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opened Nov. 2, 1943. Closed Dec. 11, 1944

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SUBJECT: 3D Notes

TO: 3D BATT

FROM: MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY CAMP

11 DEC 44

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TAG : C(3) (2)
MAIN : C of S : BGS : Brig AC :
H(3) (2) : C(1) : GSI :
A : 3V : RA : E : X :
GVI

REAR : C(1) : MOV

1. 46 INF DIV :

(a) 159 Inf Bde Op under comd AFHQ

(b) 128 Inf Bde Op under comd 10 CDR's area LAORAPA

(c) Arrangements for move of balance of div NOT yet firm. One sec 44 Recco Regt and Div arty will probably remain under comd 5 CDR's after move of remainder of div.

2. 56 INF DIV :

(a) Following are now in fwd area under comd 5 CDR's.

169 Inf Bde Op
DIV HQ
DIV RA
DIV RS

(b) 167 Inf Bde Op is under comd 5 CDR's and moving to area CAUERING-X 2594. Bde will be called fwd by 5 CDR's, NOT before 16 Dec.

3. 9 ARMD BDE :

(a) Bde Op is to move to fwd zone area CERVIA - RAYKOLA as follows, remaining under comd ARV.

Trucks move

1. 1st INF DIV.

- (a) 139 Inf Bde Co under comd ARHQ
- (b) 128 Inf Bde Co under comd 10 CQB'S area 140840-1410
- (c) Arrangements for move of heliases of div NOT yet firm. One 600 44 Reco Bde and Div arty will probably remain under comd 5 CQB'S after move of remainder of div.

2. 55 INF DIV.

- (a) Following are now in fwd area under comd 5 CQB'S.

169 Inf Bde Co
DIV HQ
DIV BA
DIV RE

- (b) 157 Inf Bde Co is under comd 5 CQB'S and moving to area CALERINO-X 2594. Bde will be called fwd by 5 CQB'S NOT before 18 Dec.

3. 9 ARD DIV.

- (a) Bde Co is to move to fwd conc area GERVA - RAVENHILL as follows, remaining under comd ARHQ.

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Tracks move
on 12/12 Dec
Florida move
12 Dec

Composition of Bde will be

7 H (discontinued)
4 H (less com 106)
24 81 Bde
12 L
27 L
1 NCB
to join Bde later

- (b) Co 106 L H (SHEWAN GARDENS) is under comd 5 CQB'S
- (c) 3 H is to move to HIDEAST approx 31 Dec if exchange for 10/20 H, which will move to ITALY after arrival 5 H in HIDEAST.

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4. 26 ARND EDE :

- (a) Ede Gp, less 17/21 L and 2 LOTHIAN Regt Gp, is now complete under comd 10 CORPS in area RECINATI
- (b) 17/21 L is under comd ARND.
- (c) 2 LOTHIAN is to move to rejoin the Ede approx 17 Dec

5. EDG :

To move to under comd AFHQ at TARANTO, leaving ARND area 18 Dec.
Comd passes on arrival TARANTO 18 Dec.

6. BARDA MAJELLA :

To move to under comd AAA approx 18 Dec, for recon as a normal Italian Inf Bn.

R. G. Hearn

Lt Col
CS

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6. RAIDA MALEKIA :

To move to under COMJ AAI on 15 Dec, for record as a normal
Italian Inf Bn.

R. G. H. H.

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Army 31/29 82
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SHARP, SHARP ADVANCE, ASWAR, TROOPERS, SOROTO, USAPINE, 3 ARMY, AAI,
AAI ADVANCE, BALKAN AIR FORCE, ++

AFHQ SIGNED WILSON

PX 44934

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M.M.A.	6
FILE REF	19
Date Recd	21/10

PRIORITY

CITE PUGOT

++: 6TH ARMY GROUP, 8TH ARMY, ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA, NAZIST, AIR
MINISTRY LONDON, AGO ROME, ADMIRALTY LONDON, USFOR, MALTA, MIDEAST,
STUBA, GIBRALTAR, COMBONE MATOUSA, MEDITERRANEAN BASE SECTION,
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, CONTINENTAL BASE SECTION, NORTHERN BASE
SECTION, DISONE, DISTFO, DISTHREE, HOME ALLIED AREA COMMAND, THREE
CORPS, MIL MISSION C, BRITISH MILITARY MISSION ROMANIA, BRITISH
MILITARY MISSION BULGARIA, 30 MIL MISSION, EL DE BALKANS AND
BALKAN AIR FORCE PLEASE PASS TO AGO REAR.

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Hereby answering message GO 122 of 24 October from 3 CORPS.
Also reminding all addressees of importance of including time suffix
to all time groups used in text of messages and also times of origin.
Effective at midnight 31 October - 1 November all Allied Forces in
GREECE and TURKEY will use quote B unquote time.

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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Act: Communications ②
Inf: A/C
C.O.S.
P.A. Sec.
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Army Sk. ✓
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HEADQUARTERS
29 OCT 1944
A.C.C.

