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COMITER - Naples ref. 3/1161/Mob. with ref.
to Sig. 10135/ORD. dated 19th inst. We confirm
that on Jan. 25th all the personnel of
19th Army Group has been moved from
CAPRI & ISCHIA islands. On Jan. 25th
all personnel of 19th Group comprising
rear offices have been disbanded. Report
will follow concerning employment
of personnel. COMITER NAPOLI - 1112

Passed out by G.I. (SD) for filing - 021000 hrs

AA + (D) for missing 021000 hrs - 021830 hrs

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RACGRUPPAMENTO COMPRESI UFFICI STRALCIO SONO STATI DISCIOLTI ALT
IMPIEGO PERSONALE INE CASTANAGGIORE COMITER NAPOLI 120030

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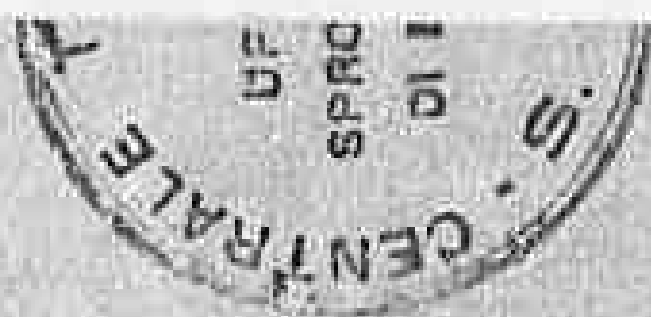
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URGENTE

MOVIMENTO M.M.I.A.
COMANDO TERRITORIALE
DETRANILES 608
DETRANILES 606

ROMA (feno a mano)
BARI (telescritto)
BARI (telescritto)
ROMA (feno a mano)

STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI NR. 613-F/13 ALT DESTINATARIO MOVIMENTO M.M.I.A.
ROMA ET PER CONOSCENZA COMANDO TERRITORIALE BARI ET DETRANILES 608
BARI ET DETRANILES 606 ROMA ALT (RICHIEDI AUTORIZZAZIONE URGENTE TRASPORTO
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SANO ALT TRASPORTO RICHIESETO DA COMANDO TERRITORIALE BARI ALT STA-
MAGGIORE TRASPORTI 171518

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IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Col. O. Bogliaccini)

[Signature]

Translation on document

For Action

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Ask you authorize urgent transportation of
following personnel of disbanded AH units

315000 From BARI to Rome

825000 " Bari to Legano

Transport asked by Territoriale HQ Bari

OW Sir- Italian Army Personnel - TIGRA & CAFE

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LARD FIVE/25 (HIS OWN A.C.)
(HIS)
6/3

18 Jan 45

MINORITY T PAR

Copy to- 574 Coast Regt R.A.
PROMPTLY FOR 574 R.G.

1. Following the disbandment of Italian Coastal Defence units on TIGRA and CAFE a provisional arrangement has been made whereby a small number of personnel of the Artillery Directorate (ARTD) should remain on these islands, in agreement with 574 Coast Regt R.A., to look after ammunition and guns. This has been decided in view of your report that if it were not done our materials, including explosives and bomb grenades, would have been left unguarded and liable to theft by the civilian population.

2. It has, however, been decided, owing to difficulties of maintenance, that no Italian military personnel are to be left on these islands. You are therefore requested to take one or other of the following arrangements:-

- (a) To withdraw the military personnel and leave civilian guards where necessary.
- (b) To dispose of any dangerous material leaving the post either unguarded, or, when practicable, in the care of Allied units in situ (our O/S of 15 Dec para 4 refers).

3. The above will be carried out by 29 Jan, after which no authority will be given for the issue of rations to military personnel on these islands. Please report action taken.

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[Signature] ST-62
Major General

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/s/
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FROM: MEMIA LO 54 AREA

TO : MEMIA

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REF YOUR 0-674 OF 10 (.) AA POSN FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) PERSONNEL REMAINING 133 (.)
RAIL TPT REQUESTED ON SMTE 50 TO TRANI 50 TO CERSANO 18 TO QUARTIER GENERALE DE
LAZIO 13 TO QUARTIER GENERALE DELLO STATO MAGGIORE (.) NO RPT NO REPLY RECEIVED (.)
SECOND (.) WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION (.) AT BARI MATERIALS BEING DISPOSED BY
TERRITORIAL HQ (.) AT BARILETTA BEING DISPOSED WITH ALLIED HELP (.) ESTIMATE
COMPLETION DISPOSAL 20 JAN (.) REQUEST YOU CEASE SMTE REF MOV PERSONNEL

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LRKB V LAEE NR 44
FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA 14// 151600A
TO MMIA
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REQUEST YOU CHASE SMRE REF MOV PERSONNEL
BT 151600A

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VIA 10 54 AREA

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UNDERSTAND DISPARMENT OF AA IS PROCEEDING SLOWLY DUE TO LACK
OF TRANSPORT (.) IF SO PLEASE CONTACT A A D C B A R I WED DAY
HELP (.) D O R E S - ADJUTANT SPOKE

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W H I A REQUEST THAT CERTAIN PERSONNEL OF 19 GROUP AA BE LEFT ON
I S C R I A AND C A P H I TO GUARD AND GUIDE (.) IS THIS
NECESSARY

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Subject: Disbandment of 19 R.A.C.A.T.

6/3 R. 47

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

6 January 1945

To: Comando Territoriale Napoli

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

1. Further to my letter G/2 of 3 January 1945, it is now confirmed that, the personnel, kit and stores of the two Batteries of IV Gp. 19 R.A.C.A.T. on ISCHIA will arrive at SANTA LUCIA harbor at approximately 0945 hrs. 10 January 1945. The personnel will probably arrive by ferry, kit and stores by schooner.

2. It is important that the separation of specialists and muleteers from the remainder* is carried out expeditiously and that the trucks are not kept waiting. The men sent to AFRAGOLA camp as suitable for training as muleteers should be of the 1915 class and younger.

* (Reference my G/2 of 16 December 1944, para. 4.)

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GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

AAFC Bari Placed in Jan.
 May help. Did not contact.
 Translation.

6/3 R5, 143

From. SMRE

Ref No 9581/000.

to. MMIA

Date. 31 dec 44

Disbanding of 'AA' and Coastal defence
 units

To confirm verbal communication made
 by MAJOR. D'ANTONA of SMRE.

The Polish Military Command has
 informed us that the Local liaison office
 (MMIA) informed some time ago of our
 desire to obtain help from the allies for
 the handing over of the AA material
 as informed us that there is no possibility
 to comply with said request.

Therefore it has been impossible
 to carry out the full disbandment of said
 units, as all the movements of material
 have up to this day been made with
 the limited transport availabilities at
 the disposal of this Command

We beg you to contact the local Allied
 HQ. AA. to obtain their help as far as
 means of transports ^{concerned} to accelerate the
 handing over of the material so as to
 enable the rapid disbanding of said units

R. Mansfield.

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SEGRETO

STATO MAIORE ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINE EMO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

n° 9581 forit. di prot.

P.L. 3900.

31 DIC. 1944

OGGETTO: Sollecitazione reparti difesa contraerei e artiglieria.-

Discharging of Artillery and Coast Defense Units

LIVE PROCESS SUP COMMISSION 20. (M.P.I.A.)

R. O. N. A.

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A conferma comunicazione verbale fatta dal capitano P. M. 1102
tomo di questo S. M. -

Il comando militare Puglia e Lucania ha comunicato che il
locale ufficio di collegamento di codesta S. M. I. A., interessato a
suo tempo per quel momento era ancora stato possibile ottenere
della S. M. per il versamento dei materiali dei reparti in oggetto, ha
fatto presente che non vi era alcuna possibilità di aderire alla
richiesta.-

Peraltro non si è potuto ancora recuperare il completo
solvimento dei reparti in questione, in quanto tutti i monimen-
ti finora attenti e quelli ancora occorrenti sono stati effettua-
ti e si stanno effettuando con i limiti messi a disposizione del
suddetto comando militare.-

Si vuole inoltre interessare il locale comando S. M. della
difesa contraerea perché concorra con i propri mezzi di trasporto
ad accelerare il lavoro di versamento dei materiali onde poterli al
più presto sollecitare i reparti suddetti.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Marti)

[Signature]

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From : MEMIA LO TRANI

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To : MEMIA ROMS. (1)

Info : MEMIA LO 54 AFMA (2)

Ref : TC/35

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120 personnel ex BARI AA departed TRANI am 01 Jan for POLIGNANO driving school.

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PENSOUTH - FOR NMIA LO

MINISTRY of WAR. 574 COAST REGT R.A.
AFHQ for C-3 Ore.

SD 2034

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~~Ref this HQ SD 1936~~ (*) Ref this HQ SD 1936 of 15 Dec (*) Request AA & CD
personnel ISCHIA ~~in~~ 111 all ranks be alerted to move to mainland on
10 Jan

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FROM MEMO

TO 52 AREA FOR MEMO LO

RPTD 15 ARMY GROUP, 203 FIXED DEFENCES, 3 DIST, 54 AREA FOR MEMO LO, ^{R₂}
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL, NAVY SUB COMMISSION A.C., WAR MINISTRY

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Cancel this HQ SD 1949 of 17 Dec not to Navy Sub Commission (.) Personnel
of 604 Battery TARANTO are naval and at disposal of Ministry of Marine.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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Shannon/Capt.

INTERNAL:

Q, Nov (2),

Spec Sec, SD/50 (2)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: SD1948
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 20/1115A

Message Centre No: C/4843
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 20/1415
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO: MMIA, INFO: FOTALI ROME

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My SD1740 of 2 December. Flag Officer Liaison ITALY requests early reply to his L312/2 of 28 November. For FOTALI. Your L312/2 of 28 November passed to MMIA for action.

DIST.

Action: Land Forces (2)
Info: Chief Commissioner
Navy S/C
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ACTION

Ring Navy the
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From: - SIMKE
 To: - MMIA.

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Ref. 10286/mob.
 Date: 18th Dec. 44.

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 8/3

Subject: - Disbandment of A.A. and ~~Coastal~~ Coastal Defense Units.

Ref. 8/3 dated 13th inst.

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Herewith attached return showing the employment of the personnel of the disbanded A.A. and Coastal Defense Units of HQ. Puglia & Lucania.

HQ. Campania, in relation to the disbandment of AA and Coastal Defense Units, informed that such operation has been postponed until the 20th Dec. in agreement with the local Allied Authorities.

Further information in respect of the number and the employment of the personnel in question, to follow.

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 (Sgd) Gen. B. SANTI.

Sgt. FABRE

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 Sardina numbers.

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 [Signature]

Employment of personnel belonging to H.A. Unit and
 Cavalry Force Units of HQ Payla & Luccaria

Strength that could be employed available O/R	ASSIGNMENTS							Total
	Tram Camp	Artillery Camp	Toronto Hq	Phylos Camp	Mantra Camp	Video Camp	Training Group	
1.856	300 (1)	48 (2)	70 (3)	500 (4)	373 (5)	373	57 (6)	1.856

- (1) To send to a Driver's Course.
- (2) Formed by M of W. Gen. Art. Direction (Instruction issued by SARE with ref. to 8700/Mod. dated 6/11/64).
- (3) Specialized for 75/46 stores (Instruction issued by SARE with ref. to 8705/Ord. d/18/11).
- (4) Had to be sent at first to Tram Camp - M.M. Bani then issued an amendment sending male Pack Tpt from Pioneer Unit in Gen.
- (5) Photo-Electronics (SARE signal 8911/Ord. dated 27/11).
- (6) Specialized men.
- (7) Being employed for handling over stores and as Rear Parties (Letter 8917/Ord. dated 27/11 from SARE).

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COMANDO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

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SEGRETO

No. 10286 / Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11/18 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO : Scioglimento dei reparti contraerei e difesa costiera.

Discharge of Units of All and Coast Defense

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A. - 19/12 P.M. 3800

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Risposta al foglio G/3 in data 13 corrente.

Si trasmette allegato lo specchio indicante l'impiego effettuato del personale dei disciolti reparti contraerei e difesa costiera del comando militare della Puglia e Lucania.

Il comando militare della Campania, in relazione allo scioglimento dei dipendenti reparti contraerei e di difesa costiera, ha comunicato che l'operazione è stata rimandata al 20 corrente in accordo con le autorità alleate locali.

Si fa pertanto riserva di segnalare gli ulteriori dati circa il numero e l'impiego del personale dei predetti reparti.

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IL GENERALE ADETTO  
(Alessandro Santi)

Allegato al fono

IMPIEGO PERSONALE REPARTI CONTRAERREI E DIFESA COSTIERA  
COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA

| Forza<br>recupera-<br>bile<br>sottuff.e<br>truppa | A S S E C N A Z I O N I |                                |                     |                   |                     |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                   | Campo<br>Trani          | Corso ar-<br>tificieri<br>Roma | Dir.Art.<br>Taranto | Campo<br>Afragola | Comilit<br>Campania | Gruppo<br>combatt.<br>"Mantova" | Gruppo<br>combatt.<br>"Piceno" |
| 1.856                                             | 300 (1)                 | 48 (2)                         | 20 (3)              | 500 (4)           | 60 (5)              | 373                             | 373                            |

- (1) - Da destinare alla frequenza di un corso autieri.  
(2) - Indetto da Ministero Guerra - Direz.Gen.Artiglieria (disposizione impartita data 6/11).  
(3) - Specializzati per materiale da 75/46 (disposizione S.M.R.E. f°8705/Ord. data 27/11).  
(4) - Destinati in un primo tempo al campo di Trani - M.M.I.A. di Bari ha successione in sostituzione salmeristi tratti dai reparti lavoratori.  
(5) - Militari fotoelettricisti (tele S.M.R.E. 8911/Ord. data 27/11).  
(6) - Specializzati.  
(7) - Militari impegnati operazioni versamento materiali e uffici stralcio (fog. S.M.R.E.).

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Allegato al fono /Mob.del /12/1944

PIEGO PERSONALE REPARTI CONTRAEREI E DIFESA COSTIERA  
COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA

| A S S E G N A Z I O N I |                   |                     |                                 |                                |                                  |                    |        |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Dir.Art.<br>Taranto     | Campo<br>Afragola | Comilit<br>Campania | Gruppo<br>combatt.<br>"Mantova" | Gruppo<br>combatt.<br>"Piceno" | Deposito<br>addestr.<br>gr.comb. | Indispo-<br>nibili | Totale |
| 20 (3)                  | 500 (4)           | 60 (5)              | 373                             | 373                            | 57 (6)                           | 125 (7)            | 1.856  |

uenza di un corso autieri.  
guerra - Direz.Gen.Artiglieria (disposizione impartita da S.M.R.E. con f° 8744/Mob.  
riale da 75/46 (disposizione S.M.R.E. f°8705/Ord. data 18/11).  
tempo al campo di Trani - M.M.I.A. di Bari ha successivamente modificato destina-  
salmeristi tratti dai reparti lavoratori.  
sti (tele S.M.R.E. 8911/Ord. data 27/11).  
razioni versamento materiali e uffici stralcio (foglio 8917/Ord. data 27/11 dello



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SIGNAL

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FROM MMIA

TO 52 AREA for MMIA LO

RPTD 15 Army Group,  
203 Fixed Defences,  
3 Dist,  
54 Area for MMIA LO  
Sigs Office BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL  
War Ministry

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Ref your GR 36 BT dated 13 Dec (.). Personnel from disbandment of 604  
Battery TARANTO 3 officers 80 other ranks will be despatched to TRANI  
Camp earmarked for Gruppi and Bri ITI Service units (.). FOR O'DONNELL (.).  
These are part of 20 Raggruppamento C.A. this HQ G/3/70 of 31 Oct  
para 4 (3) refers (.). They are for BRITTI Service Units but will be screened  
for suitable Gruppi personnel.

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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*Personal assistant  
disposal of documents  
handling of various orders*

*4th Division Mary Sublancini*

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of 19 RACAT

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LIASON OFFICER  
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
NAPLES  
G/2

16 December 1944

TO: Comando Militare Campania

Copies to: Comando Artiglieria  
574 Coast Regt. R.A.  
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) —

1. Confirming verbal arrangements with Lt. Col. LICITHA yesterday, the army personnel of 19 RACAT both AA and CD Batteries located on the mainland will move to ASTRONI Camp on 16 December 1944.
2. The specialists already earmarked by you and listed in your 14211/mobs. of 9 December 1944 will be withdrawn on 17 December and taken to APRAGOLA Camp.
3. Water transport to move the personnel of the C.D. Batteries on ISCHIA and CAPRI has been applied for. Orders should be issued now for this personnel to begin concentrating at the ports. You will be informed of the date the men are expected to embark; it is very important that the craft should not be delayed. The hand-over of sites and equipment will be arranged with the British Commanders concerned.
4. Personnel of the C.D. Group on ISCHIA and CAPRI must be met on arrival on the mainland, and the specialists (see para. 2 above) sent direct to APRAGOLA. The remainder will go to ASTRONI.

Information on Folio 125.

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GEORGE D. SMITH JR.  
MAJOR INFANTRY  
Senior Liaison Officer

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C O P Y

FROM: PBS SOUTHERN DISTRICT MMIA LO

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TO : MMIA

CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIRMED CRAFT REQUIRED SOONEST TO SHIP ~~ALL~~ ALL RANKS APPROXIMATE  
4 TONS EQUIPMENT FROM ISCHIA AND 55 ALL RANKS APPROXIMATE 2 TONS  
EQUIPMENT FROM CAPRI TO MAINLAND (.) REQUEST YOU DEMAND ON TRANSPORTATION  
FREEDOM (.) PORTS OF NISIDA OR BAGNOLI PREFERRED

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See fol 131  
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CLASS 7 NVAL NR 12

FROM NVAL 151588A

TO NHIA

GR 64 BT

CONFIDENTIAL PD CONFIRMED CRAFT REQUIRED SOONEST TO SHIP ONE ONE  
ONE ALL RANKS APPROXIMATE FOUR TONS EQUIPMENT ~~2211~~ FROM ISCHIA AND  
FIVE FIVE ALL RANKS APPROXIMATE TWO TONS EQUIPMENT FROM CAPRI TO  
MAINLAND PD REFERENCE NUMBER EIGHT FIVE NINE THREE PAREN TO NHIA  
FROM PDS SOUTHERN DISTRICT NHIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN REQUEST YOU  
DEMAND ON TRANSPORTATION FREEDOM PD PORTS OF NISIRA OR PACHOLI  
PREFERRED PD BT 151588A

SENT NR 12 151943A CWS AR K

ASPED NR 12 151943 A 36A AR

*Land forces 132*  
*4251*  
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AFHQ for 03 Org

Ministry of War  
PMS Southern for WIA 10  
574 Coast Regt RA

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Transport is requested for following personnel ex Italian Coast  
Defences (.) A. 311 all ranks 2 tons baggage from 18CH1A to  
saidland (.) B. 55 all ranks 1 ton baggage CAPB to saidland (.)  
If possible transport for both groups should be arranged to  
WISIDA or BACRULI from where PMS will arrange road transport to  
ASTRUM.

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 136945

TO MMIA

INFO 4 FIRE COMMAND POST RA TARANTO

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Q85 CONFIDENTIAL (.) REFERENCE AALS SD 1522 DATED 12 NOV TO 203 FIXED  
DEFENCES INFORMATION YOU [STOP] SUBJECT I S DISBANDMENT 604 BATTERY  
TARANTO [STOP] PLEASE ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONNEL [STOP] THEY NUMBER  
APPROXIMATELY 3 OFFICERS AND 80 MEN

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Anti-Aircraft and Coastal Defence Units

Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.  
(S.M.A.A.)  
O/S

13 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Please render to this HQ without delay, a return showing the number of effective personnel obtained from disbandment of Anti-Aircraft and Coastal Defence Units.

2. This return should show, as far as possible, how these personnel are now employed.

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Major General Copt  
M X I A

Internal copy to:- Spec Sec  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

**SECRET**

By Authority of  
CG MPOUSA

Initials

Date 10 December 1944

AG 091.711/015 OCT-0

SUBJECT: Disbandment of Antiaircraft and Coastal Defense Units.

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394.  
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference is made to letters, MMIA, G/3/71, dated 21 October 1944, and G/3, dated 18 November 1944.

2. In view of the fact the disbandment of antiaircraft and coastal defense units is now completed, it is requested that a report on the total number of effective personnel obtained out of the 9,000 originally employed in SARDINIA and ITALY be furnished this headquarters without delay.

3. It is further requested that you state, as far as possible, how these men are now employed.

By command of General WILSON:

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*Action: instructions asked for figures 12/12.*

*R. A. Stucky*  
R. A. STUKEY,  
1st Lt., AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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Translation

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From: JMRK.  
To: MMIA.

Ref: 9132/Old.

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> Dec. 44. G/3.

Subject: Disbandment of anti aircraft units. R/R

Ref. G/3 dated 28/11/44.

MM Campaña has informed us that only 3 lorries have been detailed to do the transport of stores of the local A.A. B.Tie disbanded, by the A.A. authorities.

Consequently the up 448 states that it is impossible to complete the ~~last~~ handing over of stores within the 15<sup>th</sup> inst. as established by MMIA with reference to the up letter.

(Sgd) Gen. D. SANTI  
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

n. 9132/Ord. di prot. P.M. 3800, li 6 dicembre 1944

OGGETTO: Scioglimento reparti contraerei.-

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

ROMA

Riferimento f. G/3 del 28/11/1944.

Il comando militare della Campania ha comunicato che le locali autorità A.A. hanno concesso soltanto 3 autocarri per il versamento dei materiali delle disciolte batterie contraeree.

In conseguenza, il suddetto comando rappresenta l'impossibilità di ultimare le operazioni di versamento entro il 15 corrente, come stabilito da codesta M.M.I.A. col foglio a riferimento.



IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Senti)

*[Handwritten signature]*

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SUBJECT: Italian Naval Personnel in SARDINIA.

29 Dec

LAND FORCES DIVISION, A. C.  
(L.F.D.)C/3  
7 Dec 44To: Ministry of War.Copy to: Flag Officer Liaison, Italian Navy, U. 112/2 of 25 Nov  
1944, to L&F  
Senior L&F Liaison, SARDINIA.

1. Following on the 6th statement of Italian Anti-aircraft and Coast Defence batteries a number of Italian Naval personnel have become available for disposal. Amongst them are 700 men now in SARDINIA.

2. You are requested to arrange direct with the Ministry of Marine for these men to be assessed by a Ministry of War representative, with a view to selecting any specialists suitable for inclusion in the Italian Army, and re-allocation to the Combat Groups.

3. Please inform SIA in due course of the numbers so selected and where they are located. SIA will then bid for shipping priority to the mainland.

4. Non-specialist personnel are not required and will be disposed of by the Ministry of Marine.

The situation is about  
NOT as described above.

