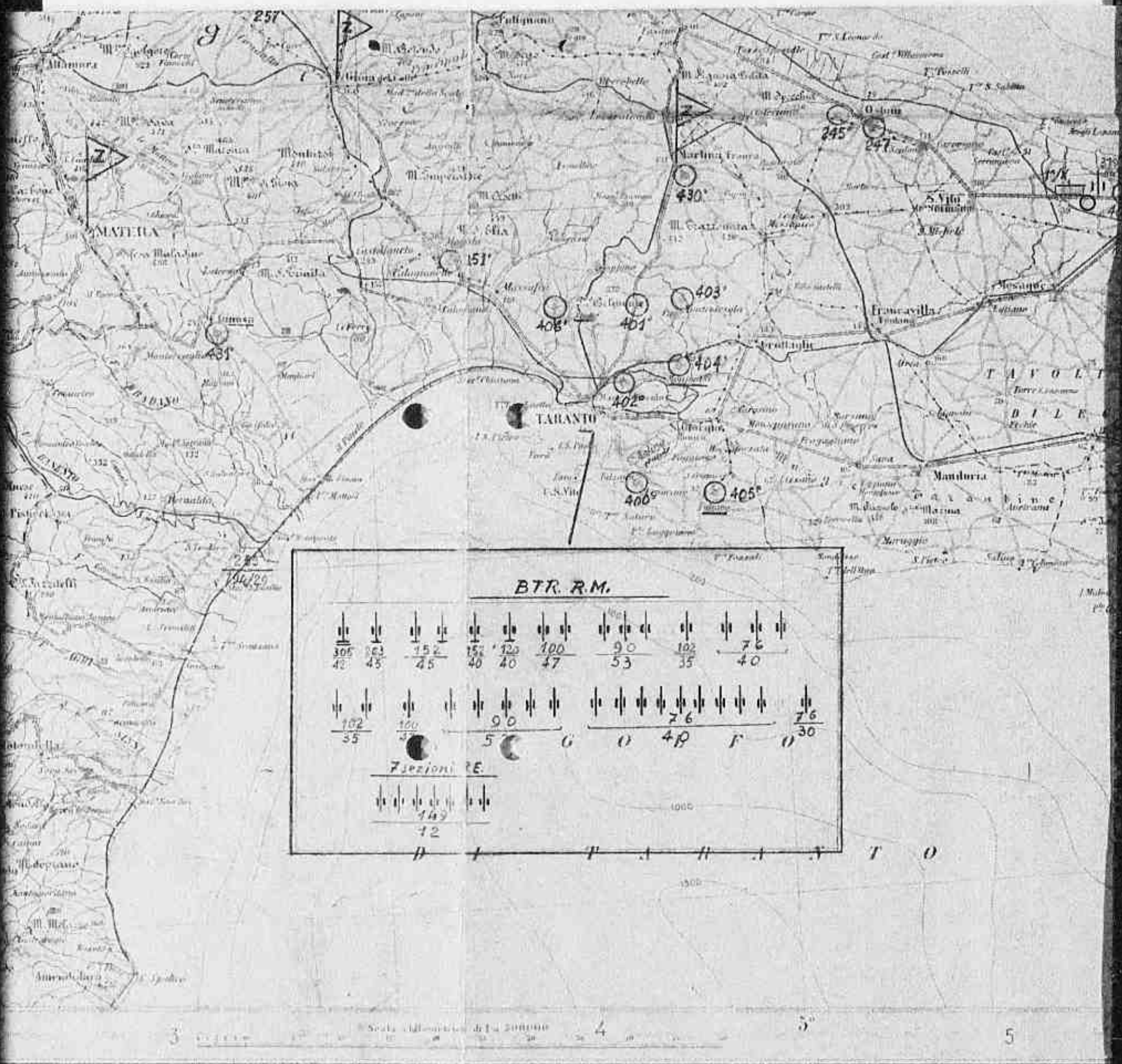
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