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October 29 1944

0400

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM:- ADV HQ AAI
 TO:- FIFTH ARMY
 EIGHTH ARMY
 66 AA BDE
 2 AA BDE

MMIA	5/9
FILE REF	111
Date Recd	11/91

Date-Time
of Origin.

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SEP 1944

A. C. C.

Orig No. 0-4402

"A" TIME GMT PLUS ONE HOUR WILL BE INTRODUCED BY ALL UNITS IN ITALY BY
 RETARDING THE CLOCK ONE HOUR AT 170300B SEPTEMBER 1944. (.) SEVENTH ARMY
 MAPPA AND THE NAVY ARE CONFORMING AND ITALIAN CIVIL AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN
 ASKED TO DO SO

Internal Distribution:-

List "A"
 List "C"

This message may be sent
 as written by any means
 except)
) wireless

If liable to be intercepted
 or to fall into enemy hands
 this message must be sent
 IN CODE

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Important

Announced at
 Conference by
 A/G on 18 Sep 44.
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SHARP ADV AGPAR TROOPERS SOMTO USAPFMR 5TH ARMY AAI AAI ADV DAF
7TH ARMY 8TH ARMY ALLIED GARRI-----
AFHQ SOD WILSON

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ADDRESS CONTD---SON BARMINIA MADIST FOR AFHQ REAR AIR MINISTRY LONDON
ACC ROME ADMIRALTY LONDON USFOR MALTA MIDWEST STACHA GIBRALTAR
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ADV DET

FOLLOWING IS A PARAPHRASE BY AFHQ

PARA 1. CONFORMITY WITH SHARP, "A" TIME, ONE PLUS 1 HOUR WILL BE
INTRODUCED BY RETARDING THE CLOCK 1 HOUR AT 1700GB SEPTEMBER 1944 IN THE
FOLLOWING AREAS FOR WHICH THIS HEADQUARTERS IS OPERATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE:
ALGERIA, TUNISIA, TURKEY, ROMANIA, GREECE, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, YUGOSLAVIA, ALBANIA,
ITALY, THE AREAS OF SOUTHERN FRANCE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 7TH
ARMY, AND THE MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS EXCEPT CYPRUS AND MALTA. MOROCCO ALGERIA
IS ON "A" TIME.

PARA 2. FRENCH CIVIL AUTHORITIES IN NORTH AFRICA AND ITALIAN CIVIL
AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONFORM.

PARA 3. MALTA IS CONFORMING.

PARA 4. GIBRALTAR IS CONFORMING TO SPANISH TIME AND WILL REMAIN ON
"B" TIME UNTIL SPAIN CHANGES. NOTIFICATION OF WHICH WILL BE MADE WHEN KNOWN.

PARA 5. EGYPT, PALESTINE, TRANSJORDAN, CYPRUS, SYRIA AND CYPRICA CHANGING
FROM "C" TO "B" TIME AND TRIPOLITANIA FROM "B" TO "A" TIME AT MIDNIGHT 31
OCTOBER/1 NOVEMBER.

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ACTION-CA BE(2)

INFO-C.S.O.

ADDRESS CMTD-++WCH SARGENTIA MALTA MIDWEST BROSUSA GIBRALTAR
ACC ROBE ADMIRALTY LONDON USFOR MALTA MIDWEST BROSUSA GIBRALTAR
HOS MATOUSA MES FSE CHS HONOR DISTONE DISTWO DISTHREH RAAC AFHQ
ADV DET

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IN

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Date Recd	12/8/44

FROM: NO 1 SPECIAL FORCE
TO: MAIN AAI
INFO: AAI ADV MMIA LO DIST LO
ORIG NO MN/607

TO: HIL
TOR 1015.11

7th Regt 6/4/70
YOUR SD 1007 W/PT ADVANCE,
ONLY ITALIAN FORCE UNDER CO. AND 15 105 BATTALION REMO.
YOUR SD 1700 DATED 210059 JUNE REFERS AND PLACES BATTALION UNDER
2 DISTRICT FOR ADMINISTRATION. OPERATION SCHEDULED EARLY AUGUST
WAS POSTPONE. NOW AWAIT DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM AAI ADVANCE.

G(5D)
MMIA

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1 (BY ELS)

SEC GROUP 11
T.T. 07.1.11.11 JT

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MESSAGE FORM

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From: ISMA

To: FIFTH ARMY rptd: AAI

SD 1215

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SECRET (+) From Gen BROWDER for VAN KIRK (+) No formed and trained
Division available on Mainland (+) Please refer to AAI who have
complete information on Italian Army

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AS WRITTEN by any
means except
wireless.

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to interception.