W. Harvey is transferring about 1000 men into the army. They are all well. Can you offer to us for pay about 1000 men to put them into the army? They are all well. Can you offer to us for pay about 1000 men to put them into the army?

Major General  
Military Liaison to the Italian Army

Liaison Spec Sect (for 1/1/45/46)

Supreme 29 Dec

B/F 29 Dec

NFA

GII (K) any answer yet? Re chs Mod W. 1/1/45/46

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
ALLIED COMMISSION,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
ROME.

4th December, 1944.

No. L.312/2.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.  
(Copy to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Military Mission to the Italian Army.)

G/3  
R<sub>12</sub>

ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

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Consequent upon the disbandment of Italian Anti -  
Aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries ordered in Allied Force  
Headquarters letter A.G.091.711/015 G.C. T-O of 27th October,  
1944, a number of Italian Naval personnel have become available  
for disposal. Amongst these are some 700 men from Sardinia  
who have had considerable experience in cooperating with Allied  
Anti-Aircraft defences and have been trained in Allied fire control methods. 1082

2. It is requested you will state whether you have any  
use for such men.

*J. Salmer*  
for REAR ADMIRAL.

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ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL FOR AVIATION DOCUMENTS.

(Via Officer Liaison Italy, Rome's letter No. L.312/2 of 23th  
November, 1944.)

II.

No. L.312/2.

MINING OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS.

(Copy to: Military Mission to the Italian R.Y.)

Forwarded for information at request of NIA.

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ROME,  
4th December, 1944.

For REAR ADMIRAL.

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Translation.

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From. SMRE  
to MMH.

Ref<sup>o</sup> 8966/ORD.

Date 30 Nov. 44

Searchlights from Sardinia

The Sardinia Mil Command has  
communicated

50<sup>th</sup> searchlight section (strength 2 off 33 ORS.  
at the request of the Allied Garrison HQ is being  
transferred to the Mainland.

Therefore there is no other searchlight section  
in Sardinia as the remainder have already been  
disbanded

We therefore beg you to make clear if the  
orders issued in letter S/3/71 dated 31/11/44 for 1580  
searchlights and 25 members of the crew to be left  
in the ELMAS area <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ to be considered, as cancelled

R Mansfield

SANTI

Am. Having MARE to find out  
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STATO MAGGIORE REALE ESEMPIO *Formale*  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 8966 / ord. di prot.

SEGRETO

P.M. 151, 30 nov. 1944

ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (AMIA) ROMA

OGGETTO: Fototelegrafisti della Sardegna.

*Per il figlio per la Sardegna*SD/47  
1/12

Il comando militare della Sardegna ha comunicato:

- la 50ª sezione fototelegrafisti (forze 3 ufficiali e 33 truppa), a richiesta del comando guarnigione alleata, è in corso di trasferimento in penisola;
- in Sardegna non rimarranno in tal modo altre sezioni fototelegrafiche, poiché tutti i rimanenti reparti fototelegrafisti sono stati sciolti.

Si prega pertanto di voler chiarire se è da considerarsi derogata la disposizione, risultante dal foglio di condotta S. L.A. 3/2/71 del 31/11/44, di lasciare nella zona di Elmas 5 fototelegrafiche con 25 fototelegrafisti.



GERIALE ADDETTO  
Eduardo Bonifazi

*[Handwritten signature]*

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
ALLIED COMMISSION,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
ROME.

28th November, 1944.

No. L. 312/2.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY.  
( Copy to :- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Military Mission to the Italian Army. )

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ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

Consequent upon the disbandment of Italian Anti-aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries ordered in Allied Force Headquarters Letter A.G. 091.711/015 G.O. 7-0 of 27th October, 1944, a number of Italian Naval personnel have become available for disposal. Amongst these are some 700 men from Sardinia who have had considerable experience in cooperating with Allied Anti-aircraft defences and have been trained in Allied fire control methods.

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2. It is requested you will state whether you have any use for such men.

(Sgd.) L. M. PALMER.

51.

Have we any recommendations for REAR ADMIRAL.

Have ask May 10.  
they have any objects  
w/fin screen this 700  
of specialists which we will  
take into the Army - the  
remaining to be disbanded  
w/fin + for if agreed  
FO TAL asked & send copy to AFHQ  
Agreed 2/12

2/12.

Agreed 2/12

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SECRET

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,  
ALLIED COMMISSION,  
HEADQUARTERS,  
ROME.

20th November, 1944.

No. L. 312/2.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION IN ITALY.

(Copy to :- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station,  
Military Mission to the Italian Army.)

ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

Consequent upon the disembarkment of Italian Anti-Aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries ordered in Allied Force Headquarters Letter A.G. 091.711/015 G.O. T-6 of 27th October, 1944, a number of Italian Naval personnel have become available for disposal. Amongst these are some 700 men from Sardinia who have had considerable experience in cooperating with Allied Anti-Aircraft defences and have been trained in Allied fire control methods.

2. It is requested you will state whether you have any use for such men.

(Sgd.) I. M. PALMER.

51.

Have we any recommendations for REAR ADMIRAL.

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have ask Navy Co.  
they have any objection  
with in screen this too  
operational which we will  
take into the during the disembarkment  
arranged to fix it agreed

FOTALI asked to send copy to AFHQ

Agreed 2/12

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment of AA Units

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.  
(MIA)  
G/3

1 Dec 44

Air Forces Sub Com A.C.

Below is copy of signal received from 25 AA Bde fwd for your info.

Copy of MIA signal referred to therein was passed to you.

MESSAGE FORM

Major General  
M M I A

From :- 25 AA BDE  
To :- MIA  
Info :- AFHQ (AA & CD Sec)  
CS 618

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Ref your O 634 of 27 (.) No such request made by this HQ

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FROM 25 AA BDE

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ (AA AND CD SEC)

QQA GR --- BT

GS618 RESTRICTED . REF YOUR O 634 OF 27 .  
NO SUCH REQUEST MADE BY THIS HQ

BT TRI 0945

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Disbandment of Anti-Aircraft  
Searchlight and Coast Defence Units.

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

28 G/3  
Nov 44

Ministry of War.

Further to my letter G/3 of 31 October.

1. Completion of disbandment ordered in my above-quoted letter will be effected by 28 NOV except for rear parties mentioned in para 2.
2. Small rear parties may be retained as stated in Appendix "A" hereto, after 28 Nov. These Rear parties will be disbanded soonest and in any event by 15 Dec.
3. 22 & 25 AA Bdes are requested to give all possible assistance in the clearing of gun sites, equipment and ammunition, especially in M.T.

Copy to:- AFHQ (2) refers to your AG.091.711/015 GCT-G  
of 27 October 44.

HQ AAI (2)  
22 AA Bde  
25 AA Bde  
203 Fixed Defences (2)  
3 District

Navy Sub Commission AC.  
Air Forces Sub Commission AC.  
HQ AC., Col SIMONS, Allied Garrison, SARDINIA

Major General  
M.M.I.A.

*Stanley L. ...*

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*Stan K. Lister*  
Major General  
M.H.I.A.

2. Small rear parties may be retained as stated in Appendix "A" hereto, after 28 Nov. These Rear parties will be disbanded soonest and in any event by 15 Dec.
3. 22 & 25 AA Bdes are requested to give all possible assistance in the clearing of gun sites, equipment and ammunition, especially in M.T.

Copy to:- AFHQ (2) refers to your AC.091.711/015 GCT-G of 27 October 44.

HQ AAI (2)  
22 AA Bde  
25 AA Bde  
203 Fixed Defences (2)  
3 District  
Navy Sub Commission AC.  
Air Forces Sub Commission AC.  
HQ AC., Col SIMONS, Allied Garrison, SARDINIA  
M.L. LO PBS  
M.H.I.A. LO 54 Area (2) one copy for Capt O'DONNELL  
Internal: A/C, File, Sparo (2)

APPX "A" to M.H.I.A. letter G/3 of Nov 44

Formation of Rear Parties for Disbanding Anti-Aircraft Units

|                               | OFFRS | ORS |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|
| HQ 19 Reggrupp                | 2     | 7   |
| 4 Gps 19 Reggrupp             | 4     | 12  |
| Salvage Squad                 | 4     | 60  |
| HQ 20 Reggrupp                | 2     | 7   |
| 4 Gps 20 Reggrupp             | 4     | 12  |
| Salvage Squad                 | 4     | 60  |
| 2 & 3 Smoke Coys              | 2     | 6   |
| Salvage Squads for Smoke Coys |       | 20  |
| TOTALS                        | 22    | 224 |

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Subject: Move of Unit of PICO to AP 20 AA Bty.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/28

27 Nov 44

TO: AFHQ (2)

Copy to: SD AAI (2)  
3 DISTRICT

AC (2) Incl copy for Public Safety Sub Com.  
MINISTRY OF WAR

L.O. Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (M.M.I.A.), o/o HQ 1 Dist.  
" " " " o/o HQ 3 Dist.  
" " " " o/o PES  
" " " " o/o HQ 54 Area.

1. Appx A att to this HQ SD/28 of 7 Nov is cancelled and it is requested that Appx A hereto be substituted.

2. Pico Unit cadres will remain present Group area under command unit commanding officers and will incl all unit specialists. Unit 2s 1/o will in each case command PICO dets specified in Appx A, which in NO case will be reduced below the strength specified.

3. Serial 3.:-

AFHQ EX 56383 of 22 and M.M.I.A SD 1842 of 25 neither to all refer.

4. Adm matters will be dealt with separately vide M.M.I.A SD/28 of 28 Oct.

*Major General J.F.C.*

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Copy to: SD AAI (2)

3 DISTRICT

AC (2) incl copy for Public Safety Sub Com.

MINISTRY OF WAR

L.O. Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMA), c/o HQ 1 Dist.

" " " " c/o HQ 3 Dist.

" " " " c/o PES

" " " " c/o HQ 54 Area.

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1. Appx A att to this HQ SD/28 of 7 Nov is cancelled and it is requested that Appx A hereto be substituted.

2. Ploano Unit cadres will remain present Group area under cord unit commanding officers and will incl all unit specialists. Unit 2s 1/o will in each case command PICENO dets specified in Appx A, which in NO case will be reduced below the strength specified.

3. Serial 2:-

AFHQ EX 56383 of 22 and MMA SD 1842 of 25 neither to all refer.

4. Adm matters will be dealt with separately vide MMA SD/28 of 28 Oct.

*for Major General M. M. I. A.*

Copy to:- 2 1/o

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Nov (2)

Circulator File

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War Diary

File G/3

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## Move of Units of PICENO GROUP

|      | U N I T                                                               | Move<br>Offrs | Strengths<br>OR's | Tons     | Entraining<br>Station                       | Retrain<br>Station |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1    | I Bn (UIS) 235 Inf Regt                                               | 20            | 480               | 24       | MARTINA FRANCA                              | CATANZARO          |
| 2    | II Bn (UIS) 235 Inf Regt                                              | 20            | 480               | 24       | LICCOROTONDO                                | NAPLES             |
| 3    | 20 AA Gp (ex 20 AA L. Gruppo<br>apparento, & earmarked for<br>PICENO) | 20            | 480               | 24       | BARI                                        | CHIETI             |
| 4    | II Bn (UIS) 335 Inf Regt                                              | 20            | 480               | 24       | BARLETTA<br>TARANTO                         | ROME fo<br>LAZIO   |
| 5    | III Bn (UIS) 336 Inf Regt                                             | 20            | 480               | 24       | CHISPIANO                                   | ROME               |
| 6    | I Gruppo 152 Arty Regt                                                | 20            | 480               | 24       | CEGLIE<br>NOCI<br>ALBEROBELLO<br>CISTERNINO | BARI               |
| (4)7 | LONTEGRANERO Bn less one coy<br>532 Coy MCNTEGRANERO                  | 30<br>6       | 620<br>166        | 30<br>20 | VAIRANO<br>IESI                             | ANCONA             |
| 8    | Bn formed of CONGEDANTI in<br>SARDINIA                                | 25            | 475               |          |                                             |                    |
|      | T O T A L S                                                           | 181           | 4141              | 174      |                                             |                    |

(4) - Request Serial 7 NOT to be moved until called forward by AAI

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CONFIDENTIALApex "A" to MMIA  
SD/28 of 27 Nov 44Move of Units of PICENO GROUP

| Units   | Strong     | OR's     | Tons | Entraining Station                          | Retraining Station | REMARKS                                                          |
|---------|------------|----------|------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20      | 480        | 24       |      | MARTINI FRANCA                              | CATANZARO          |                                                                  |
| 20      | 480        | 24       |      | LOCOROTUNDO                                 | NAPLES             |                                                                  |
| 20      | 480        | 24       |      | BARI                                        | CHIETI             |                                                                  |
| 20      | 480        | 24       |      | BARLETTA<br>TARANTO                         | ROME for<br>LAZIO  |                                                                  |
| 20      | 480        | 24       |      | CRISPANO                                    | ROME               |                                                                  |
| 20      | 480        | 24       |      | CEGLIE<br>NOCI<br>ALBEROBELLO<br>CISTERNINO | BARI               | All stations<br>on BARI -<br>LECCE<br>line                       |
| 30<br>6 | 620<br>166 | 30<br>20 |      | VAIRANO<br>IESI                             | ANCONA             | All older men, 150 young men<br>remain with LEGNANO Combat Group |
| 25      | 475        |          |      |                                             |                    | For CAGLIARI -- MMIA signal SD1680<br>of 27 Oct refers           |
| 181     | 4141       | 174      |      |                                             |                    |                                                                  |

until called forward by AAI

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Understand from SARE that you have requested  
Italian AA HQ BARI for S/L personnel to be retained  
under your command (.) AFHQ has ordered disbandment  
of these units except for personnel required by MAAP (.)  
Any such requests therefore must be made through AFHQ  
giving full details of personnel required (.)  
AFHQ letter AG 691.711/015 GGT-0 of 7 Oct refers (.)

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Copy to: A.C. for Air Forces Sub-Commission

IMPORTANT

*Remainder*

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO EERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINALMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinalmento

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~~PROPOSTA~~ COSTITUZIONE UFFICIO SPERDIO PER DISOLGELIENDI  
SEPARTI CONTRAERET:

|                                                   | UFF. | Sott. e Br. |
|---------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| - comando 19° rgpt. (1 ufficio)                   | 2    | 7           |
| - 4 gruppi sotto rgpt. (4 uffici)                 | 4    | 12          |
| - squadre recupero materiale (1 per gruppo)       | 4    | 80          |
| - comando 20° rgpt. (1 ufficio)                   | 2    | 7           |
| - 4 gruppi sotto rgpt. (4 uffici)                 | 4    | 12          |
| - squadre recupero materiale (1 per gruppo)       | 4    | 80          |
| - 2° e 3° cp. nebbiogeni (2 uffici)               | 2    | 6           |
| - squadre recupero per cp. nebbiogeni (2 squadre) | -    | 20          |
| Totale                                            | 22   | 2271071     |

P.M. 151, 25 nov. 1944



Invalore  
E all. as Appr  
A please

Revised until

28 Dec. 1944.

15 Dec latest. *[Signature]*

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File 112

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MMIA

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25 AA BIE

MINISTRY OF WAR MMIA LO 34 AREA

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Ref this HQ 6/3/71 subject disbandment of Italian LA and  
B/L and CB units (.) Military Command FOOLIA and CASSINIA  
have insufficient transport available and are finding  
difficulty in complying with the orders (.) any assistance  
you can give would be greatly appreciated

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Impressant

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Att

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MMIA

Ref 8457

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RESTRICTED (\*) Reference your G/3 of 18 Nov (\*) Disbandement  
of AA and CD units this area cannot be completed before 3 or  
4 December owing shortage of transport and facilities

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PER MMIA LO

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MMIA

Ref 8457

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RESTRICTED (\*) Reference your G/3 of 18 Nov (\*) Disbandement  
of AA and CD units this area cannot be completed before 3 or  
4 December owing shortage of transport and facilities

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from: SMRE  
to: MMIA

G/3  
R<sup>22</sup>

Translation  
ref. 8780/ORD.  
21 November 1944

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Subject: Disbandment of units employed in  
A.A. & coastal defences.

With reference to letter G/3/11 dated 31.10.44 &  
letter 8551/ORD., dated 12.11.44 of SMRE.

① PUGLIA & CAMPANIA military command have  
sent us further information that turning in  
of materials of AA batteries, owing to the few  
MT means available, will take about 30 days.

② In order to speed turning in, we beg MMIA

PTO

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Kindly to ask A.A. Allied HQ - PUGLIE to contribute to the turning in of materials by supplying a certain number of their vehicles.

Gen. SANTI

(Santi)

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

SEGRETO

N° 8780/Ord. di prot.

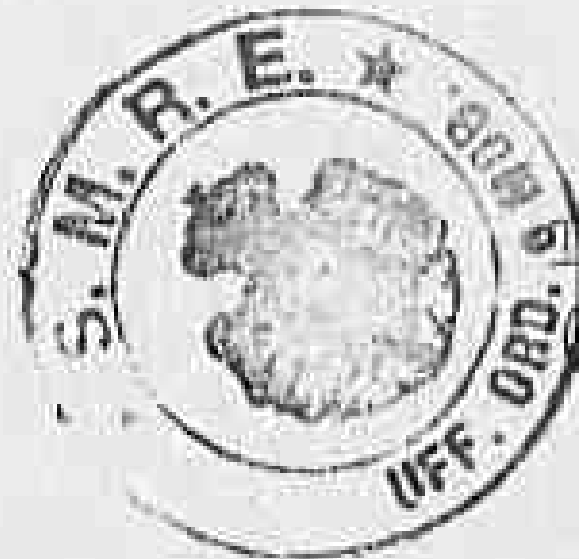
P.M. 151, 21 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Scioglimento reparti impiegati in difesa contraerei e costiera.-

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMA) ROMA

Riferimento f° G/3/71 del 31.10.44 e seguito f° 8551/Ord., data 12.11.44, di questo S.M.-

- I) - Il comando militare Puglia e Lucania ha ulteriormente comunicato che le operazioni di versamento materiali delle batterie contraerei, data la esigua entità dei mezzi di trasporto a disposizione, si protrarranno per circa 30 giorni.-
- II) - Allo scopo di affrettare le suddette operazioni si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di esaminare la possibilità di interessare il comando alleato della difesa contraerei delle Puglie perchè concorra al versamento dei materiali con un'aliquota dei propri mezzi di trasporto.-



EL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Senti)

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from: SMRE  
to: MMIA.

R<sup>22</sup>/<sub>1</sub>

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G/3  
Translation

ref. 8/49/ORD

21 November 44

Subject: Disbandment of units employed in  
AB + coastal defences. 49

With reference to letter G/3/11 dated 31/10/1944  
+ following telephone conversation with Maj. Dobb MMIA.

Owing to known difficulties in handing over  
materials, disbandment of a/m units <sup>1966</sup> has  
not been carried out ~~within~~ fixed time. -

Therefore, we beg MMIA, to authorise forma-  
tion of a rear party office at each of units  
to be disbanded. - P10

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W/E of a/m officers: 1-3 officers + 2-6 NCOs +  
ORs, according to size of units. -

(Santi)

Gen. SANTI

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QUARTO MAGGIORE REGIO ESER TO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E NOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

Nº 8449 /Ord. di prot.

P.M.151,11 21 novembre 1944

OGGETTO : Scioglimento reparti impiegati in difesa contraerei e costiera.

*Disbanding of AA and coast Defense Units*  
ALLA LAND SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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Riferimento foglio G/3/71 del 31/10/1944 e seguito conversazione telefonica col maggiore DOBBS di codesta M.M.I.A.-

A causa delle note difficoltà per il versamento dei materiali, le operazioni per lo scioglimento dei reparti in oggetto non sono state ultimate entro la data prescritta.

Pertanto, si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di autorizzare la costituzione di un ufficio stralcio presso ciascun reparto amministrativamente autonomo da sciogliere.

Organici di detti uffici : da 1 a 3 ufficiali e da 2 a 6 fra sottufficiali e truppa, a seconda dell'entità del reparto.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Santi)

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Disbandment of AA and CD Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.S.)  
File No. G/3  
14 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY for SARE

1. Ref your 8551/Ord of 12 Nov and further our G/3/71 of 31 Oct subject as above.

2. The completion date may be extended from 14th Nov to 28th Nov if necessary but may NOT be extended after that date.

Distribution: AMHQ

AAI

22 AA Bde

25 AA Bde

EQ A.C.

203 Fixed Defs

3 District

Col. SIMONS % A.G. SARDINIA

Navy S.C. A.C.

Alr Forces S.C. A.C.

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Ministry of War

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SECRET

For 151a 1d (.) This HQ SD 1789 of 15 subject disbandment AA and CD will  
be attended as follows (.) Para One will read 665 personnel will be concentrated  
THAN Camp earmarked for PICHNO Div (.) Notify completion of cons to this  
HQ (.) Para Two will read Balance of 666 will join HANTON Div soonest (.)  
Notify this HQ when available and give location.

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FROM: MIA  
TO: MINISTER OF WAR  
INFO: MIA LG 54 AREA  
SD 1789

Ref this HQ letter C/3 of 8 Nov (para 1 (d)) subject  
disbandment AA and CD (.) 1331 specialist rfto BR-ITIS  
will now be dealt with as follows (.) ONE (.) 665 personnel  
will join PICEBU Div soonest (.) Notify this HQ when available  
and give location (.) TWO (.) Balance of 666 will be concentrated  
at TRANI Camp earmarked for MANTOVA Div (.) Notify completion  
to this HQ.

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AUTHENTICATED 1062

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FROM MMIA  
TO 203 FIXED DEFENCES  
INFO AAI NAVY SUB COMMISSION

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SECRET

Reference AAI SD 1522 of 12 Nov (.) Italian personnel under your command NAPLES area will be disposed of by MMIA as per our G/3/71 of 31 Oct amended by O 602 of 8 Nov (.) Personnel from BRINDISI and TARANTO batteries are naval and separate instructions will be issued by Navy Sub Commission

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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AUTHENTICATED & [Signature]  
Majr RA

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Translation.

From - SIM RE.  
To - MMIA

Ref: 861/Ord.  
Date: 13 Nov. 44

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Subject: Disbandment of A.A. units of the 19<sup>th</sup> Raggruppamento Art. employed for A.A. and coastal defense in Campagna

Ref 6/3/71 dated 31/10/44.

I) H.Q. Campagna says to have taken agreement with MMIA Lewis Officers on the following points in respect of the disbandment of A.A. units and the handing over of their stores:-

a) Removing of batteries will be done by unit concerned with the only breakdown being given by allied authorities for the whole of the 19<sup>th</sup> Raggruppamento unit.

b) Stacking of stores in buildings handed over by allied authorities together with the necessary transport supplied by same and piling of ammo. in the open in one of Campagna depot.

c) Posting of personnel of the Raggruppamento (500 men) to 212 H.Q. Italian, as soon as operations detailed in paras. a & b are completed. 1060.