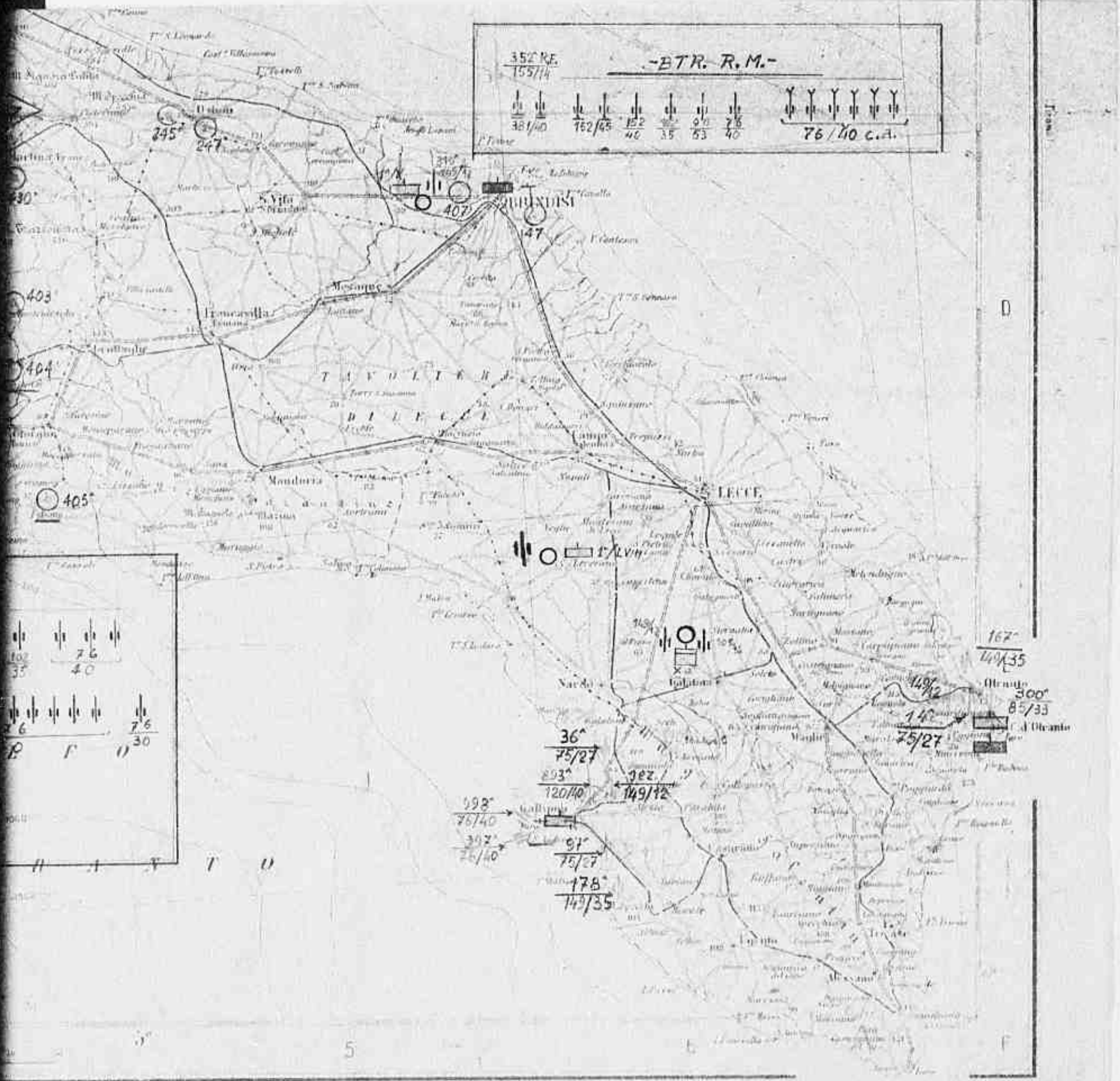
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SUBJECT:- Operations.