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Sgt _____ Sgt _____

TOC 1215

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DIVISION	LOCATION	STRENGTH	
<u>INTERNAL SECURITY</u>			
CALABRIA	CASIMIRI (SARDINIA)	6660	
SARDAIGNA	INTRA (SICILY)	10970	
GRANATIGNI	DOSSUS NUVAS (SARDINIA)	6920	
CORONA	PATTADA (SARDINIA)	9640	
MANTOVA	COSSENZA and Silan Lake Area Harvesting	5280 2200	Plus Army
PIEMONTE	M. FRANCA Harvesting	3730 3660	Plus Army
BARI	PAULATINO (SARDINIA)	8860	
<u>PROGRAMME</u>			
226 DIV	HAPLES Area	7310	App pro
204 DIV	TORRES (SARDINIA)	6960	
PRIGLI	PORECHAGGIONE (SARDINIA) Harvesting	5710 5702	
Remainder 203 DIV	SINAI (SARDINIA)	3270	

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STRENGTH

REMARKS

ARDINIA)	6660	
Y)	10970	
(SARDINIA)	6920	
RDINIA)	9640	
Silan Lake Area	5280 2200	Plus two Bus each approx 700 loaned to 8 Army and 3 Dist
	3730 3660	Plus two Bus each approx 700 loaned to 8 Army and 2 Dist
SARDINIA)	8060	
	7310	Arrived NAPLES 9 July for FBS and 3 Dist programs
RDINIA)	6960	
(SARDINIA)	3710 5702	
IA)	3270	

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)

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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Rptd: SURE

Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

SD 1019 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) For McQUEEN from BROWNING (*) Personal inspection of GRADO Bn by KERR and HAMPTON revealed Bn well armed equipped and trained (*) particularly impressed with spirit and leadership (*) Bn has been in camp for fi months and is in excellent condition (*) There is also a battery of four 65/17 guns ready strength 200 all ranks 24 mules (*) guns ingeniously mounted pneumatic tyres can be drawn by mules or lorry or whole carried by mules as pack battery (*) plenty of amm (*) very strongly recommend should follow and join Bn (*)

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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ARMY FORM C2138 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Originator

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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further 250 pfts for BAFIE and GRADO completing training will be ready when required

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO

22 1930

Comandante C.I.L. et conoscenza al Com.te Delegazione "A" S.M.R.E.

A

p.c. M.M.I.A.

Handed Sigs.
09.30. 22/6/.

N. 419/OP. R.P. (.) SEGRETISSIMO (.) BTG. R.MARINA GRADO FORZA
CIRCA 800 UOMINI SOSTITUIRA' BATTAGLIONE NEMBO DI CUI NOSTRO
DISPACCIO 418/OP. R.P. (.) IL TRASFERIMENTO AVVERRA' AGLI ORDI
NI DEL MOVETT CON I MEZZI PIU' CELERI (.) SUPERESERCITO

*Not Secret. "Grado" Bn. of It. Navy strength 800 men will substitute
Nembo Bn. Inferno by 418/OP. R.P. (.) Transfer as per
Morse's orders by fastest means (.)*

IN CHIARO

IN CIFRA

GRADO DI URGENZA

p.IL TEN.COL.ins.S.M.a.p.s.
-Capo Ufficio Operazioni-
(Piero Sappò)

IMMEDIATE

G. S. Sappò

magg. J. S. Sappò

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ARMY FORM 62100 Small

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 71

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FROM

At

MALA

Originator

Date Time of Origin
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OFFICE DATE STAMP

AAI Main

For Action

TO

POLIC ORS

BY For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions - GR -

Original

~~00987 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) Reference your 001715 00 00 (*) 00100~~
 BA 45 offers 900 ORS 45 tons stores 30 tons am ready to move 25 rpt 25 JUN
 from HASCATTA 2.6325 (*) NO rpt NO Motor Transport (*) IN addition
 4 offers 100 ORS for RAPID ready same location to move with above

THE MESSAGE MAY BE SENT ANYTIME IF LIABLE TO BE INTERFERED OR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
 BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE DEGREE OF PRIORITY
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MESSAGE FORM

To : OIL rptd Delegation "A" SMRE LMTA
From : SMRE

418/OP RP (*) TORSEC (*) Nominate
immediately one complete NEMBO Bn for
employment as parachutists after short
refresher course with Allies (*) Advise
urgently location and strength (*) SMRE
arranging replacement (*) Ack receipt

IMMEDIATE

TOO : 201315 B

Despatched by Sigs 1315 hrs
20 Jan 44 G-2(L) taking
copy of this to show 135
Oxide 1A. RPT 20
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AFSN FORM C-2128

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN
OUT

GR

Set No. _____

Office Date 5th

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A A T (Add)

retd ACC Rear for CAMPBELL

FROM

MMIA

4.1. Generation of Σ product

SD 963

State

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Intelligent for Summer

SECRET (:) Ref AOC REAR 2940 of 18 (:) Strongly recommend that GRADO Bn rpt GRADO be used as replacement (:) DUCA D'ADSTA Bn NOT rpt NOi equipped or trained and necessary equipment NOT rpt NOT available (:) use would involve further adn complications (:) For this reason and in addition to reasons stated our SD943 of 15 June strongly recommend that DUCA D'ADSTA Bn be NOT rpt NOT considered for assignment to C I L C AWAITING YOUR ORDERS

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN
by any member
As (Parent)

Abstract

Supplements

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

September

Originator's Instructions
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4 Original may delete "Except" and insert "including." (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNATURE USE ONLY.)