II)

Hence, H.Q. Campagna mention that:-

a) Operations of disbandment cannot be completed by the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. owing to the distance separating the various batteries (some of them are located on Capri and Ischia Islands) and the amount of time required to remove and load on trucks with the only available breakdown being.

b) The impossibility to transfer all personnel of the 19<sup>th</sup> Raggruppamento AA (109 Officers & 779 Rank and File) to 212 Italian H.Q. because part of them will have to do guard duties in various depots of both islands Capri and Ischia.

c) That H.Q. 574 Coast Regt. R.A. has raised objection for the disbandment of the 18<sup>th</sup> Group 19<sup>th</sup> Regt. which is being considered by MMIA.

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Be left and hurry troops

P.T.C.

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- ① III/ Considering the above, H8 Campama propose that:-  
— the date for the disbandment be fixed according to the time actually required to complete removing and handing over of stores operations which, in any case, will be done with the utmost possible speed according to availability of transport.  
— the number of personnel to be transferred to 212th Air  
② Wg be included in the figure agreed with by AA local authorities 500 men, until it <sup>will</sup> ~~must~~ be possible to alter accommodation of Capn and Ischia Ammo. Depots.

IV/ Expecting OK by MMIA in respect of the a/p proposals.

Cen A. SANTI

Lt FANNE.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Disbandment of AA and CD Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. C/3  
19 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY for S.M.S.

Ref your 8551/0-4 of 12 Nov and further our  
G/3/71 of 31 Oct subject as above.

The completion date may be extended from 14th  
Nov to 28th Nov if necessary but may NOT be extended after  
that date.

Distribution: AFHQ

AGI

22 AA Bde

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HQ A.C.

203 Field Defs

3 District

Col. SIMONIS & A.C. SARDINIA

Navy S.C. A.C.

Air Forces S.C. A.C.

Internal: A/c

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Major General

M.M.I.A.

**SEGRETO**

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO MARITTIMO

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILIZZAZIONE URGENTE

Sezione Ordinamento

n° 8612 / Ord. di prot.

R.A. 151, 13 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Scioglimento reparti del 1° raggruppamento art. c.a. impiegati per la difesa costiera e contraerei della Campania.

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'EERCITO (M.M.I.A.)  
(Rif. foglio G/3/71 del 31/10/1944)

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1) - Il comando militare della Campania comunica di avere concordato con gli ufficiali di collegamento della M.M.I.A. le seguenti modalità per lo scioglimento dei reparti in oggetto e versamento dei relativi materiali;

- a) - smontaggio delle batterie a cura dei reparti interessati (con l'ausilio di un solo carro gru fornito dalle autorità alleate per tutto il 1° raggruppamento);
- b) - accantonamento dei materiali in locali ceduti dalle stesse autorità alleate (trasporto con automezzi da queste forniti) e sistemazione all'aperto delle munizioni in uno dei depositi della Campania;

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- c) - passaggio del personale del raggruppamento, nella misura di 500 uomini, a disposizione del Comando Italiano 212 non appena ultimate le operazioni di cui alle precedenti lettere a) e b).

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'Esercito (L.M.I.A.)
(Rif. foglio G/3/71 del 31/10/1944)

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II) - In conseguenza, il comando militare Campania fa presente:

- a) - di non poter ultimare le operazioni di scioglimento entro la data prescritta (14 corrente) a causa della dislocazione sparsa delle batterie (alcune schierate nelle isole di Capri ed Ischia) e del tempo relativamente lungo occorrente allo smontaggio e caricamento sugli autocarri dei pezzi, dato la disponibilità di un solo carro gru;
- b) - la impossibilità di cedere tutto il personale del 1° raggruppamento contraerei (che alla data attuale ha una forza effettiva di 109 ufficiali e 779 fra sottufficiali e

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truppa) al Comando Italiano 212, poiché con una parte del personale stesso dovrà continuare ad essere impiegato per il servizio di guardia presso depositi munizioni delle isole di Capri ed Ischia;

c) - che il comando 5710 Coast Rgt. E.A. ha mosso delle contestazioni per lo scioglimento del IV gruppo costiero del 19 raggruppamento, contestazioni che sono in corso di risoluzione con coasta M.M.I.A.-

III) - in relazione a quanto sopra il comando militare Campania propone che:

- la data di scioglimento del raggruppamento sia stabilita in base al tempo che effettivamente richiederanno le complesse operazioni di smontaggio e versamento dei materiali, che - in ogni modo - verranno condotte con la massima celerità consentita dai mezzi a disposizione;

- l'entità del personale da cedere al Comando Italiano 212 sia contenuta nella cifra già concordata con le locali autorità A.A. di 500 uomini, almeno fino a quando non sarà possibile estendere altrettanto il munizionamento dei depositi delle isole di Capri ed Ischia.

IV) - Si rimane in attesa del benestare di coasta M.M.I.A. in merito alle suddette proposte.-

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di cui

- l'entità del personale da cedere al Comando Italiano sia contenuta nelle cifre già concordate con le locali autorità A.A. di 500 uomini, almeno fino a quando non sarà possibile si stemere altrimenti il munizionamento dei depositi delle isole di Capri ed Ischia.

IV) - si rimane in attesa del benestare di codesta A.M.I.A. in merito alle suddette proposte.



UFF. GEN.
ALESSANDRO SANTI

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Translation.

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From: SNAKE.
To: MMIA.

Ref: 8551/Ord.

Date: 12 Nov. 46.

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Subject: Disbandment of units employed in ~~the~~ A.A. and Coastal Defense.

Ref. 4/3/71 dated 31/10/46.

This office has issued instructions for the disbandment of the a/m units in accordance with instructions received, ref a/m letter.

We inform MMIA that HQ Pughra & Lucania has mentioned that the disbandment of ^{AA} units and the handing over of stores of their dependants ~~is~~ cannot possibly be completed by the 14th Nov. owing to lack of transport.

Anyway we shall ensure that the above operations be completed with the least possible delay.

Gen. H. SANTI.

Sgt. FABRE

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Ref: 2000

The completion date may be extended to 20 Nov if necessary but may not be extended with the 14th Nov.

SEGRETO

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

N° 8551 /Ord. di pret.

P.M.151, 13 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Scioglimento reparti impiegati in difesa contraerei e costiera.-

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.A.)

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Riferimento foglio G/3/71 del 31.10.1944.-

Questo S.M. ha impartito gli ordini per lo scioglimento dei reparti in oggetto, in ottemperanza alle disposizioni comunicate col foglio a riferimento.-

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Si informa codesta M.M.I.A. che il comando militare Puglia e Lucania ha fatto presente l'impossibilità di ultimare lo scioglimento dei reparti contraerei alle dipendenze e versamento dei relativi materiali, entro il 14 corrente, a causa della scarsità dei mezzi di trasporto a disposizione.-

In ogni modo, si assicura che le operazioni suddette saranno effettuate con la massima celerità possibile.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (MIA)

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Riferimento foglio G/3/71 del 31.10.1944.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)



A. Santi

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FROM: PBS MMIA LO

TO : CG FIVE ARMY

141906A

Info: MMIA LO FIVE ARMY
MMIA

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SECRET

500 Muleteer Reinforcements Italian boarded ship Citta de
ALLESSANDRA today (.) Ship departs DUKO in convoy 16 Nov (.)
ETA LEGHORN 36 hours later

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500 from Aschouri camp ??

SD/3 of 8 para 1 (Blau)
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MSG Center No : 99114
Classification : 3
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From : PBS MHIA LIASON OFFICER
To : MHIA

Date / Time Rec'd : 142235A
Date / Time Sent : 141906A
Reference NR : Y399
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FIVE ~~ARMY~~ ALBUSSA REINFORCEMENTS ITALIAN BOARDED SHIP CITTA DE
ALBUSSANDRA TODAY P REFERENCE NUMBERS EIGHT THREE NINE NINE FAREN TO
GO FIVE ARMY INED MMVA LO ~~TO MMVA~~ GO FIVE ARMY CMA MMVA ~~TOS~~
FROM ~~TO MMVA~~ TOS MMVA LIAISON OFFICER MMVA SHIP DEPARTS DUKO IN
CONVOY ONE SIX NOVEMBER PD STA ~~MMVA~~ DEPARTD THIRTY SIX 105; LAT

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FROM MHA

TO JEE

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SD 1730

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For MHA LO (.) AAI signal SD 1522 of 12 Nov
directs disbandment of Italian Coast Defense units
NAPLES and places personnel at our disposal (.)
Contact British Regiment and have personnel
released and hurried over to JEE without delay (.)
Advise if any complications and when transfer of
personnel is completed

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FROM AFHQ, SIGNED SACRED
TO DISTREE 25 AA Bde
INFO DISTREE EAST MMIA

12th

FX 51732

SECRET

FIRST (.) Ref minute MACAF AA Committee meeting No 23,
para 7, smoke at TARANTO and BIRINDISI is cancelled herewith (.)
SECOND (.) The half company 508 IRLIN IONEER COY now
operating at TARANTO is available forthwith to DI THREE
for labour duties (.)
THIRD (.) Disbandment of 2 and 3 Smoke Companies is being
carried out under MMIA repeat MMIA arrangements (MMIA
G/3/71 dated 31st Oct refers)

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FROM MMIA

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

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MMIA LO 54 AREA
PBS FOR MMIA

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Security Classification

Further to this HQ letter G/3 of 8 Nov subject
Disbandment of AA and CD units (.) ONE (.) The 500
personnel mentioned in para 1 (a) will be despatched
to AFRAGOLA Camp on completion of conc (.) They will in
part replace personnel withdrawn from 516 517 519 and
521 Gd Bns as muleteers for FIFTH Army in accordance
with my SD 1773 of 11 and SD/3 of 1 neither to all (.)
TWO (.) Report progress 16 Nov

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FROM

MMIA

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PBS FOR MMIA LO

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For MMIA LO (.) Conf phone conversation (.) FIRST (.)
You will arrange to move 500 disbanded AA and OD personnel
from East Coast direct to AFRICOLA Camp soonest (.) Advise
ETA (.) SECOND (.) For THRUFF junr (.) Above are to replace
muleteers taken from gd bus (.) Request you allot on pro rata
basis and fwd to units

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ARMY FORM 02186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 45/12

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
		P	Cipher Secret

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin
	Main AA1	19.14.50A
For Action		
TO	203 (Base depot) - undelivered	
	(W) For information (INFO)	
M/MIA		

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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Message Instructions	3/4	6/5

Originator's No.

S 01522

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First ① Following Italian units will be disbanded forthwith
 (A) All Italian coast defence at NAPLES comprising HQ 4 gps
 S/L of 263 264 265 and 266 bty (B) PISACANE by BRINDISI
 (C) 604 bty TARANTO ② Personnel made available by
 this disbanding are placed at the disposal of M/MIA

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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FROM PBS NMIA LO

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TO NMIA

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FIRST (.) Total present strength 19 AA Group is 66 officers 727 ORs exclusive 3 searchlight Coy which is 130 All Ranks (.) 4 Group of 19 AA Group with strength 17 officers 288 ORs is Coastal Defence unit and directly under command 574 Coast Regt British (.) This Regt has received no orders to dissolve 4 Group from either AAI or AFHQ and will continue to keep it under command (.) SECOND (.) Total ammunition and equipment of 19 AA Group consists of 90 MM 26 with 10637 rounds, 76/40 MM 10 with 3717 rounds, 37/54 MM Breda 19 with 59070 rounds, 20 MM Oerlikon 12 with 23083 rounds (.)

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FROM MAAF

TO Ministry of War

RTD AFHQ

MAI

82 AA Bde

25 AA Bde

203 Fixed Defences

3 District

Navy Sub-Commission A.C. (by hand)

A.C. SARDINIA for SIMONS

PLS for IEMIA LO

IEMIA LO 84 Area

MAAF

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CONFIDENTIAL

Reference our G/3/71 of 31 Oct (.) Amend orders reference Searchlight personnel as follows (.) MAAF require for airfields one Searchlight Co, approx strength 200, all to be Army personnel ITI-ITI (.) Request Col Del FIUME of Comando Militare, Campania as Commander (.) 60 Army S/L operators are at present on airfields remainder will be selected by Col Del FIUME and representative of MAAF from following units: 10 Reggimento del Genio, 3rd Searchlight Company NAPLES, Searchlight Company, Anti-Aircraft HQ. EARI (.) Personnel from these units will be reserved meanwhile (.) Naval S/L personnel will return to Command Ministry of Marine on formation of new battalion (.) All informed

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Int.: A/Q
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Disbandment of Italian Anti-Aircraft,
Searchlight and Coast Defence Units

CONFIDENTIAL

Lead Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.I.A.)

0/3
8 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War

Copy to: MIA 10 54 Area (2)

Ref: this M.O. letter 0/3/71 of 31 Oct 44.

1. It is requested that you arrange for disposal of personnel listed in para 4 (b) and (c) of above letter as follows:-

- (a) To MINERVINO Camp for BR-ITI Service units.....approx 500
- (b) To Driving Courses SARI and CATANZARO (BR-ITI for Combat Ops).....approx 300
- (c) Specialists to Rft Depot for Combat Ops (BR-ITI).....approx 300
- (d) Non-specialists rfts (BR-ITI) for Combat Ops direct to SICERO Div at new concentration area (FROGIA - CHICOLA area now being reconnoitered).....approx 1,331
- (e) Searchlight personnel to be reserved pending selection by MAF (our 0.602 of 3 Nov refers)

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(a) and (b) above are to move immediately. MIA will notify when (c) and (d) are required to move.

2. Please confirm that you are taking action as directed above.

9.11 (b) Bari Catanzaro out. G.
Polignano cannot accept (H. P. R. R.)
F. J. Baumann suggest alternative

Major General
M.I.A.

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TRANI in 2 days
from 12/11
R. 12/11

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FROM MMIA

TO FBS

RPTD AFHQ
AAI
FIFTH ARMY

SD 1725

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Secret

For MMIA LO (.) Reference C/3/71 of 31 Oct Subject
disbandment of AA (.) Change as follows (.) First 500
men available will be delivered to PBS at ASTRAMI for shipment
to FIFTH ARMY (.) Clothing by PBS (.) Army has arranged
with PBS for shipment (.) Urgent these men be assembled at
once as needed as reinforcements (.) Advise action taken (.)

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AUTHENTICATED [Signature]
Carl

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

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TO MMIA AXI

INFO AAI

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Your 0592 of 31 OCT (19) reference (.) ONE (.) Confirm all Italian AA SL and CD in SARDINIA and ITALY will be disbanded except CA (.) 250 SL personnel ear marked for MAAF (.) B (.) B 593 Battery AB 1 of PEDAGNO Battery, BRINDISI (.) C (.) ALESSANDRI Battery and 999 Battery, TARANTO

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~~SECRET~~

D. Berry J/c

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION 9493

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FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

Info: AAI

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Understand all Italian AA and CD in SARDINIA and ITALY
is to be disbanded except (A) 250 personnel earmarked
for NAAF (.) (B) 593 Battery and PEDAGNE Battery at
BRINDISI (.) (C) ALESSANDRIA Battery and 999 Battery.
TARANTO (.) Please confirm

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SECRET**SUBJECT: Disbandment of Anti-Aircraft Searchlight and Coast Defence Units**Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E

G/3/72

31 Oct 44 *Devi*

Ministry of War

1. It has been decided by ARHQ that all Anti-Aircraft and Coast Defence units of the Italian Army, at present under Allied Command, are no longer operationally required and are to be disbanded.

2. A number of Searchlight personnel are to be retained under command of Mediterranean Allied Air Force for manning searchlights used as navigational aids. These are listed in Appendix "A" (1). Both Army and Navy personnel are shown as it is intended that eventually they shall be formed into one unit. Further instructions on this subject will follow. These personnel will be Category IV (TII-III) in the Order of Battle for the Italian Army.

3. At Appx "A" para (11) are shown for information the Naval Coast Defence units which are to be retained under command of 203 Fixed Defences. These are at present carried on the strength of the Italian Navy. All Naval AA units are being disbanded.

4. From the State of the Italian Army dated 9 October it appears that the following personnel will be released on the Mainland:

(a) A.A., C.D. and S/L units, CAMPANIA

X 19 Raggruppamento C.A.
I, II, III & IV Groups
3 Searchlight Coy

All Parks

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(b) A.A., C.D. and S/L units, PUGLIA

20 Raggruppamento C.A.
76, 78, 79 Group
100 Group
4 M.C. Companies
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3. At Annex (a) para (11) are shown for information the Naval Coast Defence units which are to be retained under command of 203 Fixed Defences. These are at present carried on the strength of the Italian Navy. All Naval AA units are being transferred.

4. From the State of the Italian Army dated 9 October it appears that the following personnel will be released on the Mainland:

(a) A.A., C.F. and S/L units, CAMPANIA *with 3* *200 units* *1886*

X 19 Reggimento C.A.
I, II, III & IV Groups
3 Searchlight Coy

All Ranks

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(b) A.A., C.D. and S/L units, PUGLIA

X 20 Reggimento C.A.
VI, VII, VIII Group
139 Group
4 M.C. Company
1224 Pz x 88mm
1153 Pz x 20mm
Searchlight units less 37 raters
required by U.S.

1886

(c) Balloon Barrage and Smoke Units, MOLISE

2 and 3 Smoke Coys
1 Balloon Barrage Group and 1 and 2 Balloon Barrage Coys less
440 all ranks transferred to Italian Air Force vide our SD/2
of 5 Oct 44.

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5. The following procedure will be adopted for each of the above categories:

Cat (a) These personnel will be placed immediately at the disposal of FRS (US-ITL). Arrangements for the clearing of gun sites and the return of arms and ammunition to Italian depots will be made by MMILIC, HQ 19th Reggimento and 22 A.A. Bde. MMILIC will be informed of quantities and where they have been stored and number of personnel transferred to FRS.

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Cat (b) and (c) These personnel will be assigned to Combat Groups and British Services (BR-III) as suitable, according to the procedure adopted at MINERVA Camp. They will, however, be concentrated in barracks at BARI. Gun site situated close together are suggested if no other accommodation is available. Arrangements for closing down of gun sites and return of arms and ammunition to depots will be made locally as in para 4(a). This should be finished by 14 Nov. MIA IC BARI will co-ordinate this transfer of personnel.

6. MIA IC's will ensure that these instructions are carried out and report.

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Copy to: - AFHQ (2) refers to your 40.091.711/015 GCI-G of 27 October 44.

HQ AAI (2)
22 AA Fie
25 AA Dde
203 Fixed Defences (2)
3 District
Navy Sub Commission AC.
Air Forces Sub-Commission AC.
HQ AC.

Col. SIMMONS, Allied Garrison, SARDINIA
MIA IC PBS

MIA IC 54 Area (2) one copy for Capt O'DONNELL

Internal: - A/Q

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Spars (2)

Major General
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APPENDIX "A" to MIA letter
G/3/71 of 31 October 1941

(1) - ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHTS TO BE OPERATIONAL
UNDER COMMAND MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCE

(2) ARMY SEARCHLIGHTS (IT-ITI)	No of Searchlights	Officers	Men
ELMAS	5	-	25
LOHERO (being transferred to mainland)	5	-	25
FOGGIA (Attached to Naval Searchlights)	-	-	12
BARI	5	-	25
TOTAL.....	15	-	87

(3) NAVAL SEARCHLIGHTS (ITI-III) (Attached to Army from Navy)

To be carried on ORBAT of Italian Army as part of Army ceiling.

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LOCATION	No of Searchlights	Officers	Men
FOGGIA	17	3	108
BRINDISI	5	1	25
PORTOFINO	3	-	15
ROMA	1	-	5
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL	-	1	2
TOTAL.....	26	5	155

5) NAVAL SEARCHLIGHTS (ITI-ITI) (Attached to Army from Navy)

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To be carried on ORMAZ of Italian Army as part of Army ceiling.

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BRINDISI	5	1	25
PORTOFINO	3	-	15
ROMIGLIANO	1	-	5
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL	-	1	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>155</u>

(11)

C.D. under Command 203 First Defence

This is Naval personnel (SS-ITI) of the following units :-

593 Battery	-	BRINDISI
PEDACE Battery	-	"
ALESSANDRIA Battery	-	TARANTO
999 Battery	-	"

Total strength - 350 all ranks.

These personnel are at present carried under the Italian Navy ceiling.

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No. L.312/2.

MINISTRY OF WARRE,
ROME.

PLAG OFFICE LEADS, REATZ,
ALLIED COMMANDS,
HEAD OFFICES,
ROME.

30th October, 1944.

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FILE NO.	
Date Recd.	1 11

DISSEMINATION OF ALLIED AIR FORCE AND AIRCRAFT
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Ref.

Orders have been received from Allied Force Headquarters, that all Italian and aircraft and Coast Defence batteries in Italy and Sicily are to be disbanded with the following exceptions :-

- (a) 250 personnel now operating searchlights for the Allied Air Forces in the Sicily area.
- (b) 593 battery and 1000 battery at Brindisi.
- (c) 1000 battery and 1000 battery at Salerno.

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2. The disbandment of all defence batteries, including listening posts and other auxiliary units, is to proceed forthwith, with engaged in coast watching may be retained, but should be reduced to the minimum strength necessary to carry out their coast watching duties only.

3. It is requested you will inform us how many Italian Naval personnel will be released as a result of this reduction. Available figures indicate that about 10,000 personnel and men will be released, but confirmation of this number is required.

4. It has been recommended that it would be a great advantage if the men in paragraph 1(a) were transferred to the Royal Italian

and Savina are to be destroyed with the following exceptions:-

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- (a) 250 personnel now operating searchlights for the Allied Air Force in the Bogda area.
- (b) 993 battery and 1000 battery at Istanbul.
- (c) 1000 battery and 7.993 battery at Istanbul.

2. The disbandment of all defense battalions, including lineal posts and other auxiliary units, is to proceed forthwith. Units engaged in combat missions may be retained, but should be reduced to the minimum strength necessary to carry out their combat missions only.

3. It is requested you will inform us how many Italian Naval personnel will be released as a result of this reduction. Available figures indicate that about 10,000 personnel and men will be released, but confirmation of this number is required.

4. It has been requested that it would be a great advantage if the men in paragraph 3(a) were transferred to the Royal Italian Army. These men are generally stationed at Bogda and divisions regarding their administration are continually occurring, since there is no Italian Navy base within easy reach. It is requested that you will forward your views on this transfer as an early date, observing that the release of these men would benefit by the change.

THOMAS I. M. PALMER.

FOR HEAD QUARTERS.