British Military Mission
Ref No. G/S.

19 Oct 43.

H. Q.
7 ITALIAN ARMY.

H.Q.
No.2 District. (for information)

1. With a view to defining future policy I should be glad if you would inform me of the number of troops you consider may be necessary in each of the regions of CALABRIA, LUCANIA and APULIA under the heading of:-

(a) A.A. defences.

(b) Garrisons of vital points and areas, divided into the number of troops required for each.

(c) Static headquarters and depots.

(d) Other needs.

2. The information is only required roughly so as to serve as a basis for discussion. On receipt from you I shall forward it to H.Q. No.2 District for their agreement and definition of any extra requirements they may have. Would you therefore please send in duplicate.

3. I assume that CAMPANIA will be a separate area, but I should be glad to receive any recommendation you may have for it.

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Brigadier,
Comd. British Military Mission.

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SUBJECT:= Anti Aircraft and Coast Defence.

British Military Mission
Ref No G/9
28 Oct 43

HQ 7 ITALIAN ARMY
(Artillery Branch)

1. May the following information please be supplied as per attached Pro Forma, in relation to AA and CD units in the 7 Army area.

(a) Place.

(b) Number of guns.

(c) Type (1) AA Anti Aircraft.
(2) CD Coast Defence.
(3) DP Dual Purpose.

(d) Calibre.

(e) Mobile or Static.

(f) RPG = Rounds per Gun, available with gun.

(g) Whether manned by Army, Navy or Air Force personnel?

(h) Numbers of Officers and Other Ranks available to man guns.

2. With regard to (e) if mobile, please state if the necessary vehicles are available.

3. With regard to (f) any information as to the possibility of further supply of ammunition would be appreciated.

4. With regard to (h) please state if units are up to strength.

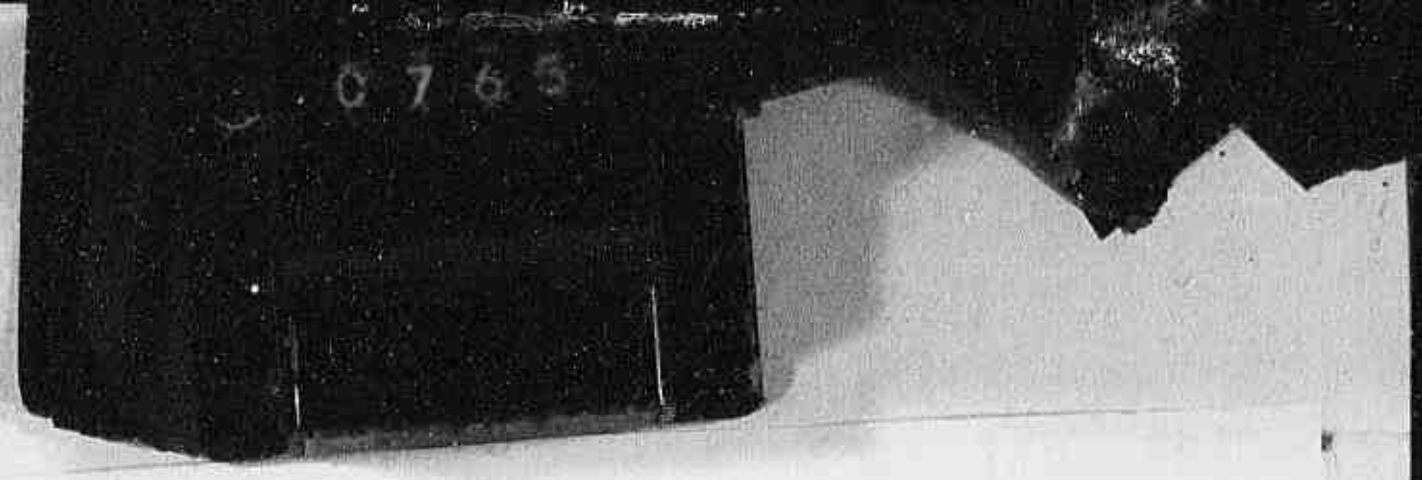
5. This Mission would be much obliged if two copies of this state could be forwarded.

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Comd. British Military Mission.

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A.A. and C.D. ARTILLERY STATE

Place	Number of GUNS	Type	Calibre	Mobile or Static	RPC available	PERSO Service	PERSO Of
BARI	4	AA	75/27	M (?)		Army	
"	4	"	76/40	M (?)		"	
"	12	DP	"	S (?)			
"	8	AA	37/54	M (?)			
"	16	"	20 mm				
"	16	"	8 mm				
"	?	CD	?	?		Navy	



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A.A. and C.D. ARTILLERY STATE

Type	Calibre	Mobile or Static	RPG available	PERSONNEL			REMARKS
				Service	Offrs	O.Rs.	
AA	75/27	M (?)		Army			
"	76/40	M (?)		"			
DP	"	S (?)					
AA	57/54	M (?)					
"	20 mm						
"	8 mm						
CD	?	?		Navy			

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