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ARMY FORM C 2106 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)

MMIA

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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ACC REAR FOR ARMY SUB COMMISSION

For Action

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No.

SD964

(.)

CONFIDENTIAL

(.)

Investigate and report immediately why

instructions last paragraph our SD963 of 15 June have been disobeyed (.)

SD963 are trying to pass on orders issued by COMUSMACV (.) No rpt

no orders yet received from AMI (.) as result this breach, security

COMUSMACV will NOT rpt NOT be consulted in future

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DA SUPEREERCITO OPERAZIONI

OPERATIONS

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C.I.L. e

P.C. DEIEGAZIONE "A" S.M.R.E. (S. Corpo al piano)

P.C. : M.M.I.A.

NOT SENT

6588/OP. SECRET (.) INFORMASI CHE COMANDO SUPREMO DIETRO
RICHIESTA A.S.C. HABET ESPRESSO PARERE FAVOREVOLE ALL'IMPIEGO
DI UN BATTAGLIONE NEMBO PER AVIOLANCIO IN TERRITORIO OCCUPATO
IN APPOGGIO FORMAZIONI PATRIOTTI (.) IN SOSTITUZIONE BATTAGLIONE
ANZIDETTO SARA' ASSEGNATO A C.I.L. BATTAGLIONE MAREONAUTICA
DUCA D'AOSTA (.) PREGO URGENTI PREDISPOSIZIONI PER QUANTO RIGUARDA
PRONTO SVINCOLO BATTAGLIONE NEMBO (.) ACCUSARE RICEVUTA (.)

IN CHIARO

IN CIPRA

IMMEDIATE

IN PEN. COL. in S.S.M. a.P.S.
- Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
(Piero Sampo)

mess. 19/11/19

6588/OP. SECRET (.) Please note
that acting on A.S.C.'s request Supreme
Command have approved use of one
"NEMBO" Bn. to be dropped by
planes in enemy occupied territory

19/11/19 OP

BL UN BATTAGLIONE NEMBO PER AVIOLANCIO IN TERRITORIO OCCUPATO
 IN APPOGGIO FORMAZIONI PATRIOTI (.) IN SOSTITUZIONE BATTAGLIONE
 ANZIDETTO SARA' ASSEGNATO A C.I.L. BATTAGLIONE NAUTICA
 DUCA D'AOSTA (.) PREGO URGENTI PREDISPOSIZIONI PER QUANTO RIGUARDA
 PRONTO SVINCOLO BATTAGLIONE NEMBO (.) ACCUSARE RICEVUTA (.)

IN CHIARO

1900 hrs
 1800 hrs
 1700 hrs
 1600 hrs
 1500 hrs
 1400 hrs
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IN CILFRA

IN TEN. COL. in S.S.M. a.D.S.
 - Capo Ufficio Operazioni -
 (Piero Sampo)

IMMEDIATO



6588/OP. SECRET © Please note
 that acting on A.S.C.'s request Supreme
 Command have approved use of one
 "NEMBO" Bn. to be dropped by
 planes in enemy occupied territory
 to assist patriot formations ©
 The "DUCA D'AOSTA" Airforce Bn.
 will be drafted to C.I.L. in place
 of above Bn. © Please arrange
 urgent release "NEMBO" Bn. ©
 Acknowledge ©

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FROM		(A)		M M I A		For Action.		15 1530 B		434	
ACC Rear for Army Sub Commission											
TO											
HQ AAI(ADV) MAC for MacFarlane HQ 5 Corps										Message Instructions. GR	
1 Special Force											
Originator's No. SD 943											
14 June to MIA rptd 5 Corps and 1 Special Force states quote											
Resistance groups in Northern ITALY particularly FLORENCE area are being successful (:) greater results will be obtained if they could be backed by regular troops (:) we suggest one parachute Bn NEMBO Div could be dropped for that purpose (:) please obtain Marshal MESSER'S view (:) forward your recommendations together with your suggestions for replacement of NEMBO Bn (:) 1 Special Force can undertake immediately parachute refresher training and will provide the equipment necessary unquote (:) OXILIA suggests Air Force Bn DUCA d'ACOSTA or SAN MARCO Marine GRADO Bn that order (:) Gen BROWNING approves AAI suggestion but since Gen MACFARLANE has told MESSER that Air Force Bn NOT rpt NOT wanted and recommends GRADO (:) Consult BERARDI and MESSER and forward recommendation direct to AAI (Adv) copy to MIA (:) For security reasons OXILIA ordered NOT rpt NOT discuss with SALERNO or anyone (:) Ensure same precautions BERARDI MESSER (:) Ack											
REFUSED MESSER USE AIR FORCE BN FOR ARMY											
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W. RELESS.