- (COPY to :- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.
Military Mission to the Italian Army.
Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean.)
- (Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's 251823 October, refers

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FROM WMA

TO MINISTRY OF WAR
AREA 10 FIB
MAAF FLE BUREAU

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40 Searchlight Specialists at SARONIA now at APRACIA will
be made available immediately to FBS (.) FAREN WMA
AREA _____ FAREN (.) WMA 10 will arrange same (.)
These can not posted to 3 Searchlight Coy owing to
pending disbandment of AA and CD units

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENSE SECTION

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23 October 1944

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Subject: Italian AA.

To: 22, 25 AA Bde.

M.A.I.A.	
FILE REF	6/1
Date Recd	27/10

Reference AG 091.711/015 OCT-0 of 7 October 1944.

With effect from receipt of this letter, you are relieved of operational command of all Italian AA units, and all Italian AA will be rendered non-operational.

Disposal instructions for the Italian personnel and equipment will be issued by AAI through Land Forces Sub Commission (LSCIA) to the Italian units concerned.

Co-ordinated with G-3.

maxim

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

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Copy to:

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AAI SD

Land Forces Sub Commission (LSCIA) ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OPERATIONS DIVISION

Date 27 Oct

This information copy to:

DP, ACC, APO 394

FOR: Army Liaison

Chaplain, AFMIA

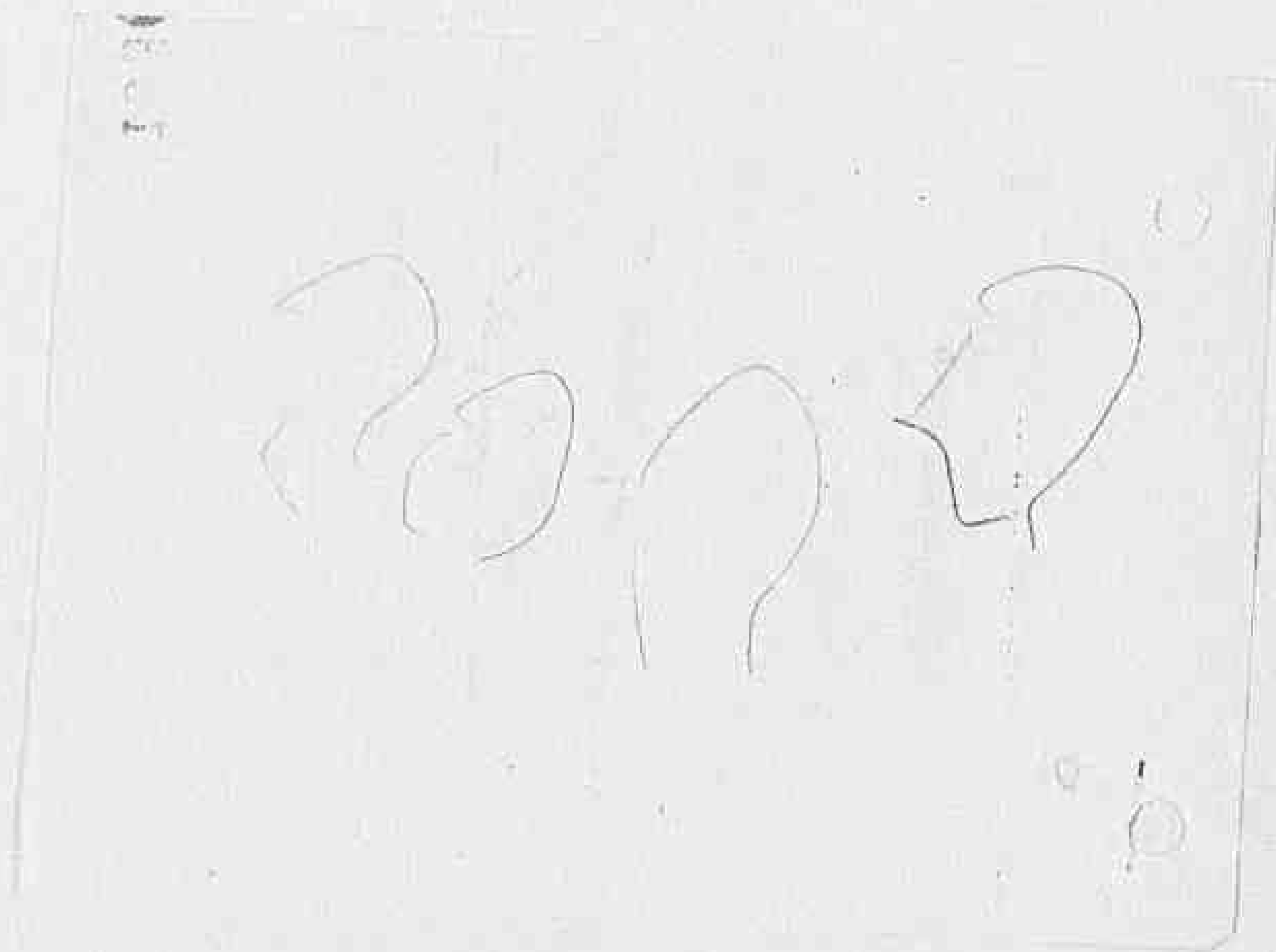
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.731/015 007-0

27 October 1944

SUBJECT: Italian AA, S/L and CD

TO : Commander in Chief, Allied Armies in Italy, APO 777

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Date Recd	31/10/

1. Reference letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 7 October 1944, the following formations will be disbanded forthwith:

a. All Italian Coastal Defenses at NAPLES, i.e., Bn IV^o Gruppo, Searchlight Gruppo, and 263, 264, 265 and 266 Batteries.

(Note: Cinc Mediterranean has agreed that Coastal Defenses are not needed on West Coast, South of Ighora. British Fire Command Posts, Plotting detachments and Radar will remain at NAPLES to assist Navy in observation and control of shipping movements.)

b. Pissacane Battery, BRINDISI

c. 604 Battery, TARANTO

d. All Italian Coastal Defenses in SARDINIA.

2. On completion of all phases, the effect of the whole Italian AA, S/L and CD disbandment program on the Mainland and in Sardinia will be as follows:

AA NIL
S/L operational under command
NAF (Br-ITI). 7/7/44 250
CD under command 203 Fixed
Defences (ITI-ITI). 8.2.44 300 - 350

3. AA and CD section, AFHQ, indicate that the disbandment is proceeding slowly. In view of the urgent demand for re-allocation of the personnel involved, it is requested that implementation of the disbandment be expedited.

By command of General WILSON:

cc to:
NAF
Naval Sub-Commission, AGC
Air Force Sub-Com, AGC
NAF Liaison Officer

R. E. FRESH
Captain, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

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3. Disposal instructions for Italian personnel equipment will be issued by A.A.I. through Law Forces Sub Commission (.....).

b. All copies of General Orders, Special Letters, and any correspondence from this H. J. are furnished with this H. J. Office of NARCO. All to be returned to this H. J. for filing.

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5. - Sigs Offr. 22 Feb. Dis will arrange for collection of all Sigs equipment issued on loan to Italian A.A. units.

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Copy to: 58, 72 Hqs Regts
17 Lts Regt
50 A&R

O'SHEA P.T., JR.
MAY 6
P. 98

2. All Italian A.S. will cease to be operational with effect from 27 Oct 44. This information has already been given to Colonello G. Verballo.

3. The oral instructions for Italian personnel and equipment will be issued by A.A.I. through the French Sub Commission (A.S.).

4. All copies of A.S. are to be sent, by air, to the Sub Commission, and any correspondence from this A.S. is to be sent by air to the Sub Commission of Naples. All to be returned to this A.S. by air.

5. Sig. Offr. 22 A. You will arrange for collection of all Sig. Offr. issued on loan to Italian A.S. units.

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- Copy to:
- 58, 72 H. Regts
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FROM HQ MAAF
TO MMIA ROME
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FOR DOBBS (.) REFERENCE YOUR SS 221 (.) SEARCHLIGHT SPECIALISTS
REFERRED TO ARE FOR COLONEL DAL FIUME COAST DEFENCE SEARCHLIGHT
UNDER COMMAND OF 574 COAST DEFENCE BATTERY: DAL FIUME REQUESTED
THESE MEN THREE MONTHS AGO (.) THEY ARE NOT FOR MM MAAF AIRFIELDS

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AROF V EGJP NR 48/26 **IMPORTANT**

1. MIL. MIS. ITALIAN ARMY - ROME

FROM HQ HAAF 261353A

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 PD SEARCHLIGHT SPECIALISTS REFERRED TO ARE FOR COLONEL
 DAL FIUME COAST DEFENCE SEARCHLIGHTS UNDER
 COMMAND OF FIVE SEVEN FOUR COAST DEFENCE
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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—January, 1933)

To: FOTALI Rome (R) FOMAM FOTALI, AAI Land From:

Forces Sub Commission MMIA

C. in C. Mod.

Secret Deferred.

AAI have been ordered to disband all Italian A.A. and C.D. in Sardinia and Italy except

(A) 250 personnel already ear-marked by M.A.A.F. for Searchlights in Taranto Area.

(B) 593 Battery and PENDAGNE Battery at Brindisi.

(C) ALESSANDRIA Battery and 992 Battery at Taranto.

2. A.A.I. is ordering disbandment of surplus units.

Request you arrange disposal Naval personnel with Ministry of Marine.

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Dist. 3,7, Major Dobbs Army Sub Commission. *AFHQ*

Cypher T.P.

T.O.R. 0300

Date 22-10-44

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Majors Robert Murray

M. T. Dispatching Order

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SUBJECT: Italian AA & CD.

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Oct 44

M.M.I.A. (5)
FIFTH Army (1)
EIGHTH Army (1)
66 AA Bde (1)

Copies as above of AFHQ letter AG 091.711/015 GOT-O dated 7 October 1944, are forwarded herewith.

Field.
CWS.

Major, CAC.,
G.S.O. 2 (US), RA., A.A.I.

Copy to: G(SD)

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SUBJECT:- Italian LI and CD

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 73

1605/50/2/G(SD1)

19 Oct 44

Req 21/10

Army Sub Commission ACC

Copy to:- AFHQ (5)
MILAF
MIGAF
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Reference AFHQ letter AG 091.711/015 GCP-O dated 7 Oct 44.

1. You are requested to instruct the SAME to proceed immediately with the disbandment of all Italian Army LI, S/L and CD units surplus to the requirements of AFHQ as shown in Appendices 'A' and 'B' to the above mentioned letter.

2. The personnel rendered surplus by this disbandment are at your disposal for use in filling Allied requirements.

3. Please report completion of the disbandment.

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John H. S. May
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SUBJECT :- Italian AA and CD.

HQ ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOF 73

1605/50/2/G(SD1)

19 Oct 44

AMHQ (5)

Copy to : MAAP
LEAF

Army Sub Commission ACC
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Reference your letter AG 091.741/015 COT-0 dated 7 Oct 44.

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1. In order that there shall be NO confusion between Italian Army and Italian Navy personnel employed on AA, S/L and CD, Army Sub Commission ACC have prepared lists showing the breakdown of your Appendices A and B by Services. These lists are attached as Appendices 'A' and 'B' to this letter.
2. The last mentioned Appendices show the number of Army personnel to be retained is 952, or 352 in excess of the ITI-ITI ceiling for AA and CD. This surplus can be carried temporarily against the ITI-ITI replacement category until the final reduction to the ceiling of 600 Italian Army personnel employed on AA and CD is ordered.
3. In the meantime Army Sub Commission ACC is being instructed to arrange for the reduction of Italian Army AA and CD to the ceiling shown in the attached Appendices.

General
+ General
Commander-in-Chief

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APPENDIX "A" to 1605/50/2/G(SM)
of 19 Oct. 44.ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHTS TO BE OPERATIONAL
UNDER COMMAND MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES.(a) NAVAL SEARCHLIGHTS (BR-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Searchlights</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men</u>
FOGGIA	17	3	108
BRINDISI	5	1	25
GROTTAGLIE	3	-	15
POMIGLIANO	1	-	5
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL	-	4	2
TOTAL	26	5	155

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(b) ARMY SEARCHLIGHTS (ITI-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Searchlights</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men</u>
FOGGIA	(Attached to Naval Searchlights)		12
ALGHERO (being trfd to Mainland)	5	-	25
ELMAS	5	-	25
BARI	5	-	25
TOTAL	15	-	87

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APPENDIX "B" to 1605/50/2/G/SD1)
of 19 Oct 44.ITALIAN COAST DEFENCE UNITS TO BE
RETAINED UNDER COMMAND OF 203 FIXED DEFENCES(a) NAVAL UNITS (HR-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>All Ranks</u>
Taranto	B 595 Btry	100
and	999 Btry	100
BRINDISI	Allesandri Btry	100
	L. of Pedagno Btry	100
	Total	400

(b) ARMY UNITS (ITI-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>All Ranks</u>
NETES	Hq 19 R.A.T.	50
	Hq 4th Gruppo	25
	263 Coast Btry	110
	264 Coast Btry	110
	265 Coast Btry	110
	266 Coast Btry	110
	Total	515

SARDINIA

T. Imene Btry	57
Millilire Btry	71
Candee Btry	123
G.M. 31	26
G.M. 25	57
G.M. 32	16
Total	350

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Military Mission
Italian Army
Rome
G/3/86
October 1944

Dear Colonel McQueen:

Attached is the AFHQ letter on AA & CD about which I spoke on the telephone today.

Evidently AFHQ thinks that the personnel shown on their Appendix A & B (with the exception of the sailors at Foggia) belong to the Italian Army. To get things straight, we have prepared an Appendix A & B, which shows the division between Army and Navy.

Our Appendix shows that the final number of Army personnel to be retained under this letter is 952. These are ITI-ITI's and under the breakdown, we have only 600 allotted to AA & CD. Therefore, the 352 surplus will have to be carried under the ITI-ITI replacement category until the final reduction to 600 is made by AFHQ. We can do this.

I would suggest that AFHQ be fully informed as to the status of the people they are retaining. As you know, the entire Italian Navy is BR-ITI.

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Our last return shows that there are 3620 AA & CD personnel on the continent. Those in Sardinia are in the process of being disbanded, but I suppose that the small elements AFHQ returns there are still on the job. However, we would like to have orders from AAI at once on the whole matter and get it straightened out.

Just how many of the personnel to be released on the mainland under this plan can be recovered for the program is not known. Obviously some of them will be demobilized or otherwise sick, lame or lazy. But if you will tell us to go ahead on the basis of retaining the units shown on our Appendix as belonging to the Army, we can make at least a few people available for the program.

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APPENDIX "A" to MMIA LETTER
6/3/66 of October 1944

ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHTS TO BE OPERATIONAL
UNDER COMMAND MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED AIR FORCES

(a) NAVAL SEARCHLIGHTS (BR-ITI)

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GROTTAGLIE	3	-	15
POMIGLIANO	1	-	5
TECHNICAL PERSONNEL	-	1	2
TOTAL	26	5	155

(b) ARMY SEARCHLIGHTS (ITI-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Searchlights</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Men</u>
FOGGIA	(Attached to Naval Searchlights)		1024 12
ALGERO (being trfd to Mainland)	5	-	25
ELMAS	5	-	25
BARI	5	-	25
TOTAL	15	-	87

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APPENDIX "B" to WMA LETTER
8/3/66 of October 1944

ITALIAN COAST DEFENCE UNITS TO BE
RETAINED UNDER COMMAND OF 203 FIXED DEFENCES

(a) NAVAL UNITS (BR-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>All Ranks</u>
TARANTO and BRINDISI	B 593 Btry	100
	593 Btry	100
	Allesandri Btry	100
	I. of Pedagno Btry	100
TOTAL		<u>400</u>

(b) ARMY UNITS (ITI-ITI)

<u>Location</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>All Ranks</u>
NAPLES	Hq 19 B.A.F.	50
	Hq 4th Gruppo	25
	263 Coast Btry	110
	264 Coast Btry	110
	265 Coast Btry	110
	266 Coast Btry	110
TOTAL		<u>515</u>
<u>SARDINIA</u>	Talmone Btry	57
	Millilire Btry	71
	Candee Btry	123
	G.M. 31	26
	G.M. 25	57
	G.M. 32	16
TOTAL		<u>350</u>

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SECRETAllied Force Headquarters
APO 512

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AG 091.711/015 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Italian AA & CD.

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

RHT/130
AP 696: **SECRET**
: Auth: S-G HT
: Initials
: Date: 7 October 1944
: 7 October 1944Reg 17
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1. Reference is made to letter this headquarters, file AG 319.22 GCT-O, subject as above, dated 10 July 1944. A further review of Italian AA has been made to determine which Italian AA, S/L & CD units are required to remain in action both on the Mainland and in SARDINIA.

2. Attached at Appendix "A" is a list showing AFHQ's total requirements for Italy and Sardinia.

3. Attached at Appendix "B" is a list of additional requirements for Italian CD personnel.

4. Apart from the requirements stated at Appendices "A" & "B" all other Italian AA & CD formations will be disbanded forthwith. Pending the issue of instructions by you for the disbandment the following action will be taken:

a. Allied AA Brigades will be relieved of their operational command of Italian AA.

b. All Italian AA units will be rendered non-operational.

c. All AA ammunition will be withdrawn from Italian AA units.

5. AA Brigades will be instructed to render all possible assistance to AFHQ's S/L Liaison Officer in the selection of operators for manning searchlight beams.

6. A further program of disbandment is now being worked out in this headquarters to reduce the total of Italian AA, S/L & CD to a figure of 300. This will be forwarded to you in due course for executive action.

By command of General HSCOM:

2 Incls

Incl 1 - Appendix A - Italian AA Searchlights
Incl 2 - Appendix B - Italian CD Personnel

Jack Carter
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

17 Oct
205**DISTRIBUTION**

5 - AFHQ, AG, RM, (AAI)
2 - AFHQ
1 - AA & CD
2 - 22 & 25 AA Bdes
2 - 44 AA Brig
5 - Cinc AAI

1 - G-3 (Org-A)
2 - AFHQ
1 - Fld Arty Sec
2 - Records w/1 copy of
1 - H & D w/o Incl

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APPENDIX "A" of Ltr JFHQ,
file AG 091.711/015 GCT-0,
dated 7 October 1944, subj
Italian M. & CD.

ITALIAN A.A. SEARCHLIGHTS

- - REQUIRED BY ILMF - -

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MEN</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>SEARCHLIGHTS</u>
FOGGIA	120	3	17
ELMAS	25	-	5
ALGHERO (being trfd to Mainland)	25	-	5
BARI	25	-	5
BRINDISI	25	1	5
GROTTAGLIE	15	-	3
POMIGLIANO	5	-	1
Technical Personnel	2	1	
	242	5	41

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NOTE: All but twelve (12) of the men at FOGGIA are Italian Sailors - these 12 are soldiers.

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Appendix "B" of Ltr AFHQ,
file AG 091.711/015 GCT-0,
dated 7 October 1944, subj:
Italian AA & CD.

ITALIAN C.D. PERSONNEL

203 Fixed Defences under
Command A.A.I.

Hq 4th Gruppo	25
263 Coast Btry	110
264 Coast Btry	110
265 Coast Btry	110
266 Coast Btry	110
Hq 19 R.A.T.	50
B 593 Btry	100
999 Btry	100
Alessandri Btry	100
I. of Pedagno Btry	100

915 ALL RANKS

C.D. SARDINIA

UNIT	ARTILLERY			13.2mm	S/L's
	152/40	120/45	40/39		
Talmone Btry	-	3	-	-	-
Millilire	3	1	-	-	-
Candee	3	1	-	-	7
G.H. 31	-	-	-	2	-
G.H. 25	-	-	4	-	-
G.H. 32	-	-	-	2	-
	6	5	4	4	7

PERSONNEL: 350 All Ranks.

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FROM : MEIA
TO : AFHQ for G-3 ORG
SD 1595

14 OCT 63

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Ref 14/10

Ref your F 37604 of 12 Oct (.) JAREN ROME AREA
EXREM (1) AFHQ letter AGO31.711/015GWT-0 of 7 OCT NOT rpt
NOT held (.) Request copy

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

22/13

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Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

Office Data Stamp

G-3 (ORG) FOREIGN AMHQ SIGNED SAC CITE ME CT 121654A

For Action

MIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MIA A
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Data Recd 13/10/1

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

P 37804. (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REFERENCE YOUR SD1572 OF 10 OCTOBER (.) AMHQ LETTER
 ACO91.711/015GCT-0 OF 7 OCTOBER ADDRESSED AAI, COPY TO YOU, CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS
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SUBJECT: A.A. Defence of CAMPANIA

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E

File No. G/3
10 Oct 44

WAR MINISTRY

Ref SMRE letter 7340/Ord of 2 Oct 44.

1. This H.Q. is not in favour of present of forming another "Gruppo" H.Q.

2. You will however be informed more definitely in a fortnight's time, when it is hoped that a plan will have been made regarding the disposition of the 600 Italian Army personnel authorised for A.A. duties and the disbandment of all remaining A.A. personnel in the Italian Army.

Maj Gen
M M I A

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B/F in 10 days.

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FROM MILA

TO AFHQ (For AA and UD Section)

10 / 7 cc A

7th
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SD 1572

CONFIDENTIAL

Request your instructions regarding reduction of Italian Army
AA on mainland to 600 all ranks (.) PAREN HOMES AR A _____
PAREN

PRESIDENCE

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Translation.

From SM RE

Ref No 7340

To MM RA

Date 2/act/44

"A" Defence of Camporee

With the forming of the 5th Troop of 37/54, the 3rd battery of the 19 RA unit is now composed of 8th Troop.

In consideration of the following. 1016

- (1) the number of Troops in said battery.
- (2) the distance between the localities of the Troops.
- (3) the difficulties of communications and lack of transportation

A new Lt. H.P. which would take over half of the ~~4th~~ Troop is made necessary if the ~~4th~~ Troop is made necessary in the (22) form.

- (1) the cluster of ~~troops~~ in said battery.
- (2) the distance between the localities of the troops.
- (3) the difficulties of communications and lack of transportation

A new H.P. which would take over half of the ~~troops~~ is made necessary

The officer Commanding 22 Brig. (BR) from whom the BA ~~group~~ is dependent is favourable to the formation of said ~~H.P.~~ which only requires the posting of a superior officer as other members of the ~~new H.P.~~ could be drawn from the remaining units of 19 BA group (Raggruppari).

We therefore beg AMIA to authorize the forming of said ~~new~~ H.P.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

M.M.A.	5016
FILE REF	13
Date Recd	12/10/44

N° 5340 /ord. di prot.

P.M.I5I, li 2 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO : Difesa contraerei della Campania (19° raggruppamento arti-

llieria).

(acc. Difesa di Campania) 19 Artillery Group

Rea 10.



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

R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO

- Ufficio C.A. -

P.M.I5I

Con la costituzione dell'8^a batteria da 37/54 il III grup-
po del 19° raggruppamento artiglieria, impiegato nella difesa con-
traerei della Campania, viene a risultare su otto batterie.

In considerazione :

- di tale rilevante numero di batterie;
- della distanza fra le zone di schieramento delle batterie stes-
se;
- della deficienze dei collegamenti e della mancanza di mezzi di
trasporto,

si rende necessaria la costituzione di un altro comando di gruppo,
per l'inquadramento della metà delle suddette batterie.

Il comando della 22^a brigata inglese, da cui il gruppo di-
pende per l'impiego, si è espresso favorevolmente per la costitu-
zione di tale comando, che richiede soltanto l'assegnazione di un
ufficiale superiore comandante, poiché il rimanente personale sa-
rà tratto dagli altri reparti del 19° raggruppamento.

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCIZIO (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO

- Ufficio C.A. -

P.M.151

1. Con la costituzione dell'8^a batteria da 37/54 il III gruppo del 19° reggimento artiglieria, impiegato nella difesa con trincee della Campania, viene a risultare su otto batterie.

In considerazione:

- di tale rilevante numero di batterie;
- della distanza fra le zone di schieramento delle batterie stesse;
- della deficienza dei collegamenti e della mancanza di mezzi di trasporto,

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2. si rende necessario la costituzione di un altro comando di gruppo, per l'inquadramento della metà delle suddette batterie.

3. Il comando della 22^a brigata inglese, da cui il gruppo dipende per l'impiego, si è espresso favorevolmente per la costituzione di tale comando, che richiede soltanto l'assegnazione di un ufficiale superiore comandante, poiché il rimanente personale sarà tratto dagli altri reparti del 19° reggimento.

4. Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler comunicare se la costituzione del nuovo comando di gruppo può essere autorizzata.



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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

File 63

FROM

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TO

AGC BAGHINIA

Per 10

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For SIMONS (*) PARIN ROME AREA COMMAND PARIN (*) Your
AGS Y 171 of 27 SEP NOT rpt NOT understood (*) Request you give again the
AAI reference

1. 2.

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T MMIA

FROM AGC SARDINA SIGNED SIMMONS

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TO MMIA

AGS Y171

COMMANO MILITARE DELLA SAREGNA REQUESTS CONFIRMATION FROM SMRE
FOR THE REMOVAL OF FIVE SEARCHLIGHTS AND CREWS ALREADY AUTHORIZED
BY AAI CABLE SD923 OF 12 SEPT

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RECD 23/11/ 23/0347 A AAA

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10 SEP 1944
A.C.C.

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Subject:- Italian A.A. Units in SARDINIA.

Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E.

G/3

22 Sep 44

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Reg A.

Ministry of War.

Copy to: AGC SARDINIA for SIMMONS.

Reference SMRE letter 6787/Ord of
13 Sep 44.

On receipt from AFHQ of instructions to release Italian A.A. units in SARDINIA from their present operational commitments, this H.Q., will inform you what action is required regarding employment of the personnel thus released on other tasks.

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[Signature]
Major General,
Military Mission Italian Army.

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- Sezione Ordinamento -

Regia

N° 6789/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, li 15 sett. 1944

OGGETTO: Forza contingentata per la difesa c.a. della Sicilia.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (MIA) ROMA

M.M.I.A.	G/3
FILE REF	
Data Rec.	16/9

Il distaccamento M.M.I.A. della Sottocommissione per l'Esercito in Palermo, al quale il Comando Militare Sicilia aveva chiesto il nulla osta per ridurre di 35 unità il 145° gruppo c.a. (allo scopo di adeguarlo alla forza prescritta dal foglio G/3 del 4/8-44 di codesta M.M.I.A.), ha risposto di non essere in grado di autorizzare per mancanza di istruzioni in merito.

Quanto sopra si comunica per le disposizioni che codesta Sottocommissione vorrà impartire al dipendente distaccamento di Palermo.-



MMIA	A. G/3
ENERG	
Date Recd	16/9

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Quanto sopra si comunica per le disposizioni che codesta Sottocommissione vorrà impartire al dipendente distaccamento di Palermo.-



1. No action

2. 1 US AA Gruppo

is now on A.A. Longen 6/16/41 sent to Italy in plenary War service discharge for 48 + 50. 11/29

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P. 17a.

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WMLA

WAR MEMORANDUM

WMLA LO DISCHARGE
HQ SICILY REGION AGO FOR WMLA LO ALBERT

WMLA

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In last sentence of our WMLA of 15 sep delete following three words quote
in combat or quote (*) FROM HERE AREA CORRESPONDENCE

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BY SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR MR. [illegible]

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In last sentence of our 511434 of 15 sep delete following three words quote
in exhibit or unquote (*) EXHIBIT ROOM AREA COMBINED _____ JAMES

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W. H. Major

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145 AL GROUPS IN ACTION TO THE 150 GROUPS REQUIRED FOR AS HAS REPORTED TO THE

COMMANDED ITALIAN ARMY (4) PARTIAL BOMB AREA ADMIRAL 17/11/41 (4)

RECEIVED REPORT 150 WILL BE DISPOSED OF UNDER YOUR ORDERS BY ABSORPTION INTO

COMBAT WITH OUR SERVICE UNITS AND UNITS IN ACTION OR DISCHARGE IF APPLICABLE

(4) ALL PORTABLE ALPHAS EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING WILL BE WITHDRAWN AND

AREA PERSONNEL TO BE EMPLOYED ~~IN~~ BY ALLIES

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amend

sent out 16 Sep deleting
"in combat".

R.2-16/9

1st SA Group in which the eye is longer required the eye is required to meet
concerned ITALIAN ARMY (*) IN THE NAME ALSO (C) (*)
Personnel group eye will be discussed at which your eye is by assumption into
combat while you service unit can unit in similar or otherwise if applicable
(*) All serviceable Allied equipment and clothing will be withdrawn from the

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from personnel to be employed ~~by~~ by allies

cancel

sent out 16 Sep deleting

"in combat or"

R. 2-16/9

Internal copy to

W. B. B. B.

W. B. B. B.

Translation

From: SQM RE.

To: MM 1A

Subject: Anti-Aircraft units in Sardinia.

Ref: 6787/Ord.
Date: 13. 9. 44

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Folio 9.

Re your G/3 dated 4.8.44.

Sardinia Mil Comm and report that the local Anti-Aircraft H.Q. has decided that the Italian Anti-Aircraft Art'y. employed in the defense of the island, with the exception of the 124 Bty. of the Fertilia airport, be placed in a non-operational category.

Will MM 1A please inform us whether the remaining Anti-Aircraft unit, shown 1008 Appendix "B" of the a/r letter, should be disbanded and otherwise employed.

(Sgd) General SANTI.

~~TS/Sat~~

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Local Anti-Aircraft H.Q. has decided that the Italian Anti-Aircraft Art'y. employed in the defense of the Island, with the exception of the 124 Bty. of the Funtia airport, be placed in a non-operational category.

Will M.M. 1A please inform us whether the remaining Anti-Aircraft units, shown **1008** Appendix "B" of the a/r letter, should be disbanded and otherwise employed.

(Sgd) General SAAT1.

~~18/5/51~~

✓ Same

- 2/c
1. This is the first definite information I have. Please see Group 1 shown. Station A.A. in SAP, DINIA. AT-11P
 2. Nothing official from AT-11P yet.
 3. Suggest we pass on above to AT-11P

G-2-15

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

M.M.I.A.	6
FILESS	13
Data Rec.	14/9/44

N°6787/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 13 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti di artiglieria contraerei della Sardegna.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO M.M.I.A.

R O M A

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Riferimento foglio G/3 del 4.8.1944.-

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Il comando militare della Sardegna ha comunicato che il locale comando A.A. ha disposto di porre su piano non operativo l'artiglieria contraerei schierata a difesa dell'isola, ad eccezione del 124° gruppo dell'aeroporto di Fertilia.-

Si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di voler comunicare se i rimanenti reparti contraerei, previsti dall'appendice "B" del foglio a riferimento, dovranno essere sciolti ed impiegati per altre esigenze.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'Esercito M.M.I.A.

R O M A

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MESSAGE FORM

M. I. A. 6/3

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Date Recd. 13/12/68

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FROM (A) MAIN AAI

Originator

Date Time of Origin 13 1200G

For Action

TO MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

Originator's No.

SD 1679

SECRET (.) 145 AA Gruppo in SICILY NO rpt NO longer required for AA has reverted to under comd SAME (.) suggest unit be used to meet programme requirements

1605/50/2

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Subject: - Coast Defence Units, CAMPANIA.

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

ROME.

G/3 ✓  
Sept. 44.

Rev 12

Ministry of War.

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Reference SMRU's 6209/Ord of 26th. Aug.

1. It is confirmed by H.Q. A.A.I. that 266 Coast Battery (total strength 110 C.Rs) of IV Coastal Group should be included in the Order of Battle of AA and CD units as detailed in Appendix 'A' to MMIA letter G/3 of 4th August.
2. The following unit, also under operational command of 203 Fixed Defences, should be included under the same section:  
3rd. Searchlight Raggruppamento 109 all ranks.

gb.JAD

*[Signature]*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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# RAACIPHER MESSAGE FORM

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| FROM (A) ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY               |                   |                                     | DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN<br>Sept 10 nil |
| TO (FOR ACTION) MAIN HQ MMIA HQ MMIA ROME    |                   |                                     | MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS<br>GR         |
| TO (FOR INFORMATION)                         |                   |                                     |                                    |
| (REF. No.)                                   | 690/2             | (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)<br>SECRET |                                    |

DISREGARD OUR 690/1 OF 7 SEPTEMBER.

AFHQ CABLE FX 94154 OF 9 SEPTEMBER QUOTE CONFIRMED THAT 145 AA GROUP REVERTS UNDER ITALIAN ARMY QUOTE.

SECRET

DECIPHERED 111135B.LW.

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|                    | ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION: |              |      |

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**RESTRICTED**

SUBJECT:- Italian CD Units

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 73

1605/50/2/G(SD1)

7 Sep 44

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| DATE   | 8:91 |

Army Sub-Commission, (MMIA), —  
HQ, ACC, ROME.

Reference your letter G/3 dated 29 Aug.

1. The delay in replying is regretted.
2. The two Italian CD units listed are required by 203 Fixed Defences and should therefore be retained and shown on the Order of Battle under AA & OD.

*[Signature]*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

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SECRET

Copy

Subject: 145 A.A. Gruppo.

1. I have been asked

by the Italian Military Command of Sicily to the 145 A.A. Gruppo at Siracusa, informing the Commander that his establishment is reduced from 186 to 150.

2. When it was first decided to move this Gruppo from Siracusa and place it under British command I was personally assured by H.Q., Allied Forces in Sicily, that the Gruppo and its personnel were needed for their proposed new duty. The figure of 150 was decided upon, and agreed.

3. I have been subsequently asked whether this figure is a minimum for the efficient manning of the 12 guns. If the establishment is reduced, the no. of guns in action will also have to be reduced. Such reduction cannot be permitted.

4. I consider it wrong that orders for such operational gravity should be sent direct to the Gruppo and not through me. I have ordered the O.C., 145 Gruppo to take NO action to reduce his establishment until the matter has been dealt with through the correct channels.

Field (C.M.F.),  
CO and Lt,  
Rear/Adj.

Copies to:-

O.C., 145 A.A. Gruppo,  
Siracusa, Sicily.  
O.C., 70 A.A. Bde.  
O.C. (or) Increment, 145 A.A. Gruppo.

No. 1050

1st Ind.

145 A.A. Gruppo, Siracusa, Sicily, 1 Sept 1944

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Signed EXETER  
Brigadier  
Comd., 70 A.A. Bde.  
(H.Q.M. Station).

See Folio  
48 in 40/2/12  
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3. I have been subsequently satisfied that this figure is a minimum for the efficient handling of the 12 units. If the establishment is reduced, the no. of units in action will also have to be reduced. Such reduction cannot be permitted.

4. I consider it wrong that orders of such operational gravity should be sent direct to the Group and not through me. I have ordered the G.C., 145 Group, to take NO action to reduce the establishment until the matter has been dealt with through the correct channels.

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Field (C.M.F.),  
40 Ave 44,  
Rome/Italy.

Signed: [Signature]  
Brigadier  
Comd., 70 A.A. Bde.  
(A.C.M. [illegible]).

Copies to:-

- A.C., [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].
- G.C., 70 A.A. Bde.
- G.C. (4th) Regiment, 145 A.A. Gruppo.

No. 0807

1st Ind.

ARMY SUB COMMISSION AGO (MMA) L.C. BRILL

1 Sept 1944

TO: Omer. 70 A.A. Bde, Catania

COPY TO: GOC ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMA) ✓

1. In the reaction of 145 AA Gp the Italian Military Hq. of Sicily was complying with instructions from MMA Ref 0012/090 dated 10 Aug 1944, who in turn were acting upon instructions from MMA.

2. Regarding Ref 4 above, advise that your Hq. should have been informed of action taken by Military Hq. of Sicily.

3. Appendix "C" to MMA letter 0/6/1/1 dated 10 Aug 1944 to Italian Ministry of War places 145 AA Gp in Category A, with total strength of 100. Ref 12 of 2/11 latter states in part "Units in those categories will, after discussion, be authorized to cross railway only as specifically approved by this Hq. (MMA) in the number and from the Italian Depot specified." However, an forwarding a copy of basic communication with 1st Ind to Hq. MMA for necessary instructions.

SECRET

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STAFF MAGGIOR GENIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
Sezione Ordinamento

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| M.M.I.A.  | 9     |
| FILE REF  | 13    |
| Date Recd | 3/9/4 |

n° 6465 /Grà. di prot.

P.L. 151, 2 settembre 1944

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

A.O.N.A.

OGGETTO: 59<sup>a</sup> batteria da 20 m/m.-

59 Battery of 20/17/4

Risposta al foglio 0/3 del 27/0 c.a.-

Nei riguardi della batteria in oggetto questo sta-  
to maggiore ha dato ordini per:

- le armi c.a. siano rimosse dal campo di Galatina ed accan-  
tonate nei magazzini,
- il personale sia inviato alla dr. "Trinoli", - Dall'Uff. -  
cio trasporti di questo S.M. sarà inoltrata appena possi-  
bile la richiesta trasporto.-

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M. R. E.

INTEGRALE ADDESSO  
(Alessandro Santi)

OGGETTO: 59^ batteria in 20 m/m.--

59 Battery of 20 p/m

*alt*

Risposta al foglio 2/3 del 27/3 o.e.--

Nei riguardi della batteria in oggetto questo Sta-  
to Maggiore ha dato ordini perchè :

- le armi c.a. siano rimosse dal campo di Usatona ed accen-  
tate nei magazzini,
- il personale sia inviato alla dt. "Piruli" -- Bell'Ugenti--  
cio trasporti di questo S.M. sarà inoltrata appena possi-  
bile la richiesta trasporto.--



VICENINALE ALDO  
(Alessandro Santi)

*[Signature]*

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SUBJECT: Italian Units.

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

ROME.

C/3  
29 Aug 44.

To : H.Q. AAI.

1. The following units, at present employed by 574 Coast Regt R.A. under 203 Fixed Defences, are not included in AFHQs AG 319 - 22 GCT - O of 10 July, 1944.

| <u>Unit.</u>                            | <u>Strength All Ranks.</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 3rd Searchlight Raggruppamento          | 109                        |
| 266 Coast Battery (part of IV CD Group) | 110                        |

2. Please advise what action should be taken.

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tvs. JAD.  
3.c.

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

1. Talked d'Autona re above.  
Told him 574 154 To HQ.  
was on our ATT of 100.  
it was  
not mentioned  
in above letter.  
Said presumably Dabbs had  
pointed this out verbally  
G.C. 16  
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Subject :- T/720 Battery, GROTTAGLIE.

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

ROME.

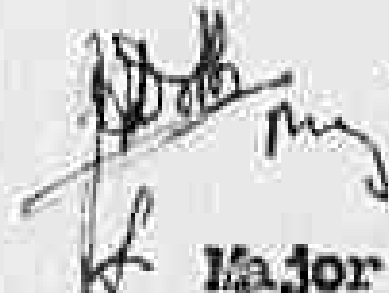
G/3. ✓  
27 Aug. 44. D

To :- Navy Sub Commission, A.C.C.

The attached letter is forwarded to you for action as the Battery concerned is under command of the Ministry of Marine.

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gbJAD

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

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RESTRICTED.

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Subject:- 59th. Battery x 20mm, IECOE Airfield.

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

ROME,

G/3 ✓  
17 Aug. 44. D

To :- S.M.R.H.

1. Orders have been received that the above unit is no longer required for A.A. Defence at IECOE Airfield.

2. Please arrange for the guns to be removed and for the personnel to be made available for suitable tasks in the Allied programme.

3. M.M.I.A. will be informed of what action is taken.

gbJAD

*Robb*  
*mjr*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian AA

STRICTED

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY  
Tel: FILPOT 73  
1605/50/2G(SDI)

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19 Aug 44

Army Sub Commission  
Allied Control Commission

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| FILED     | 6       |
| FILE REI  | 13      |
| Date Recd | 20/8/44 |

Copy to AFHQ

1. AFHQ letter AG 091.711/015 GCT-0 dated 15 Aug 44 states that 59 Bty (20 mm) now manning two posns at LECCE airfd is no longer required.

2. Will you please make arrangements with the Italian authorities for the disbandment of this unit and the allocation of personnel against appropriate outstanding Allied requirements.

*[Signature]*  
for Lieutenant General  
Chief of General Staff

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

HQ ACC, APO 394

Lt Col Sec'y Gen.

Rec'd 17 Aug 1944

By *ARR.*

15 August 1944

G/3

AG 091.711/015 C-0

SUBJECT: Italian AA & CD.

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

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| MM A     | SB      |
| FILE REF | 1       |
| DATE     | 18 E 44 |

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1. Reference is made to letter this headquarters file AG 319.22 OCT-0, dated 10 July 1944, subject as above.

2. The following antiaircraft battery which was not listed in the above mentioned letter among those to be retained, is reported as still deployed round LEGGE Airfield:

59th Battery of 20mm Scottis manning two positions each of 10 x 20mm and three positions each of 6 x 8mm.

3. It is desired you arrange the removal of this battery with the Italian authorities concerned. The personnel will then be available for employment in other areas.

By command of General WILSON:

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JACK CARTER,  
Capt. AGO,  
Asst Adjutant General.

CC TO ACC ATTN: LAND FORCES REG COMMISSION RECORDS

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MESSAGE FORM

G3  
File 34

TOO 27 1735 B  
THI 27 B

From MIA

To NAAF rptd GSD AAI

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0559 (\*) RESTRICTED (\*) For BURTON (\*) Do you require  
Searchlight Specialists for Allied equipment (\*) If so suggest  
you request <sup>their</sup> ~~the~~ transfer from Italian Army to Italian Air Force  
(\*) 40 such specialists now ready in LARDINIA  
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May be sent as written To be sent in Cipher if  
except ( ) wireless liable to interception  
*Smith* ( ROUTINE )

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MESSAGE FORM.

6/3

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Date TOO

FILE

From: MMIA

To : MMIA IO SARDINIA

SD 1341\*RESTRICTED (\*) Reference your PRIME of 2 Aug (\*), Shipment not yet confirmed by AAI as instructions are still to be received from MAAF regarding employment of these searchlight specialists (\*) Transfer to Military Headquarters CAMPANIA not approved

May be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except ( ) wireless.

Must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception.

Priority ROUTINE.

Sgd \_\_\_\_\_  
tvs.JAD.

Sgd *[Signature]*

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**SECRETO  
SECRET**

STATO MAGGIORE RUOLO DISPOSTO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Ordinamento -

7496

**6209** /Ord. di prot.

F.M. 151, **26** agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Difesa conveniata e costiera della Campania.-

SUB: Anti-aerei e Coastal defenses of Campania

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

R O M A

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|------|---------|
| M.M. | 6/13    |
| FILE | 147     |
| Date | 27/8/44 |

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1. - Il comando militare Campania ha segnalato che
nell' "Appendice A" al foglio 6/3, in data 4 agosto c.a.,
di codesta Sottocommissione, non risultano elencate le se-
guenti batterie:

- a) - 266^a btr. costiera (dipendente dal IV gruppo **943**
- forza 110;
- b) - 8^a btr. c.a. da 37/54 (in corso di costituzio-
ne) - forza 50.-

*At 15
Cistad.*

Pregesi far conoscere se si tratta di omissione e
se dette batterie possono essere inserite nell'appendice

E O M A

MM	6/3
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Den	7/10

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1. - Il comando militare Germana ha segnalato che nell'Appendice I al foglio 6/3, in data 4 agosto C.C., di codesta Sottocommissione, non risultano elencate le seguenti batterie:

- a) - 266^a btr. costiera (dipendente dal IV gruppo) 3
- forza 110;
- b) - 8^a btr. c.a. da 37/54 (in corso di costituzione) - forza 50.-

pt is
Listed.

Preghesi far conoscere se si tratta di omissione e se dette batterie possono essere inserite nell'appendice stessa.

2. - Si comunica inoltre che nella citata "Appendice I", al posto del "punto interrogativo" (?) va messa la dicitura "177^a btr. da 76/40 - forza 39".-



UFFICIO GENERALE ADDIZIONE

(Messaggio Antti)

HEADQUARTERS
26 AUG 1954
A. C. C.



Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

= Div. Armamento = Sez. II =

N. 345/A=II di Fed.
Allegato 4533

11a DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA DI

R O M A		
M.M.A.	FILE REF	Date Recd
G/13	1	22/8/44

OGGETTO Cessione di materiale al 19° Raggrupp. art. c.a.

AL LABORATORIO DI PRECISIONE R.E.

e, per conoscenza :

ALL'ARMY SUB COMMISSION, MMIA (ADV)
(Rif.f.n. G./105 del 16.7.c.a.)

AL COMANDO 19° RAGGRUPP. ARTIGLIERIA c.a.

= ROMA =

= ROMA =

= NAPOLI =

Pregasi disporre le seguenti cessioni di materiali al 19° Raggrupp. Artiglieria c.a. :

Direzione Artiglieria di Roma

- = Affusti c.a. tipo Dicat per pezzi da 20 mm.
- = Bocche da fuoco da 37/54 con cofani per parti di ricambio completi
- = Bossoli per colpi da 20 mm. Oerlikon
- = Cartocci granata da 20 mm. c.a.
- = Cartocci granata da 20 mm. Oerlikon c.a.

Laboratorio di Precisione

- = Graduatori a mano per spolette 35 at. e d.e.
- = Manometri da 250 atmosf.
- = Goniometri B. c.a.
- = Cassetta per goniometri B. c.a.