Signed.

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HQ US NAVY NW AFRICAN WATERS, SOMTO, 1 BR ARMD DIV, 91 DIV,
RPTD TROOPERS, MALTA, MIDEAST, GIBRALTAR FOR INFO

ALL FORCES OF THIS COMMAND WILL ADOPT THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM EFFECTIVE
AT DATE AND HOUR PRESCRIBED BY TROOPERS. THERE FOLLOWS A PARAPHRASE
OF MESSAGE FROM TROOPERS: "AS FROM 0100B ON FIRST MAY 1944 THE
EXPRESSION "ZERO HOUR" WILL BE CHANGED TO EXPRESSION "H" HOURS WHICH
WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY. UNLESS CONTEXT IS CLEAR, ALL FIGURES SHOWN
IN CONJUNCTION WITH "H" HOURS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY EITHER HOURS OR
MINUTES AS FOLLOWS: H PLUS 4 MINUTES, H MINUS 5 HOURS. NEW TERM HAS
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 11. Guard Bn.
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 13. 43 B.S.D.
 14. 9 T.S.D.
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 16. 29 Gen. Tpt. Co., RASC.
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 37. I & D.F.S. (Less Appx. B and E.)
 38. Force 266. (Less Appx. B, C and E.)
 39. 13 CRASC (Supply Units) (Less Appx. B and E.)
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31. 409 Field Security Section.
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46. Q. (Less Appx. B, D, E and F.)
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49. Med. (Less Appx. B, D, E and F.)
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52. 53. War Diary.
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Ref. Maps.

1:250,000 ITALY - Sheets. 38, 43, and 44.
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213, 214, 215, 223.

INFORMATION.

ENEMY

1. Enemy Action may take any or all of the following forms:

(a) Landings may be made from small craft by raiding parties with the object of cutting communication, or damaging installations, aerodromes etc. It is probable that only small enemy forces could make such a raid without being detected by the R.N.

The short distance between enemy-held territory and this coast and the suitability of the beaches makes the shore south of BRINDISI to OTRANTO especially vulnerable to such landings.

(b) Air Attacks on the Port and Aerodrome. It is considered that no large concentration of enemy machines could be used without fair warning being given before the attack.

(c) Dropping of small parties of parachutists for sabotage, or individually as agents, may be attempted.

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- (a) Garrison. There is no Garrison available in the Area, except as shown in para 5 (f) (i). All Allied troops will be prepared to engage the enemy wherever he is found.

- (b) Allied Army. A Mobile Striking Force at 3 hrs. notice is held by 2 District to be sent to any Area in case of grave emergency. On arrival at the R.V. arranged, this force comes under command this H.Q.

Allied and Italian Coast Batteries are situated at various points round the harbour of BRINDISI.

Each Battery

is responsible for its own gun sites.

Certain Italian Regts. under comd. are armed and could be called out in an emergency.

2. OWN TROOPS (cont)

- (c) A.A. The Aerodromes at BRINDISI, GALATINA and SAN PANCRIZIO on the Port of BRINDISI are protected by Allied and Italian A.A. and Searchlight Batteries. The Smoke Screen for the Port of BRINDISI is put into operation on orders of A.A.D.C. BRINDISI. At request of Area H.Q., A.A.C. will order J.A. Barrage to be fired and the siren to be sounded in order to disperse any especially large and troublesome crowd. G.O.R. is guarded under arrangements A.A.D.C. No Operational A.A. troops may be detailed for duties outside their own operational work without the consent of A.A.D.C.
- (d) R.A.F. F.A.F. are responsible for the guarding of BRINDISI Aerodrome. There is a Balcon Barrage over the Port of BRINDISI.
- (e) U.S.A.A.F. U.S.A.A.F. are responsible for the guarding of their Aerodromes.
- (f) Zones of responsibility in the Port of BRINDISI are shown on plan attached as Appendix "E".
- (g) Guard Duties. British and/or Italian Units are assigned under command from time to time for guard duties on installations and V.P.s.

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- (b) Commanders will deal with the following contingencies:-
 - (i) Enemy Action. Enemy action by land, sea or air.
 - (ii) Air Attack. A.A.D. Control.
 - (iii) Fire. Outbreaks of fire in W.P. installations and large scale fires in civilian premises.
 - (iv) Internal Security. Disorder on the part of the civilian population, refugees, collaborators or Allied Troops.

4. ORGANISATION (cont).

(c) Zone Commanders will assume command of all Allied Forces in their Zones for any emergency as stated above, except in the case of A.A. and C.D. units, and he will assume this role when he considers such a course necessary, irrespective of whether a more senior officer is located in the Area.

Zone Comds. will draw up their own Defence Schemes and issue to units in their Zones.

5. METHOD.

(a) All units are responsible for their own protection.

(b) In the event of any incident occurring under the heading of "Internal Security", "Enemy Action", "Fire", or "Air Attack", this H.Q. will be informed immediately.