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Direzione Artiglieria di Roma

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Laboratorio di Precisione

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= Cassette per congegni di rettifica linea di mira da 76/40	n.	4
= Talponi ottici per mitragl. da 20 mod. 35 ..	"	15
= Cannocchiale per mitragl. da 20 mm.	"	2
= Cannocchiali da 76/40/A	"	1
= Cercatori per telemetro	"	2
= Telemetri da m. 3 con stadia, treppiede e cass.	"	7
= " " m.0,70 completi di treppiede e cass.	"	10
= Stadio da m. 0,70	"	10
= Telemetri da m. 4 con stadia, trepp. e cassetta	"	1
= Supporto a spalla per telemetri da 0,60 ...	"	2
= Cassette per mezzi metrici	"	3
= Telemetri S.Giorgio da m.4 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	2
= Congegni di puntamento tipo L.P.	"	6
= Telemetri monostatici da m. 2 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta	"	5
= Cannocchiale per centralino di punteria a forbice con treppiede	"	2
= Tavolo previsore da 76/40	"	1
= Colonnina di punteria per tavolo previsore.	"	1
= Cassa per materiale telef. per tav. previs.	"	1
= Calcolatore di volo per tiro c.a.	"	1
= Binocolo d'osservazione S.Giorgio	"	13
= Specchio a riflessione per congegni da 20/35	"	20
= Attacchi per impianti comunicazione per telemetro	"	27
= Congegni di punteria da 20/35	"	1
= Stereotelemetri da m.0,60 Galileo con stadia e treppiede	"	2
= Telemetri da m. 3 con stadia, trepp. e cassetta	"	1
= Disco d'alzo per cannone da 76/40	"	1
= Talponi di puntamento da 90/53	"	8
= Verificatore panoramico per complesso da 90/53	"	4
= Cassette per accumulatore illum. telemetro..	"	24
= Telemetri stereoscopici da m. 2 completi di stadia	"	2

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= Supporto a spalla per telemetri da 0,60 m.	3	"
= Cassette per mezzi metrici	2	"
= Telemetri S.Giorgio da m.4 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta.....	6	"
= Congegni di puntamento tipo L.P.	5	"
= Telemetri monostatici da m. 2 con stadia, treppiede e cassetta.....	2	"
= Cannocchiale per centralino di punteria a forbice con treppiede.....	1	"
= Tavolo previsore da 76/40	1	"
= Colonnine di punteria per tavolo previsore.	1	"
= Cassa per materiale telef. per tav. previs.	1	"
= Calcolatore di volo per tiro c.a.	13	"
= Binocolo d'osservazione S.Giorgio	20	"
= Specchio a riflessione per congegni da 20/35	27	"
= Attacchi per impianti comunicazione per telemetro	1	"
= Congegni di punteria da 20/35	2	"
= Stereotelemetri da m.0,60 Galileo con stadia e treppiede	1	"
= Telemetri da m. 3 con stadia, trepp. e cassetta	1	"
= Disco d'alzo per cannone da 76/40	1	"
= Taiponi di puntamento da 90/53	8	"
= Verificatore panoramico per complesso da 90/53	4	"
= Cassette per accumulatore illum. telemetro..	24	"
= Telemetri stereoscopici da m. 2 completi di stadia	2	"

Prelevamento a cura dell'ente ricevente.

d'ordine
p. IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(ter.Col.G.Trombetti)

[Handwritten signature]

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TELESCRITTO in partenza

COMILIT PUGLIA ET LUCANIA

(telescritto)

M.M.I.A. (Sottocommissione Esercito)

(a mano)



STAMAGGIORE OPERAZIONI NR. 8426 / OP. DI PROT. ALT PRESENTE EST
DIRETTO AT COMILIT PUGLIA ET LUCANIA ET CONOSCENZA AT M.M.I.A. /
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO/ ALT TESTO DUE PUNTI AT SEGUITO RICHIE-
STA M.M.I.A. AUTORIZZASI TRASFERIMENTO DA EFFETTUARSI AT CURA 25^a
BRIGATA ANTI-AEREA DEL 139° GRUPPO ANTI-AEREO DA MONOPOLI AT BARE
ET S. SPIRITO ADI

STAMAGGIORE N° 811180844



P.O.C.

Colonnello in S.C.M.
Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero Sampa)

Piero Sampa

8426/OP - to Command PUGLIA
for info to M.M.I.A. O
Following request by M.M.I.A.
meanwhile transfer of 139A.4
Bde of MONOPOLI to BARE + S. SPIRITO
to be effected by 25 AA Bde

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MESSAGE FORM

Date TO

29
6/3
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To: SARE Info: 25 A.A. Bde.

From: JAD.

SD 1236 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) 139 AA Group MONOPOLI required to
move (*) 8 guns to be deployed at BARI on 12 (12) at SAN SPIRITO
(*) Move to be ordered by 25 AA Bde (*) Authorize IX Corps
accordingly

May be sent AS
WRITTEN by any means
except ()
wireless.

Must be sent IN
CIPHER if liable
to interception.

Priority

IMPORTANT.

Sgt

Sgt

tvv:JAD.

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SUBJECT: German AA Predictor Model 40

Army Sub Commission, ~~EMTA~~.
H.Q., A.C.C.

RCE.

6/3 ✓
14 Aug 44.

To : S.M.R.E.

1. The German Predictor Model 40 (KDO GERAT 40) on charge to 1424 AA Battery, BARI, is at present under repair at the Arsenal, TARANTO. Difficulty is being experienced owing to lack of a wiring diagram.
2. Please inquire if such a diagram is available, for example in the Laboratorio di Precisione of the Direzione d'Artiglieria. If so, please forward it to 20th AA Raggruppamento, informing this H.Q.

tva.JAD.
3.c.

[Signature]
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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HQ 25 A. A. Bde
Aug. 12th, 44.

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Major Dobbs,
MMA,
Main HQ

Dear Major Dobbs,

The Italian 1424 Battery is equipped with German 88 mm. Flak guns and a Predictor Kdo Gerät 40.

The predictor being out of order it has been sent to the Arsenal in Tarranto for repair, but they find difficulty in doing the repair for lack of a wiring diagram, or other particulars regarding the predictor.

Could you be so kind as to inquire at the 'Laboratorio di Precisione della Direzione d'Artiglieria' if there is available a wiring diagram of the predictor Kdo Gerät 40, or any other particulars in connexion with that predictor.

Major Dobbs,

Thanking you in advance for your trouble I am, dear

Yours sincerely,

Leon Alcala

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SUBJECT:- Italian AA

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/2/6(SDI)

Army Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission

M.M.I.A.	SD
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	14/8/44

Reference AFHQ letter AG 091.711/015 GCT-0 dated 11
Aug 44.

Please issue the necessary instructions to SIRE, according
to the type of personnel forming the unit.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Subject: Def of MOI DLI

Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)

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FILL REF.	
Don't feed	14/8/44

SECRET

G/13/3/34

Ref AFHQ (AA & CD Sec) letter AA0.470 I dated 28 Jul 44 (copy to MMIA only).

1. Within the next few days we propose to move the 20mm guns deployed at MONOPOLI and re-deploy them as follows :-

8 guns at BARI (Oil Refinery)
12 guns at S SPIRITO

2. Will you please give the necessary authorisation for this move through Italian channels.

Field
11 Aug 44

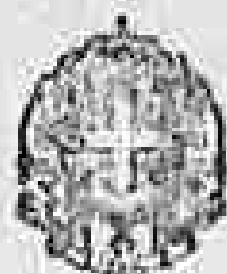
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Osc 64 HAA Regt
180/64 HAA Regt
NOICs BARI, MONOPOLI
IX Corpo d'Armata
20 Raggruppamento

G/2

Brig
Comd 25 AA Bde

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DIREZIONE ARTIGLIERIA

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Roma

N. 2000 (208) del Catal
(R. 1911 - Anno XX)

1944

194 - Anno

MINISTERO GUERRA
DIREZ. GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

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Prot. N. 298 Allegati

Risposta al foglio del 29 .7. 1944

Div. ARMA Sez. IIA N. 335

OGGETTO Cassione materiale alla 25a Brigata C.A. - 4245

Ispezione di materiale per 25a Brigata C.A.

e. p. c.

ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSIONE A.C.C.

AL COMANDO 202 RAGGRUPPAMENTO ART. C.A.

R O M A

B A R I

Riferimento dispaccio sopradistinto, si comunica di non poter aderire alla richiesta, in quanto presso questa direzione esistono 16 canne per fucilioni SOLOTHURN erroneamente segnalate come ORLIKON.

IL COLONNELLO DIRETTORE

(A. de Simone)

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Headquarters A.A.I.
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

MAJ A	SD/	6/3
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Date Recd	11/8	44

2 August 1944

SUBJECT: Engineer Personnel

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, ACC
Main Bq, AMIA - APO 394

Comando Militar Barlegra have informed me that S.M.R.M.
have requested the urgent transfer to Military Headquarters "Campania",
of 40 searchlight specialists.

These personnel are available in Savinia and steps have
been taken to select them.

Please confirm this shipment and allot serial number on
List 7.

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For Colonel F. L. SUMNER:

John E. Burton

JOHN BURTON
Major, R.I.P.

That upon shipment will send to MAAP and
Company post to 3 S/L Company, ABPAC.

CA/sa

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
ISPETTORATO ARTIGLIERIA

Nº 1772 prot.

Oggetto: Difesa contraerea della Sardegna.

Allegati: nº 2

P.M. 151, lì 31 luglio 1944

ALLA M. M. I. A.

P.M. 151 / A

Ho preso in esame le proposte relative al riordinamento della difesa c.a. della Sardegna presentate dall'A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.) e quelle presentate dal Comando Militare dell'Isola in accordo col Generale Chaplin comandante della difesa c.a. alleata.

Le due proposte (che figurano nello specchio allegato nº1) differiscono perchè quella concordata dal Comando Militare della Sardegna col Generale Chaplin considera:

in più :

- a)- la difesa della zona di Cagliari a causa del notevole traffico al porto;
- b)- la difesa della zona della diga del Tirso (di cui è nota l'importanza);

in meno :

- a)- l'impiego di 8 stazioni f.e. che l'A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.) destinerebbe alla difesa dell'aeroporto di Decimo.-

Le due proposte per la rimanente parte sono concordanti

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Le due proposte per la rimanente parte sono concordanti salvo che, per ragioni dipendenti dalla disponibilità di mezzi tecnici per il tiro, il Comando Militare della Sardegna propone alcune sostituzioni di reparti (vedi allegato n°1).-

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Questo Ispettorato ha esaminato il complesso della questione tenendo anche conto (oltre che dell'importanza delle varie località) delle esigenze derivanti :

- a) - dal munizionamento disponibile (vedi allegato n° 2);
- b) - dall'efficienza delle varie artiglierie e dalla disponibilità dei vari mezzi tecnici (centrali ecc.).-

In conclusione questo Ispettorato ritiene :

- 1°) - che convenga (secondo quanto propone il Comando Militare della Sardegna) mantenere la difesa del porto di Cagliari e quella della diga del Tirso (delle due località si ritiene però di maggiore importanza la prima.- Ciò nell'eventualità che si stabilisse di mettere in opera la difesa di una sola delle due località);

- 2°) - che, per lo scarso munizionamento da 75/46 e la insufficienza di mezzi per la preparazione del tiro per i 90/53, convenga accettare per le difese di : - Villacidro, Decimo, Fertilia, Venafiorita - le proposte dell'A.C.C. cioè

- per Villacidro : - 3 batterie da 90/53 (DXI Gruppo) ;
 - per Decimo : - 3 batterie da 75/46 (LXXVII Gruppo);
 - per Fertilia : - 4 batterie da 90/53 (CXXIV Gruppo);
 - per Venafiorita: - 2 batterie da 76/40 e } (LVIII Gruppo)
 1 batteria da 90/53

- 3°) - che, per la difesa di Cagliari (per la stessa ragione del munizionamento), convenga impiegare un gruppo da 76/40

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- per Venafiorita: - 2 batterie da 76/40 e }
1 batteria da 90/53 } (LVIII Gruppo)

1 batteria da 90/53 (del CXCIV Gruppo)

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(per il quale materiale vi è adeguata disponibilità di

munizioni e mezzi per il tiro) anziché un Gruppo da 90/53;

4°) - che, per la difesa del Tirso si possa accettare la proposta del Comando Militare della Sardegna.--

Le proposte di questo Ispettorato (già state portate verbalmente a conoscenza del Magg. Dobbs) sono riportate e riassunte nell'allegato n°1.--

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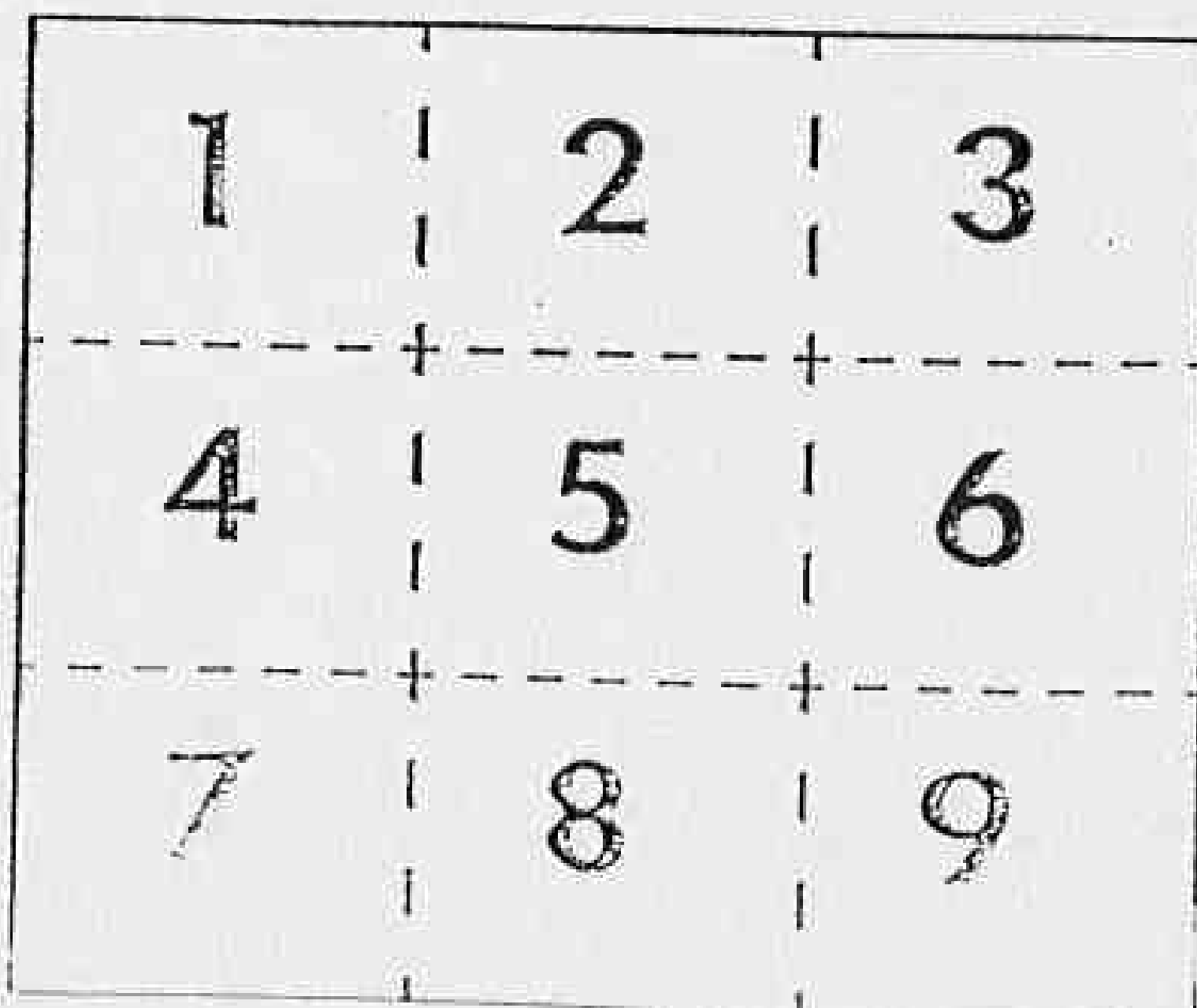
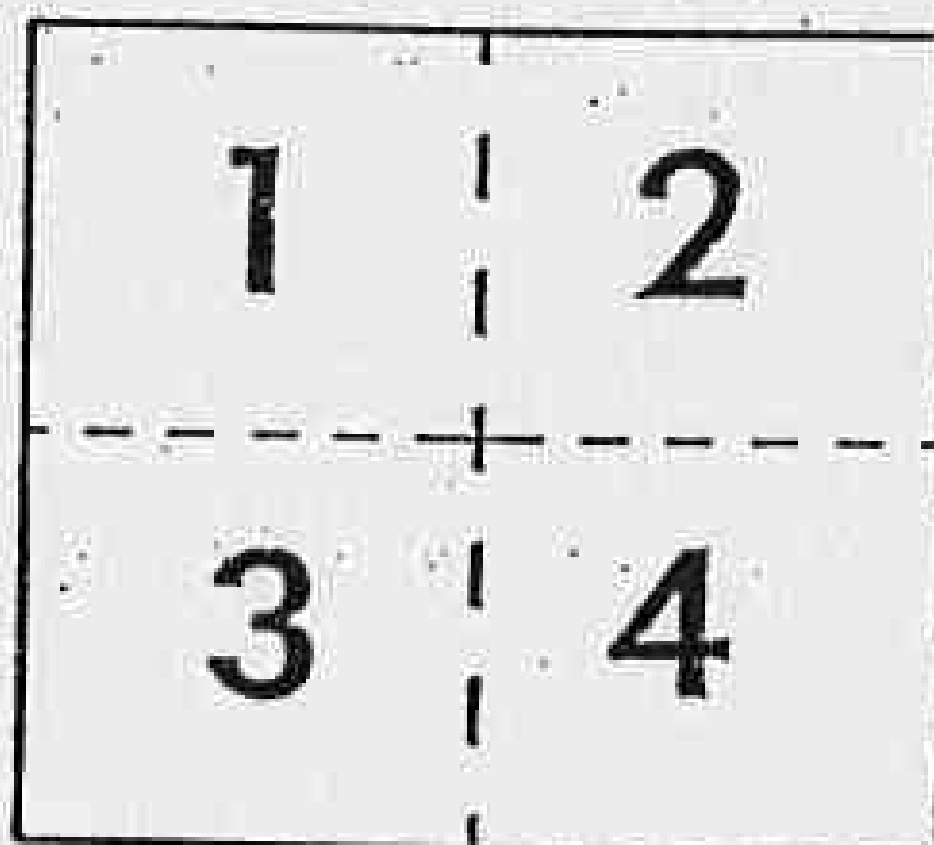
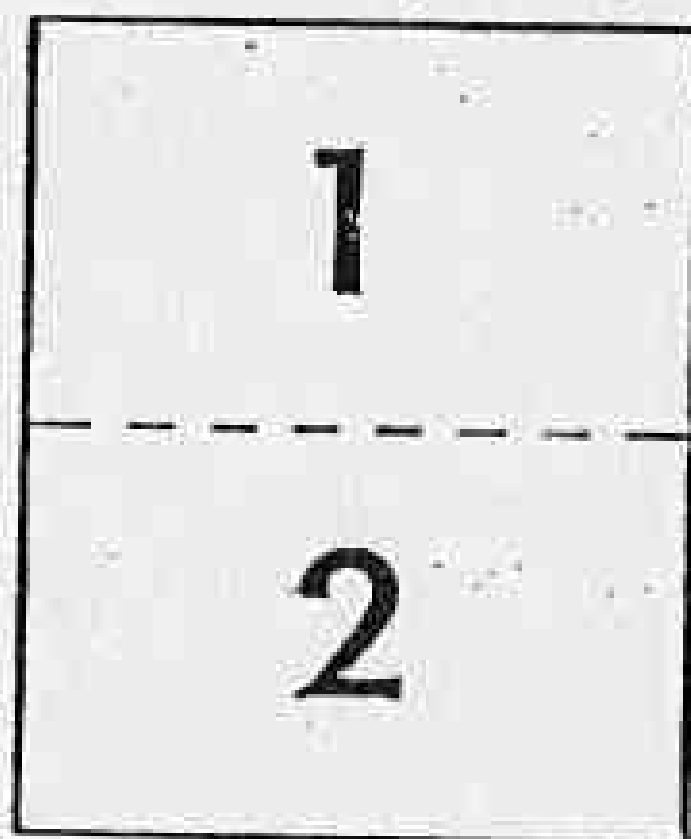
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RIDUZIONE DIFESA CONTRAEREI DELLA

Località da difendere	Proposte dell'A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.)		Proposte del Com. (in accordo col Gen.	
	Reparti in difesa	armamento	Reparti in difesa	
CAGLIARI (porto)	---	---	XLI { (3 btr. da 102/35 3 btr. da 90/53	
VILLACIDRO (aeroporto)	DXI Gr. 3 Btr. 90/53	12 x 90/53	DXI Gr. 3 Btr. 90/53	
DECIMO (aeroporto)	LXXVII Gr. 3 btr. da 75/46	12x75/46 - 8xs.f.e.	LXXVII Gr. 3 btr. da 75/46	
FERTILIA (aeroporto)	CXXIV Gr. 4 btr. da 90/53	16 x 90/53	LXXIX { Gr. { (2 btr. da (1) -90/53 2 btr. da 75/46	
VENAFIORITA (Aeroporto)	LVIII Gr. { (2 btr. da 76/40 1 btr. da 90/53 CXCIV Gr. (1 btr. da 90/53	8x76/40 - 8x90/53	LVIII Gr. 4 btr. da 90/53 (2)	

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(porto)				{ 3 btr. da 90/53
VILLACIDRO (aeroporto)	DXI Gr. 3 Btr. 90/53	12 x 90/53	DXI Gr. 3 Btr. 90/53	
DECIMO (aeroporto)	LXXVII Gr. 3 btr. da 75/46	12x75/46 - 8xs.f.e.	LXXVII Gr. 3 btr. da 75/46	
PERTILIA (aeroporto)	CXXIV Gr. 4 btr. da 90/53	16 x 90/53	LXXIX Gr. { 2 btr. da (1) - 90/53 { 2 btr. da 75/46	
VENAFIORITA (Aeroporto)	LVIII Gr. { 2 btr. da 76/40 { 1 btr. da 90/53	8x76/40 - 8x90/53	LVIII Gr. 4 btr. da 90/53 (2)	
TIRSO (diga)	CXCIV Gr. (1 btr. da 90/53		XLV Gr. { 3 btr. da 76/40 { 2 btr. da 20 m/m.	

Allegato n° 1

SARDEGNA

Mil. Sardegna
(Chaplin)

Proposte dell'Ispett. Artiglieria

N O T E

armamento

reparti in difesa

armamento

18x102/35 e 16x90/53	XLI Gr. { 3 btr. da 102/35 3 btr. da 76/40	18 x 102/35 12 x 76/40	(1) In luogo di 2 btr. da 90/53 sprovviste di centrale.
12 x 90/53	DXI Gr. 3 btr. da 90/53	12 x 90/53	(2) Di cui 2 in luogo di altrettante btr. da 76/40 sprovviste di centrale.
12 x 75/46	LXXVII Gr. 3 btr. da 75/46	12x75/46 - 8xs.f.e.	
8x90/53 - 8x75/46	CXXIV Gr. { 4 btr. da 90/53	16 x 90/53	
16 x 90/53	LXVIII Gr. { 2 btr. da 76/40 1 btr. da 90/53	8x76/40 - 8x90/53	
	CXCIV Gr. 1 btr. da 90/53		

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12 x 90/53	{ 3 btr. da 76/40	12 x 76/40	sprovviste di cen- trale.-
12 x 75/46	DXI Gr. 3 btr. da 90/53	12 x 90/53	(2) Di cui 2 in
8x90/53 - 8x75/46	LXXVII Gr. 3 btr. da 75/46	12x75/46 - 8xs.f.e.	luogo di altret- tante btr. da
16 x 90/53	CXXIV Gr. { 4 btr. da 90/53	16 x 90/53	76/40 sprovviste di centrale.-
	LVIII Gr. { 2 btr. da 76/40 1 btr. da 90/53	8x76/40 - 8x90/53	
	CXCIV Gr. 1 btr. da 90/53		
12x76/40 - 12x20 m/m.	XIV Gr. { 3 btr. da 76/40 2 btr. da 20 m/m.	12x76/40 - 12x20 m/m.	



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Allegato n° 2

RIEPILOGO PROPOSTE DIFESA c.a. SARDEGNA

Calibro	proposte A.C.C. (M.M.I.A.) N° pezzi	proposte C. Militare Sardegna e Gen. Chaplin N° pezzi	NUMERO granate
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
75/46	12	20	9509
76/40	8	12	39101
90/53	36	52	31091
102/35	—	18	—



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From MEMIA

To SMC

copy to 22 AA Bde

0530 () CONFIDENTIAL () Reference our G/3 of 4 Aug
() Deficiencies against AFHQ requirements in 19 AA Regg-
rupamento will be made up urgently from surplus at BARI and
will include 8 officers

May be sent as written
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liable to interception

(ROUTINE)

sgt J.A. DOBBS
Maj

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Originator

Date/Time of Origin

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For Action

H.Q. MMIA ACC

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

HEADQUARTERS
6 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

Message Instructions

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URGENT

Italian military

reinforcements required for
Group 19TH RACAT
116 other ranks

4TH Italian Coast Artillery
in NAPLES area number

MMIA

FILE REF

Date recd

6/8/44

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SUBJECT:- 20mm Berlikon Barrels

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.

R O M E.

G/3

6 Aug 44

25 A.A. Bde

It is now confirmed by the Ministry of War that your request for three of the above barrels cannot be met as there are none available in any of their stores.

[Signature]
Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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ABC

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22 AA Bde

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA

Div. Armamento - Sez. 2^a

LA ARMY SUB COMMISSION
A.C.C.

ROMA

Divisione
Fut. A. 10656 A.2^a Allegato
4402

Respostal f. del

Da Da N°

OGGETTO n° 3 canne per mitragliere da 20 mm.

Oerlikon - 3 barrels for 20 mm

Machine gun

Oerlikon

AL COMANDO 20° RAGGRUPP. ARTIGL. CONTRAEREA

BARI

A seguito del foglio 298 del 1° agosto del
la Direzione d'Artiglieria di Roma, si comu-
nica che il materiale in oggetto non può essere
assegnato su altro deposito per indisponibili-
tà.

d'ordine

p. IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(T. Col. G. Trombettoni)

Trombettoni

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLERIA

Roma 11 29 luglio 1941

1a DIREZIONE ARTIGLERIA
di

ROMA

Direzione Armamento Sez. II

Red. N° 335 Allegato

Registrazione del

Lib. N°

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OGGETTO cessione materiale alla 25ª Brigata c.a.-

Armi e materiali di 25ª Brigata
Armi e materiali

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSION A.C.C.

ROMA

(Rif. f. G/105 del 17 c.m.)

AL COMANDO 20º RAGGRUPP. ART. c.e.

BARI

Provasi cedere alla 25ª Brigata c.a. del
20º Raggrupp. c.a. di Bari i seguenti materiali:
- canne per mitragliera Carlsson da 20 mm....n°3

Prelevamento a cura dell'ente ricevente.-

d'ordine

P. IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Ten. Col. G. Trombetti)

Trombetti

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SUBJECT:- Personnel for 3rd S/L Company, NAPLES

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

H.Q. A.C.C.

R O N E.

G/3

4 Aug 44

Lt Col OFFENHAUER,
MMIA Liaison Officer,
5th floor,
Banco di Lavoro Building,
123, via Roma,
NAPLES

1. The number of personnel required for the above Coy is being referred to AA and CD Section AFHQ through AAI.
2. Meanwhile no increases can be allowed to the present strength of 7 officers 103 OR's.

ABC

[Signature]
Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
MMIA

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To: MMIA, ROME⁰³

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MMIA A.	
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Please let this
Office know if this ^{is} authorized.

Col. DAZ FIORE
says that all these
40 men can be
found in CAMPANIA
by calling up
specialist searchlight
personnel.

Lightfoot

NAPLES

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28 Jul 44

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TO: AMIA ROME 12

Subject:- ITALIAN PERSONNEL.

57th Coast Regt RA, GEF.

328A/3/4.

Allied Control Commission.

27 Jul 44.

1. The bearer, Ten-Col. DAL-PIRE, Commanding 3^o Raggruppamento Fotoelettricisti, desires to make enquiries reference the possibility of obtaining reinforcements of Italian Engineers.
2. The Colonel's unit is providing personnel and equipment for Coast Artillery Searchlights to be operationally used with this Regiment. It is therefore requested that he be given the maximum assistance.

PHJ/RJH.


P.H. JACKMAN.
Lt RA, Adj.
for Lt Col RA, Comd.

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COMANDO FF. AA. DELLA CAMPANIA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Ordinamento

N° 0118/Ord. di prot.

Oggetto : richiamo alle armi di personale fotoelettrici -

P.M. 120, li 12/7/1944

AL COMANDO GENIO FF. AA. CAMPANIA = SEDE =

Risposta foglio, pari oggetto, n° 4253/ord. dell'8 corrente.

Questo Comando ha già interessato lo S.M.R.E. per l'assegnazione dei 40 militari fotoelettrici richiesti. -

Occorre però che l'ente alleato che impiega il 3° raggruppamento fotoelettrici chieda, tramite l'A.C.C., l'assegnazione dei militari predetti. -

P.C.C.
IL MAGGIORE ADDETTO
(T. Cerrato)

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
f/to Col. Vincenzo d'Arcais

COMANDO GENIO FF. AA. CAMPANIA

- ufficio 1° -

N° 4811/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 120, li

= NAPOLI =

AL 3° RAGR. FOTOELETRICISTI
(Rif/to n° 1667 del 23/6/1944)

.... per norma e gli ulteriori incombenti. -

d'ordine
IL T. COL. CAPO UFFICIO
(A. Pernice)

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risposta foglio, P.ri oggetto, n°4253/ord. dell'8 corrente.

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
2/ to Col. Vincenzo d'Arcais

P.C.C.
IL MAGGIORE ADDETTO
(T.Cerrato)

Cerrato

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COMANDO GENIO FF. AA. CAMPANIA

- ufficio 1° -

N° 4811/Ord. di prot.

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AL 3° RAGGR. FOTOMETRICISTI = NAPOLI =
(Rif/to f° 1667 del 23/6/1944)

.... per norma e gli ulteriori incombenti.

d'ordine
IL T.COL. CAPO UFFICIO
(A. Pernice)

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*Prot. N° 1896/t.c.
15-7-44*

SUBJECT:- Italian AA & CD

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

H.Q. A.C.C.

R O M E.

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4 AUG 44

HQ A.A.I.

Reference your 1605/50/2/G(AD1) of 30 July and AFHQ letter AG 319.22 OCT-6 dated 10 July.

1. SMRE has been instructed to bring Units in ITALY and SICILY to the strengths authorized in above AFHQ letter.
2. SMRE has been informed that all personnel in SARDINIA surplus to those covered by above AFHQ letter and the letter from CG Allied Garrison of SARDINIA attached to your 1605/50/2 of 30 July are to be considered available for other purposes.
3. It is suggested that the following points be brought to the notice of the AA and CD Section.
 - (a) AFHQ requirements of Italian Army personnel for AA and CD (if Gen WEBSTER's recommendation is accepted) amount to 8953 all ranks. In the breakdown of the Italian ceiling in your AAI/421.22/ICAO of 13 July the figure for AA & CD is 5000.
 - (b) No mention is made in AFHQ's letter of the Army S/L's in the NAPLES area (believed 8 in all - see our G/3 of 11 May).
 - (c) Reference para 6 of above AFHQ letter, would AFHQ consider the provision of an adequate reinforcement reserve to be covered by the AA too in SARDINIA?

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[Signature]
Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
M M IA

SUBJECT:- Strength of AA and CD Units

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Army Sub Commission (MMLA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E.

C/3
14 AUG 44

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Copy to:- C.G. Allied Garrison of SARDINIA

1. At Appx "A" is shown a list of all AA and CD Units required by AFHQ on the Mainland and in SULLY, with a fixed strength for each unit.
2. The units concerned will be brought as soon as possible to the strength fixed in the above table. Surplus personnel may be used either to allow for demobilisation or to make up other units.
3. The number of personnel required for the Searchlight Coy NAPLES (not included in the above appx) has still to be defined.
4. The number of personnel required for AA and CD in SARDINIA is still under discussion. Meanwhile all personnel not covered by Appx "B" are available for other purposes and orders to this effect have been issued to the Commanding General, Allied Garrison of SARDINIA.

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Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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ABC.o.o.6

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Major

for Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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Sardinia - 140
Sardinia - 5348
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APPX 'A' to MIA letter
C/3 dated Aug 44Italian AA and CD Units required by
AFHQ on the Mainland, and in SICILY

Location	Under Command	Unit	Armt.	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
ITALY - A.A. Bari Area	25 A.A. Bde	Comando DCA IX Corpo d'Armata		35	Commands all AA units under 25 AA Bde
		HQ 20 Raggrup. HQ		150	
		HQ 76 Gruppo HQ		16	
		190 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		90 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		443 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		444 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		445 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		HQ 78 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		193 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		194 "	"	89	
		195 "	"	89	
		HQ 144 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		776 Bty	3 x 20mm	78	
		777 "	"	78	
		903 "	4 x 37/54	56	
		838 "	8 x 20mm	78	
		305 "	4 x 37/54	56	

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443 Bty	4 x 76/40	89
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445 Bty	4 x 76/40	89
Hq 78 Gruppo	HQ	16
193 Bty	4 x 76/40	89
194 "	"	89
195 "	"	89
Hq 144 Gruppo	HQ	16
776 Bty	8 x 20mm	78
777 "	"	78
903 "	4 x 37/54	56
838 "	8 x 20mm	78
305 "	4 x 37/54	56
139 Gruppo	HQ	24
778 Bty	12 x 20mm	109
1513 "	12 x 20mm	109
1503 "	8 x 20mm) 3 x 8/L)	101
1424 Bty	4 x 88mm) 2 x 20mm)	114 Moved to BARI
4 LAA MG Coy	8 x 20mm	78
Hq SL Service	HQ	3
329 Sec	4 x 8/L	41
330 "	"	41
331 "	5 x 8/L	41
332 "	"	41

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APPX "A" to MIA letter
9/3 dated Aug 44Italian AA and CD Units required by
AFHQ on the Mainland, and in SICILY

(cont'd)

Location	Under Command	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
~~Regio Del-Gaupo~~ BARI	25 A.A. Bde	Bomb Disposal Service		35	
TOTAL AA required under 25 AA Bde 2023					
NAPLES Area	22 AA Bde	Comando 19 Raggrup	HQ	68	
		HQ 1st Gruppo	HQ	25	
		" 2nd "	HQ	25	
		" 3rd "	HQ	25	
		" 4th Gruppo	HQ	25	Under Command 203
		263 Coast Battery		110	Fixed Defenses
		264 "		110	
		265 "		110	
		637 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		659 "	x 90/53	94	
		446 "	x 90/53	94	
		632 "	x 90/53	94	
		1 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		2 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		3 "	"	50	
		4 "	"	74	

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3rd " HQ 25 Under Command 203
 4th Gruppo HQ 25 Fixed Defenses
 263 Coast Battery 110
 264 " " 110
 265 " " 110
 637 Bty " 94
 639 " " 94
 446 " " 94
 632 " " 94
 1 Bty " 50
 2 Bty " 50
 3 " " 50
 4 " " 74
 5 " " 50
 6 " " 89
 7 " " 50
 8 " " 50
 TOTAL AA required under 22 AA Bde 1032
 TOTAL OD required under 203 Fixed Defenses 355 all ranks
 TOTAL AA & OD ARMY PERSONNEL ITALY 9415 all ranks
 Sicily
 Syracuse 73 AA Bde 145 Gruppo 12 " 37/54 150

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Appx "B" to MIA letter
G/3 dated Aug 44

Italian AA & OD Army Units to be retained in Sardinia

Location	Unit	Armament	Total Personnel
Throughout Island	DICAT Early warning system		1200
Defense of RADAR Installations	14 Sections - 20mm A.A. Artillery	28 x 20mm	189
Antioco	V Gruppo AA Artillery		302
ALFIERE	Searchlight Sections	Searchlights	496
CAGLIARI	Bty C. 109	4 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x S/L)	116
	Bty C. 135	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x S/L)	91
	Bty C. 194	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x S/L)	91
	Bty C. 344	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x S/L)	91
	Bty C. 367	1 x S/L	11
	Bty C. 385	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 2 x S/L)	99
	Bty C. 498	1 x S/L	11
	Bty C. 541	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x S/L)	99
	Bty C. 614	1 x S/L	11

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Bty C. 135	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x 5/L	91
Bty C. 194	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x 5/L	91
Bty C. 344	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x 5/L	91
Bty C. 367	1 x 5/L	11
Bty C. 385	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 2 x 5/L)	99
Bty C. 498	1 x 5/L	11
Bty C. 541	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x 5/L)	99
Bty C. 614	1 x 5/L	11
Bty C. 703	1 x 5/L	11
Villaciadro Airfield LXXVII Gruppo	12 x 90	535
Decimo Airfield LXXVII Gruppo	12 x 75 8 x 5/L 16 x 70	631 479
Fertile Airfield Genafiorita	4 x 74) 4 x 76) 4 x 90) 4 x 90	472
Maddalena (Coast Defense)	01CIV Gruppo	103
	Talmonite Bty	57
	Willilire Bty	71
	Candao Bty	85 38 26 57 16
	G.M. 31 G.M. 25 G.M. 32	
TOTAL AA & CD personnel required		5388

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Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ MMIA.

ROME.

To : Italian Naval Amn Depot, BUFFOLATO.

From : M.M.I.A.

Authy is hereby given, subject to agreement by A.F.H.Q. AA & CD Br,
for release of 200 rds 90 mm special type Italian A.A. amn to Lieut. H.
AVERY Ordnance Officer, 5 Army.

Lieut. AVERY will specify exact type of amn required on arrival at
BUFFOLATO Depot, and will give instructions regarding consignment of the amn
to 5 Army.

(August 44.

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

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FROM MMIA

TO 31 AAA pde SARDINIA

31261 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Ref FREEDOM signal F 56260
of 7 JUNE (*) Request you confirm sufficient 90/53 amn will
remain

May be sent as written To be sent in cipher if
except () wireless liable to interception

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APPENDIX "A"

Units covered by AFHQ AG 319.22 OCT-0 of 10 Jul

and AGS 370 of 20 July.

	No required by AFHQ all ranks	Strength on 15 July 44 all ranks
AA and CD Units - SARDINIA	5,388	4,053
AA and CD Units - NAPLES AREA	1,937	1,091
AA and AA S/L Units - BARI AREA	2,028	2,527
145 AA Group - SYRACUSE, SICILE	150	207
S/L Units - SARDINIA (FOR MAAT)	960	437
	~~6,503~~	~~17,980~~
	8,433	12,223

Surplus of strength over requirements - 10,879 3222

APPENDIX "B"

Balloon Barrage Units

Strength on
15 July 44
all ranks

3rd and 5th Balloon Barrage Coys (NAPLES)
Balloon Barrage Units, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO
4th Balloon Coy, AUGUSTA

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155
260
226

103

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Surplus of strength over requirements - 10,379 3272

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APPENDIX "B"

Balloon Berage Units

3rd and 5th Balloon Berage Coys (NAMES)
Balloon Berage Units, BARI, BRINDISI, TARANTO
4th Balloon Coy, AUGUSTA

Strength on
15 July 44
all ranks

155
160
276
103
518

APPENDIX "C"

Smoke Units

2 and 3 Smoke Units - TARANTO and BRINDISI
Smoke Coys 501 - 508

Strength on 15 Jul 44
All ranks

407
2138
2532
2922
2543

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SUBJECT: AA Defence SARDINIA

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

30 Jul 44

Army Sub Commission ACC

Att letter 370 from AGC SARDINIA is forwarded for infm.

[Signature]
Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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A.G.C. SARDINIA

Request for Retention of A A Tps

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>ORs</u>
(1) DIGAT air warning system	50	1150
(2) Fourteen Secs 20 mm AA Arty	7	182
(3) SL Secs <i>more detailed for AA defense of ASDA installation</i>	11	485
(4) V Gp AA Arty, SAN ANTIOCO	14	288
(5) Pers at Appx 'B' to AFHQ AG 319.22 OCT- 0 of 10 July (Army- NOT Navy)	?	631
	82	2736
		2818
less 200 SL operators shown in AFHQ letter		200
		2618

Summary
of AGC Letter
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SECRETALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 534

P-2

20 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Request for Reconsideration of the Plan to Remove Certain Italian
Anti-Aircraft Artillery Units From Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy.

1. On 14 July 1944, this headquarters cabled a request that action, under AFHQ letter dated 10 July 1944, addressed to you, with file number AG 519.22 OCT-0 be postponed because it is felt that certain phases of the plan will be disadvantageous to the defense of this island. The specific modifications submitted for further study are outlined in the following paragraph.

2. The specific modifications proposed by this headquarters are as follows:

a. The retention in toto of the Italian Air Raid Warning System, the "LUCIF", which in the Eastern and Southern portions of the island is the only warning system in operation. The Sector Operations Room servicing all Sardinia is more than one hundred (100) miles away from the artillery CCF controlling AAA protection of the major portion of our installations. The difficulties of communication make an auxiliary system of more than usual value. This service is staffed by about fifty (50) officers and eleven hundred and fifty (1150) enlisted men.

b. The retention of the fourteen (14) sections of 20mm Anti-Aircraft Artillery which are deployed for the close aerial defense of major installations on the island is deemed necessary. These pieces also supplement the ground defense of the strong points where they are located. These units are manned by seven (7) officers and one hundred and eighty two (182) enlisted men.

c. The retention of the searchlight sections employed at the four airfields now in use on this island, where they serve a dual role, the flood illumination of the perimeters for assistance to the automatic weapon defense and the formation of cones and landing beacons to assist the return of lost airplanes to base. There are eleven (11) officers and four hundred and eighty five (485) enlisted men manning these facilities.

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d. The retention of the elements of the V Gruppo of Artillery at SAN ANTONIO for the defense of that port which at present has no Allied Anti-Aircraft Artillery and which is used for Allied purposes. There are fourteen (14) officers and two hundred and eighty eight (288) enlisted men in the V Gruppo.

e. At present the personnel manning the batteries listed on inclosure #2, page #1, under "CAGLIARI" in the above mentioned letter, are from the Italian Army, not the Italian Navy. This will make a difference, increasing the personnel of the Navy available by six hundred and thirty one (631) and reducing the personnel of the Army by the same number.

f. It is therefore requested that sixty eight (68) officers and twenty five hundred and fifty (2550) enlisted men, in addition to those provided for in the letter of 10 July 1946, be left at the disposition of this headquarters.

g. These details have been discussed with the Commanding General, 44th AAA Brigade, who now has operational control of these elements. He concurs in the opinion herein expressed.

ROBERT A. WENTEN
Brigadier General
U.S. Army
Commanding

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ANTI-AIRCRAFT & COAST DEFENCE SECTION

28 July 1944 - 6/3

AAO 470 I

SUBJECT: Italian A.A.

TO : 25 AA Bde

1. At the 13th meeting of the MACAF AA Cttee it was decided that the 24 x 20mm Italian guns should be withdrawn from Monopoli, and may be re-deployed at ports in 25 AA Bde where there is Allied A.A.

2. Please submit your proposals to permit of movement orders being issued through appropriate channels. Confirmation is requested that the Italian units at Monopoli are 159 Gruppo, 778 Bty and 1513 Bty as stated in Appx A to AFHQ AG 319.22 COT-0 dated 10 July 44.

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R. B. PARGITER,
Major General,
AA & CD

Copy to: Army Sub Commission,
A.C.C. M.M.I.A.
~~London, London.~~

GS (Org A) Foreign

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10 July 1944

AG 319.22 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian AA & CD.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in Italy. **JUL 13 1944**
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1. A review of Italian Antiaircraft has been made to determine a ceiling and permit disposal to other duties of surplus units.

2. The attached appendices show Italian Antiaircraft, both Army and Naval to be retained. All other Italian Army Antiaircraft units totalling some 7,500 all ranks in Sardinia and 1,200 all ranks in Italy may be released and will be available for transfer to other arms.

3. No attempt has been made to produce complete W. E's, as it is felt that the work involved is not warranted. It has, however, been decided that the equipments listed in the appendices are required to remain in action, and the numbers of personnel required to function efficiently has been decided by the Antiaircraft Brigade Commander concerned in consultation with the local Italian Commanders.

4. No attempt has been made to reorganize the Italian Antiaircraft units deployed in Sardinia and to be retained there, as having regard to the time element, it is proposed to make the best of the existing set-up, and it is anticipated that the situation will permit further releases before such reorganization could become effective.

5. In the "Total Personnel" column the figures shown are the estimated personnel required in each case. Where present strengths differ from these, it is shown.

6. The disbandment of Army units not required will commence as soon as possible, and the personnel disposed of at the discretion of Allied Armies in Italy, allowance to be made for deficiencies of remaining units and an adequate reinforcement reserve.

NOTE: The deficiency of 523 all ranks in the NAPLES area can be made up from the surplus at BARI.