(c) The following code words will be used for implementing this Defence Scheme:-

(i) "WARNING ORDER : INTERNAL SECURITY" or "ENEMY ACTION".
Will be sent out by this H.Q. to the Zone Comds. concerned, who will then put their own Scheme in action.

(ii) When action is required, "STAND TO : INTERNAL SECURITY" or "ENEMY ACTION" will be sent out.

(iii) When the situation becomes normal, "STAND DOWN" will be sent out by this H.Q.

(d) ACTION ON "WARNING ORDER".

(i) Zone Comds. will ensure their own H.Qs. are adequately protected and manned day and night by an Officer.

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(i) The Inlying Picquet will immediately proceed to R. S.C. Vehicle Report Centre, the Officer i/c reporting to C.R.A.S.C. 29 L of C.Tpt. Coln. This picquet will then come under comd. C.R.A.S.C.

(ii) The D.A.F.M. will arrange for Interpreter to report to O.I/c Inlying Picquet at the R.A.S.C. Vehicle Report Centre and to the Guard Bn. H.Q.

(iii) An Italian-speaking N.C.O. from 91 Port Security Section will report to this H.Q.

5. METHOD (cont)

(f) Enemy Action.

For use in case of Enemy Action, a Reserve is held under Comd. of this H.Q. as follows:-

- (i) All available personnel of the Guard Br. less normal guards and the Inlying Picquet attached to BRANDISI Town Zone. This force will be on wheels at 1/4 hours' notice from receipt of "STAND TO".
- (ii) 4 (ffrs. and 150 i Rs. from 9 S.D. in three parties on wheels and will be at 1/4 hours' notice from receipt of "STAND TO".
- (iii) D.A.P.M. will hold 2 parties of C.M.Ps. in reserve.

(g) Fire and Air Attack.

P.A.D. Scheme 1 given at Appendix 'C' and includes Fire Services. This Appendix has already been issued separately.

(h) Internal Security.

- (i) In the interests of the Allied War Effort, it is essential that riots and disturbances by the civil population are kept in check and dealt with promptly as and when they occur. It is quite possible that Italian Government officials will be unable to check them on all occasions as soon as is desirable. In consequence Zone Commanders will take necessary action, with Allied Forces, to maintain law and order and to safeguard stores and property where necessary.
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(j) Pipelining.

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(j) Fineline.

In the event of 'STAND TO' being ordered, Zone Commands will arrange for the pipeline to the Aerodromes to be patrolled where troops are available. The aerodromes are guarded where troops are available. The pipeline is already marked on trace of Zones attached as Appendix 'G'.

(k) Arrests.

If arrests are made, prisoners will be conveyed to Carabinieri H.Q. or Station as soon as possible. Prisoners of War will be taken to Sub Area H.Q. immediately.

(k) Arrests (cont)

The procedure for the interrogation of unauthorised persons landing in this Sub Area is attached as Appendix "M".

(2) Sitrep. From the time of receipt of "IN. 0400", Liaisons will forward Operational Sitreps to this H.Q. as at 0600 hrs and 1800 hrs daily, until receipt of "STAND DOWN", by 0900 hrs and 2000 hrs.

Once an emergency has arisen, it is absolutely imperative that Zones keep this H.Q. informed of any events of importance as they occur.

(3) Liaison. Zone Commanders will establish liaison with (1) A.A., Searchlight, Coast Defence, Special Force and P.A.F. Units within Zones, with any civilian Unit, the local Carabinieri and the Civilian authorities, including Fire Services and P.A.D.

ADMINISTRATIVE

(a) Ammunition. 50 rds will be carried on the man normally. If "ENEMY ACTION" is ordered, 100 rds will be carried. 1st line com. will be carried in tpt. by mobile parties.

(b) Supplies. 24 hrs rations and water will be carried in tpt by mobile parties.

(c) P.O.L. Vehicles carrying mobile parties will start with tanks full and carry 50 miles reserve patrol.

(d) Recovery.

- (i) 15 Port Workshops is at Via Carpentieri BRINDISI. (Tel. No. 1706)
- (ii) On "STAND DOWN" Recovery Points will be established by CRASC at the following point:-

BARI ROAD pt. - 191347
TAPANTO ROAD. pt. - 235297
LEUCE ROAD. pt. - 351271

(iii) Recovery vehicles, including RASC vehicles, will start on orders of Sub Area H.Q. and will effect recovery on these roads. They will not go beyond the limits of BRI/ISI Province except in the case of LEUCE which will be the limit. Escorts of minimum 4 rifles to accompany.

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- (d) Recovery.
 - (i) 15 Para Workshops is at Vic. Carpenter's BRIND. ST. (Tel. No. 1706)
 - (ii) On "STAND TO" Recovery Points will be established by CRASH at the following point:-
BARI ROAD pt. - 191347
TARAKO ROAD. pt. - 295997
LECCO ROAD. pt. - 352271

(iii) All vehicles, including RASC vehicles, will be sent on roads or to Sub Area H.Q. and will effect repairs on these roads. They will not go beyond the limits of BRINDISI Province except in the case of LECCO which will be the limit. Escorts of minimum 4 rifles to accompany.

(e) Medical.

Casualties will be taken to nearest Unit R.A.P. or M.I. Rec- Evacuation will be to British Military Hospital, BRINDISI. Cal. s for ambulances will be made to this H.Q.

(f) Prisoners.

P.W. will be evacuated to Sub Area H.Q. 24 H.P.M. will establish P.W. cage on "STAND TO" at Millary Prison.

(g) Dress. Battle Dress with Steel Helmets will be worn by all Mobile Parties. Gas boxes will be carried on the man and respirators carried in tpt. or on the man.

- (n) Tools. In the event of Enemy Action, picks and shovels will be carried in trucks by all Mobile Parties.
- (y) Transport. CRASC 29 of C. Tpt. Co. will arrive for 5 + 3 ton trucks to be available at R. 10 Report Centre on "STAND TO". These trucks will immediately move on orders from the H.Q. Drivers will be fully equipped for Mobile Parties.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

- (a) Location of H. 1. 71 Sub Area is 50, Corso Garibaldi, BRINDISI. Tel. No. of H. 1. Office is 1131 and Military 25. In the event of an Air Raid, two additional Nos. 1725 and Military 4 are available.
- (b) For enemy reference, locations and telephone numbers of Zone Comds. are included in the list at Appendix "A". All Zone Commanders will send a D.R. to Signal Office immediately on receipt of "STAND TO". O. 1. Signals will be responsible for their administration.
- (c) 3 Coy 2 of Tpt. Bys. will send two D.Rs. to report to Sub Area H.Q. on receipt of "STAND TO".
- (d) After receipt of "STAND TO", watches will be synchronised by the B.E.C. Time Signals.
- (e) After "STAND TO" has been given, all messages relating to the operations in progress will begin and end with the word "DORSET".
- (f) Maps of this Sub Area (Scale - 1:50,000) are available at this H.Q. for distribution to Zone Commanders.

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Time of Signature 18.5
Method of Issue R.S.

General Staff.

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DETAILS OF ZONES.

Appendix
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ZONE NO.	LOCALITY	U. S. COMMANDER	ADDRESS OF H.Q.
1.	BRINDISI TOWN	GRASS 29 I & C Tpt CoIn.	61, Corso Garibaldi, BRINDISI.
2.	RAF ENCLAVE	O.C. 334 King RAF.	Incls Flats, BRINDISI.
3.	TRANSIT AND PARADISE CAMPS, BRINDISI	O.C. Guard BN.	Transit Camp, BRINDISI.
4.	D.I.D.	O.C. 38 D.I.D.	Bari Road (L.265345)
5.	B.S.D.	O.C. 43 B.S.D.	OSTUNI (L.279321)
6.	E.S.D.	O.C. 9 E.S.D.	Bari Road (L.250334)
7.	PETROL DEPOT.	O.C. 4 Petrol Depot.	ST. VITO STA. (L.225345)
8.	ST. VITO & OSTUNI.	O.C. 298 O.T. Coy RASC.	ST. VITO (L.140350)
9.	FRANCAVILLA	O.C. 1st Br. 1st Ord Depot Regt. (Aviation) USAAF	FRANCAVILLA
10.	MESAGNE.	O.C. 6 O.B.D.	MESAGNE.
12.	SAN PANDRIZIO.	O.C. 58 Service Sqdn. USAAF.	SAN PANDRIZIO Aerodrome
14.	SAN PIETRO.	O.C. 196 Tn Stores Coy.	SAN PIETRO.
15.	LECCE PROVINCE.	Town Major, LECCE.	LECCE.

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Defence Scheme dated 3 May 44

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OFFICER	ADDRESS OF H.Q.	TEL NO.
GRASC 29 L of C Tpt CoIn.	61, Corso Garibaldi, TRIESTE.	1283 & 1091.
O.C. 334 Wing RAF.	Incis Flats, TRIESTE.	Military Ex.
PARISE C. C. Guard BN.	Transit Camp, TRIESTE.	1105.
O.C. 32 D.I.D.	Bari Road (L.265345)	Military Ex.
O.C. 43 B.S.D.	LESTINCO (L.279321)	Military Ex.
O.C. 9 E.S.D.	Bari Road (L.250334)	Military Ex.
O.C. 4 Petrol Depot.	ST. VITO STA. (L.225345)	Military Ex.
O.C. 292 G.T. Coy RASC.	ST. VITO (L.140350)	No Tel. - D.R.
O.C. 1st Bn. 1st Ord Depot Regt. (Aviation) USAAF	PRAGAZILLA	Military Ex. "NECTAR" through R.A.F.
O.C. 6 O.B.D.	INSIONE.	Military Ex.
O.C. 58 Service Sqdn. USAAF.	RAF BARONCIC Aerodrome.	Military Ex. through RAF.
O.C. 196 Tn Stores Coy.	SA. II POC.	Military Ex.
Town Major, TRIESTE.	LESTINCO.	Lecce 1030 through M1.Ex.