7. The figures under the heading "Coast Defence" in Appendix "A" include all Army personnel employed by 203 Fixed Defences, as this concerns Italian Army administration. The NAVAL personnel employed by 203 Fixed Defences are not included, as they are already allowed for in ACMF letter 1605/50/2/G(SD) dated 15 February 1944.

8. Any NAVAL personnel rendered surplus by the Antiaircraft reorganization will be at the disposal of Allied Armies in Italy.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 319.22 GCT-0
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9. Allowance has been made for the Italian Army and Naval personnel it is estimated Mediterranean Allied Air Forces will require to man the 34 Searchlights employed by them in a primary marker beacon role.

10. It is NOT proposed to disband any Searchlight units not required in an AA or CD role without first offering them to MAAF as marker beacons.

11. It should be noted that as and when further Italian manpower is required this can be effected by a phased programme of disbandment of HAA units. Such a disbandment would produce approximately 11,000 personnel.

By command of General WILSON:


H. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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App #1
App #2

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Addressee
- 1 - Commander, Allied Garrison, Sardinia
- 1 - 8 AA Bde
- 1 - 22 AA Bde
- 1 - 25 AA Bde
- 1 - 52 AA Bde
- 1 - 73 AA Bde
- 1 - 31 AAA Brig. Report any searchlights in Sardinia surplus to AA & CD requirements
- 2 - Army Sub Commission
 - (1 - ACC 'MMIA')
 - (1 - Lequile. Lecce)
- 1 - AA & CD-
- 1 - G-3 (Org A) Foreign
- 2 - AG Records

SECRETAPPENDIX "A"Italian Antiaircraft & Coast Defence

To be retained in Situ

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
<u>SARDINIA - A.A.</u>					
Villacidro A/F	31 AAA Brig	DXI Gruppo	12 x 90	535	
Decimo A/F		LXXVII Gruppo	12 x 75) 8 x 90	631	SLs may be removed
Fertilla A/F		CXXIV Gruppo	16 x 90	479	
Venafriorita A/F		LVIII Gruppo	4 x 74) 4 x 76) 4 x 90)	472	
		CXCIV Gruppo	4 x 90	103	
Homing Beacons	MAAF	Various	19 x SLs	200	These SLs have been offered to MA

Total AA Army Personnel SARDINIA = 9927 all rank
 Required = 2420 "
 TOTAL SURPLUS (approx) = 7507 "

SARDINIA - C.D.

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Maddalena	AFHQ	Talmone Bty	3 x 120/45	57	
		Millilire Bty	3 x 152/40) 1 x 120/40)	71	For star she. only
		Candeco Bty	3 x 152/40) 1 x 120/40)	85	For star she. only
			7 x SLs	38	
		G.M. 31	2 x 13.2	26	
		G.M. 25	4 x 40/39	57	
		G.M. 32	2 x 13.2	16	
Cagliari		prunas	1 x SL	6	
Total C.D. Army Personnel SARDINIA = 356 all ranks					
SURPLUS					Nil

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
<u>ITALY - A. A.</u>					
Bari Area	25 AA Bde	Commando DCA HQ IX Corps Armata		35	Commands all AA units under 25 AA Bde.
		HQ 20 Raggrup	HQ	150	Incls pers. of GOR
		HQ 76 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		190 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		90 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		443 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	76/40 guns ex CROTONE are re placing 77/28
		444 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		445 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		Hq 78 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		193 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		194 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		195 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		Hq 144 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		776 Bty	8 x 20mm	78	
		777 Bty	8 x 20mm	78	
		903 Bty	4 x 37/54	56	
		838 Bty	8 x 20mm	78	
		305 Bty	4 x 37/54	56	
Monopoli Area		139 Gruppo	HQ	24	
		778 Bty	12 x 20mm	109	
		1513 Bty	12 x 20mm	109	
Manfredonia Area		1503 Bty	8 x 20mm 3 x SL	101	

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
San Pancrazio		1424 Bty	4 x 88mm 2 x 20mm	114	Operationally under comd 8AA Bde. will be moved to Bari
Ceglie del Campo		4 LIA IG Coy	8 x 20mm	78	Redeployment under consideration
		HC SL Service	HC	3	
		329 Sec	4 x SL	41	
		330 Sec	4 x SL	41	
		331 Sec	5 x SL	41	
		332 Sec	5 x SL	41	
		Bomb Disposal Service		35	
		TOTAL AA under 25 AA Bde		2028	3360 all ranks
		Required		-	2028 - do -
		SURPLUS			1332 - do -
REMES Area	22 AA Bde	Comando 19th Ragrup.	HC	68	
		HC 1st Gruppo	HC	25	
		HC 2d Gruppo	HC	25	
		HC 3d Gruppo	HC	25	
		637 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		639 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		445 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		632 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		1 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		2 Bty	x 37/54	50	

HC 4th Gruppo
942 Coast Artillery
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and make 203 20mm Bde

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
		3 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		4 Bty	x 37/54	74	Also man 20mm guns
		5 Bty	x 76/40	50	
		177 ? Bty	x 76/40	89	
		6 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		7 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		8 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		TOTAL AA under 22 AA Bde		33	3035
		Required		=	509 all ranks
		TOTAL under 203 AA Bde			1032 all ranks
		Required		=	555 all ranks
		DEFICIENCY			523 all ranks
		TOTAL A.A. ART PERSONNEL ITALY			9390
		Required		=	4264 all ranks
		Required		=	1060 all ranks
		TOTAL SURPLUS (approx)		=	1204 all ranks

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Syracuse	73 AA Bde	145 Gruppo	12 x 37/54s	150	These are being moved from SILAN LAKES, Italy. The 20mm guns of this Gruppo are not required and 395 personnel thus released are included in the Surplus in ITALY.
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ITALY - C.D.	203 Fixed Defences	HQ 4th Gruppo	HC	25	203 Fixed Defences under comd A.A.I.
		263 Coast Bty		110	
		264 Coast Bty		110	
		265 Coast Bty		110	
		TOTAL C.D. ART PERSONNEL IN ITALY		-	355 all ranks
		Required		=	355 all ranks
		SURPLUS			Nil

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
SARDINIA A/Fs	MAAF		4 x SL)	40	All employed in Marker Beacon Role
			4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	

TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY MAAF = 160 all ranks

		<u>All Ranks</u>	<u>TOTAL All ranks</u>
TOTAL A.A. & C. D. ARMY PERSONNEL IN SARDINIA		10283	
	Italy	4594	
	Sicily	150	
	by MAAF	355	15,382
Required in	Sardinia	2776	
	Italy	3390	
	Sicily	150	
	by MAAF	355	6,671
SURPLUS (Approx)	Sardinia	7507	
	Italy	1204	
	Sicily	nil	950
	MAAF	nil	<u>8,711</u>

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APPENDIX "B"

Italian Antiaircraft & Coast DefenceNAVAL UNITS

To be retained in situ

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
<u>SARDINIA - A.A.</u>					
Cagliari	31 AAA Brig	Bty C. 109	4 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	116	
		Bty C. 135	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	91	
		Bty C. 194	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	91	
		Bty C. 344	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	91	
		Bty C. 367	1 x SL	11	Also have 2 x 10mm and 1 x 20mm not manned
		Bty C. 385	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 2 x SL)	99	
		Bty C. 498	1 x SL	11	Also have 4 20mm not manned
		Bty C. 541	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	99	
		Bty C. 614	1 x SL	11	Also have 4 x 76mm and 2 x 20mm not manned
Ba' Elena		Bty C. 703	1 x SL	11	- do -
		North Group	8 x 102mm) 4 x 76mm) 9 x 20mm) 2 x SL)	358	

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
		South Group	12 x 90mm) 10 x 20mm) 4 x 13.2) 2 x SL)	410	
Sardinia		Various	6 x SL	60	To be offered to USAF
		East Group	9 x 102mm) 5 x 76mm) 3 x 20mm) 2 x SL)	312	
TOTAL NAV L Personnel in Sardinia				=	2153 all ranks
Required				=	1771 all ranks
SURPLUS				=	382 all ranks
Naples A.A.	22 AA Bde	Commando Gruppo			
		Marine	HC	35)	
		180 Bty	6 x 90/53	113)	
		195 Bty	6 x 90/53	113)	
		606 Bty	4 x 90/53	93)	Under Army Gruppo for op- erational com- mand. Under Gruppo Marine for admin & discipline.
		613 Bty	6 x 90/53	113)	
		215 Bty	4 x 76/40	88)	
				260	
Taranto A.A.	8 AA Bde	10 th Primo Regt	HC	260	
		10 th AA Comd	HC	236	
		110 th T			
		1st Gruppo	HC	10	
		T 315	6 x 102/35	109	
		T 604	4 x 76 /40	89	
		T 603	4 x 76/40	89	
		2d Gruppo	HC	10	
		T 216	5 x 90/53	104	
		T 125	4 x 90/53	94	

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Cond	Unit	Arms	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
		T 856	5 x 90/53	781 104	
		T 999	4 x 76/40	89	
		T 484	6 x 102/35	109	
		T 610	5 x 100/47	99	
		T 565	4 x 76/40	89	
		3d Gruppo	HQ	10	
		T 792	6 x 76/40	109	
		T 884	6 x 90/53	114	
		T 892	5 x 100/47	99	
		T 168	5 x 90/53	104	
		T 500	4 x 76/40	89	
		4th Gruppo	HQ	10	
		T 789	6 x 90/53	114	
		T 791	4 x 76/40	89	
		T 704	4 x 100/47	89	
		T 937	6 x 90/53	114	
		6th Gruppo	HQ	10	
		T.M.1.	4 x 76/40	89	
		T.M.2	6 x 76/40	109	
		T 305	4 x 90/53	94	
		T 394	6 x 102/35	109	
		T 411	6 x 76/40	109	
		3 x LMA Gruppos	HQ	30	
		Various	24 x 40/37's	120	
			5 x 20/75	25	
			12 x 20/65	60	
			9 x 13/2	45	
		SL HQ	HQ	30	

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
			13 x SL	156	
			Smoke	275	
Brindisi	8 MA Bde	DICLT	HQ	100	
		B 208	2 x 102/35	44	
		B 506	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 593	6 x 90/53	114	
		B 552	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 512	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 598	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 569	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 543	4 x 76/40	89	
		B 535	6 x 76/40	109	
		2 x L.A. Gps	HQ	6	
		Various	42 x 20mm	210	
			2 x 37/50	10	
			47 under 20mm	141	
			13 x SL	156	
			Smoke	220	
			Listening Posts	250	
TOTAL M.V.I. Personnel in Italy				1974	6262 all ranks
Required				=	6262 all ranks
SURPLUS				=	Nil all ranks
Foggia A/Fs	M/AF	Various	10 x SLs	100	
Naples I/Fs			4 x SLs	40	
Montecorvino I/F			4 x SLs	40	
TOTAL M.V.I. PERSONNEL required by M/AF				=	180 all ranks

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

		<u>All Ranks</u>	<u>TOTAL All Ranks</u>
TOTAL NAVAL PERSONNEL in	Sardinia	2153	
	Italy	6262	
	MAF	180	8,595
Required	Sardinia	1771	
	Italy	6262	
	M.F.	180	8,213
SURPLUS	Sardinia	382	
	Italy	nil	
	MAF	nil	382

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9. Allowance has been made for the Italian Army and Naval personnel it is estimated Mediterranean Allied Air Forces will require to man the 34 Searchlights employed by them in a primary marker beacon role.

10. It is NOT proposed to disband any Searchlight units not required in an AA or CD role without first offering them to MAAF as marker beacons.

11. It should be noted that as and when further Italian manpower is required this can be effected by a phased programme of disbandment of HAA units. Such a disbandment would produce approximately 11,000 personnel.

By command of General WILSON:

F. V. Roberts
F. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Addressee
- 1 - Commander, Allied Garrison, Sardinia
- 1 - 8 AA Bde
- 1 - 22 AA Bde
- 1 - 25 AA Bde
- 1 - 52 AA Bde
- 1 - 73 AA Bde
- 1 - 31 AAA Brig. Report any searchlights in Sardinia surplus to AA & CD requirements
- 2 - Army Sub Commission
 - (1 - ACC 'MMIA')
 - (1 - Legation, Lecce)
- 1 - AA & CD
- 1 - G-3 (Org A) Foreign
- 2 - AG Records

SECRETAPPENDIX "A"Italian Antiaircraft & Coast Defence

To be retained in Situ

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total personnel all ranks	Remarks
<u>SARDINIA - A.A.</u>					
Villacidro A/F	31 AAA Brig	DXI Gruppo	12 x 90	535	
Decimo A/F		LXXVII Gruppo	12 x 75) 8 x SL	631	SLs may be removed
Fertilla A/F		CXXIV Gruppo	16 x 90	479	
Venafriorita A/F		LVIII Gruppo	4 x 74) 4 x 76) 4 x 90)	472	
		CXCIV Gruppo	4 x 90	103	
Homing Beacons	MAAF	Various	19 x SLs	200	These SLs have been offered to MA

Total AA Army Personnel SARDINIA - 9927 all rank

Required - 2420 " ✓
 TOTAL SURPLUS (approx) = 7507 "

SARDINIA - C.D.

Maddalena	AFHQ	Talmone Bty	3 x 120/45	57	945
		Millilire Bty	3 x 152/40) 1 x 120/40)	71	
		Candee Bty	3 x 152/40) 1 x 120/40)	85	For star shot only
			7 x SLs	38	For star shot only
		G.M. 31	2 x 13.2	26	
		G.M. 25	4 x 40/39	57	
		G.M. 32	2 x 13.2	16	

Cagliari

Prunas 1 x SL 6
 Total C.D. Army Personnel SARDINIA - 356 all ranks
 SURPLUS Nil

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Undgr Cemd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
<u>ITALY - A. A.</u>					
Bari Area	25 AA Bde	Commando DCA HQ IX Corps Armata		35	Commands all AA units under 25 AA Bde.
		HQ 20 Raggrup	HQ	150	Incls pers. of GOR
		HQ 76 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		190 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		90 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		443 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	76/40 guns ex CROTONE are re- placing 77/28
		444 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		445 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		Hq 78 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		193 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		194 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		195 Bty	4 x 76/40	89	
		Hq 144 Gruppo	HQ	16	
		776 Bty	8 x 20mm	78	
		777 Bty	8 x 20mm	78	
		903 Bty	4 x 37/54	56	
		838 Bty	8 x 20mm	78	
		305 Bty	4 x 37/54	56	
Monopoli Area		139 Gruppo	HQ	24	
		778 Bty	12 x 20mm	109	
		1513 Bty	12 x 20mm	109	
Manfredonia Area		1503 Bty	8 x 20mm 3 x SL	101	

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
San Pancrazio		1424 Bty	4 x 88mm) 2 x 20mm)	114	Operationally under cmd 8AA Bde. will be moved to Bari
Ceglie del Campo		4 LIA IG Coy	8 x 20mm	78	Redeployment under considera- tion
		HC SL Service	HC	3	
		329 Sec	4 x SL	41	
		330 Sec	4 x SL	41	
		331 Sec	5 x SL	41	
		332 Sec	5 x SL	41	
		Bomb Disposal Service		35	
		TOTAL 1A under 25 AA Bde		-	3360 all ranks
		Required		-	2028 - do -
		SURPLUS			1332 - do -
APLES Area	22 1A Bde	Commando 19th Regt. r.p.	HC	68	
		HC 1st Gruppo	HC	25	
		HC 2d Gruppo	HC	25	
		HC 3d Gruppo	HC	25	
		637 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		639 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		446 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		632 Bty	x 90/53	94	
		1 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		2 Bty	x 37/54	50	

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
		3 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		4 Bty	x 37/54	74	Also man 20mm guns
		5 Bty	x 76/40	50	
		2 Bty	x 76/40	89	
		6 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		7 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		8 Bty	x 37/54	50	
		TOTAL AA under 22 AA Bde		=	509 all ranks
		Required		=	1032 all ranks
		DEFICIENCY			523 all ranks
		TOTAL A.A. FORCE PERSONNEL ITALY		=	1264 all ranks
		Required		=	3060 all ranks
		TOTAL SURPLUS (approx)		=	1204 all ranks

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Syracuse	73 AA Bde	265 Gruppo	12 x 37/54s	150	These are being moved from SIL/N L/KES, Italy. The 20mm guns of this Gruppo are not required and 395 personnel thus released are included in the Surplus in ITALY.
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ITALY - C.D.

203 Fixed Defences

HQ 4th Gruppo HC

263 Coast Bty

264 Coast Bty

265 Coast Bty

TOTAL C.D. FORCE PERSONNEL IN ITALY

Required

SURPLUS

25 203 Fixed Defences under comd A.A.I.

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= 355 all ranks

= 355 all ranks

Nil

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Annex "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
Sardinia A/Fs	MAAF		4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	All employed in Marker Beacon Role

TOTAL SURPLUS PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY MAAF = 160 all ranks

		ALL Ranks	TOTAL All ranks
TOTAL A.A. & C. D. ARMY PERSONNEL IN SARDINIA		10283	
	Italy	4594	
	Sicily	150	
by MAAF		355	15,382
Required in	Sardinia	2776	
	Italy	3390	
	Sicily	150	
by MAAF		355	6,671
SURPLUS (Approx)	Sardinia	7507	
	Italy	1204	
	Sicily	nil	
	MAAF	nil	8,711

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Appendix "A" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Arm	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
SARDINIA A/Fs	MAAF		4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	
			4 x SL)	40	All employed in Marker Beacon Role
			4 x SL)	40	

TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY MAAF = 160 all ranks

			TOTAL All Ranks	TOTAL All ranks
TOTAL A.A. & C. D. ARMY PERSONNEL IN SARDINIA			10283	
Italy			4594	
Sicily			150	
Required in	by	MAAF	355	15,382
		Sardinia	2776	
		Italy	3390	
		Sicily	150	
SURPLUS (Approx)	by	MAAF	355	6,671
		Sardinia	7507	
		Italy	1204	
		Sicily	nil	
	MAAF	nil	8,711	943

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SECRETAPPENDIX "B"Italian Antiaircraft & Coast DefenceAAVI UNITS

To be retained in situ

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
<u>SPOLINA - A.A.</u>					
Cagliari	31 AAA Brig	Bty C. 109	4 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	116	
		Bty C. 135	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	91	
		Bty C. 194	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	91	
		Bty C. 314	6 x 102mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	91	
		Bty C. 367	1 x SL	11	Also have 2 x 104mm and 1 x 20mm not manned
		Bty C. 385	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 2 x SL)	99	
		Bty C. 498	1 x SL	11	Also have 4 x 76mm not manned
		Bty C. 541	6 x 90mm) 2 x 20mm) 1 x SL)	99	
		Bty C. 614	1 x SL	11	Also have 4 x 76mm and 2 x 20mm not manned
		Bty C. 703	1 x SL	11	do -
Isola di S. Elena		North Group	8 x 102mm) 4 x 76mm) 9 x 20mm) 2 x SL)	358	

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
		South Group	12 x 90mm) 10 x 20mm) 4 x 13.2) 2 x SL)	410	
Sardinia		Various	6 x SL	60	To be offered to USAF
		East Group	9 x 102mm) 5 x 75mm) 3 x 20mm) 2 x SL)	312	
TOTAL NAVY L Personnel in Sardinia				= ¹⁰²² ~~2153~~	all rank
Required				= ¹⁰⁴⁰ ~~1771~~	all rank
SURPLUS				= 382	all rank
Naples A.A.	22 AA Bde	Commando Gruppo			
		Marine	HO	35)	
		120 Bty	6 x 90/53	113)	
		155 Bty	6 x 90/53	113)	
		606 Bty	4 x 90/53	93)	Under Army
		113 Bty	6 x 90/53	113)	Gruppo for op-
		215 Bty	4 x 76/40	88)	erational com-
					mand. Under
					Gruppo Marine
					for admin &
					discipline.
Taranto A.A.	8 AA Bde	10 Primo Regt	HO	260	
		HO AA Cond.	HO	236	
		1st Gruppo	HO	10	
		T 315	6 x 102/35	109	
		T 604	4 x 76 /40	89	
		T 603	4 x 76/40	89	
		2d Gruppo	HO	10	
		T 216	5 x 90/53	104	
		T 125	4 x 90/53	94	

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Cond	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
		T 856	5 x 90/53	104	
		T 999	4 x 76/40	89	
		T 484	6 x 102/35	109	
		T 610	5 x 100/47	99	
		T 565	4 x 76/40	89	
		3d Gruppo	HQ	10	
		T 792	6 x 76/40	109	
		T 684	6 x 90/53	114	
		T 892	5 x 100/47	99	
		T 166	5 x 90/53	104	
		T 500	4 x 76/40	89	
		4th Gruppo	HQ	10	
		T 769	6 x 90/53	114	
		T 791	4 x 76/40	89	
		T 704	4 x 100/47	89	
		T 937	6 x 90/53	114	
		5th Gruppo	HQ	10	
		T.M.I.	4 x 76/40	89	
		T.M.2	6 x 76/40	109	
		T 305	4 x 90/53	94	
		T 394	6 x 102/35	109	
		T 411	6 x 76/40	109	
		3 x L.M. Gruppos	HQ	30	
		Various	24 x 40/37's	120	
			5 x 20/75	25	
			12 x 20/65	60	
			9 x 13/2	45	
		SL HQ	HQ	30	

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

Location	Under Comd	Unit	Armt	Total Personnel all ranks	Remarks
			13 x SL	156	
			Smoke	275	
Brindisi	8 A Bde	DICAT	HQ	100	
		B 208	2 x 102/35	44	
		B 506	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 593	6 x 90/53	114	
		B 552	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 512	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 592	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 569	6 x 76/40	109	
		B 543	4 x 76/40	89	
		B 585	6 x 76/40	109	
		2 x LAA Gps	HQ	6	
		Various	42 x 20mm	210	
			2 x 37/50	10	
			47 under 20mm	141	
			13 x SL	156	
			Smoke	220	
			Listening Posts	250	
TOTAL N V/L Personnel in Italy				=	6262 all ranks
				Required	= 6262 all ranks
				SURPLUS	= Nil all ranks
Foggia A/Fs	MAF	Various	10 x SLs	100	
Naples A/Fs			4 x SLs	40	
Montecorvino A/F			4 x SLs	40	
TOTAL N V/L PERSONNEL required by MAF				=	180 all ranks

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Appendix "B" (Cont'd)

		<u>All Ranks</u>	<u>TOTAL All Ranks</u>
TOTAL NAVAL PERSONNEL in	Sardinia	2155/1822	
	Italy	6262	
	MAAF	180	7964 8,595
Required	Sardinia	1771/1140	
	Italy	6262	
	MAAF	180	7582 8,213
SURPLUS	Sardinia	382	
	Italy	nil	
	MAAF	nil	382

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