APPENDIX "D" to 71 Sub Area
Defence Scheme - May 14

INTERROGATIONS

In order to ensure that no interrogation of persons landing unexpectedly in 71 Sub Area, i.e. without any previous security control arrangements being made, should take place with the minimum of delay, and to prevent such persons being at large for any appreciable length of time, the following procedure will be adopted forthwith by all Units :-

- (1) Unauthorized persons landing in 71 Sub Area by boat or plane will be immediately taken into custody as per H. and sent under escort to 91 Port Security Sec or 409 Field Security Sec. without delay.
- (2) All documents, personal papers and belongings will be taken off them, bundled, labelled and forwarded with escorts as is done in the case of P.S.
- (3) Passage will be forwarded with escorts.
- (4) 91 Port Security Sec and 409 Field Security Sec will report to this H.Q. immediately that such a landing has taken place and that the instructions in 2 Dist. Letter 2023/25 GSI dated 5 March 44 have been carried out.
- (5) R.N., R.A.F. and U.S.A.F. authorities are requested to report arrival of such persons with the minimum of delay to this H.Q.
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or 409 Field Security Sec. without delay.

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Defence Scheme dated 3 May 44.

CIVIL DISCIPLINE

1. Allied troops will not intervene if the Italian Authorities have the situation in hand when they arrive. If C.M.F.s. are already at the scene of the incident the Officer i/c Piquet will contact them before taking action.

2. An Interpreter will always accompany the Officer Commanding any Party called upon to quell civil disorder.

3. Carabinieri should always accompany troops when called out to deal with civilian disturbances.

4. Opening Fire.

If a mob gets out of hand and there is no other means of preventing loss of Allied life and property, fire will be opened at the discretion of the Officer i/c Piquet. A warning order, that fire will be opened if it does not disperse, must first be given to the crowd through the Interpreter. The crowd must then be given time to disperse. If the crowd still persists and is dangerous, the Officer i/c will give the order for one man to fire one round. This man will shoot to KILL and, if possible, at a ringleader. If the crowd still does not disperse he should give the order to fire one round per man (always defining what Sub Unit is to fire) and shoot to KILL. If necessary, controlled fire round by round will be continued. It must be impressed on all Officers and O.R.s. that strict fire discipline will be maintained throughout. Never fire at retreating persons.

If no Interpreter is available, warning must still be given to the crowd before opening fire. The warning, in Italian, is: "SE VOI NON ANDATE VIA SPARETELO" ("If you do not go away we shall fire").

5. All troops will avoid becoming involved in any disturbance when called out on duty. They will return to billets if situation looks dangerous.

6. All ranks will be warned that if they are in the Brindisi Town Area when a serious riot breaks out, and they are unable to return to billets, they will immediately make their way to Assembly points as follows:-

(a) BASO Vehicle Report Centre, opposite Centrale Station (Officer i/c to be Officer i/c Report Centre) or

(b) Dock Gates (Officer i/c to be detailed by H.Q. Movements BRINDISI)

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7. Vehicles will report as follows:-

- (a) If in the Town, but outside the Docks, to Brindisi Central Station Yard.

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- (b) If in the Docks they will remain there.

8. No personnel will leave their billets, offices etc. after "STAND TO" has been ordered, unless ordered to do so by an Officer.

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Subject:- Defence Scheme.

H.Q. 71 Sub Area.
71/136/G
12 May 44.

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DISTRIBUTION:- As for Defence Scheme
plus Camp Commandant.

The following amendments will be made to
71 Sub Area Defence Scheme - Appendix "A" - Column 1 dated 3 May 44:-

The number of SAN PANCRAZIO Zone will be amended
to read "12".

The number of SAN PIETRO Zone will be amended to
read "11".

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[Signature]
Cap.
General Staff.

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Subject: Employment of the Italian Army.

To : Eighth Army

Copy to : Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Colonel DUCHESNE, M.M.I.A.

SECRET

HQ ALLIED ARMIES
IN ITALY

5653/1/303

23 March 44

1. The position of the Italian Army since the Armistice has been most unsatisfactory. This has been due to lack of clear directives on the subject, and misunderstandings in the interpretation of various agreements.
2. It is necessary to clarify the position which is as follows. The Italian Government have undertaken to equip from their own resources one division for operations immediately, and to prepare two more divisions in ITALY for operations at a later date. The Italian Government are most anxious to be represented in the fighting for the Allied cause, and it is desirable that this should be so.
3. Apart from the fighting value of Italian troops, the limiting factor is the ability of the Italian Government to equip and maintain formations in the field from their present resources. However, a review of these resources has disclosed the fact that there is sufficient equipment and ammunition to maintain a brigade group in action for a considerable period. It has been decided by the Combined Chiefs of Staff that no British or American equipment shall be given to the Italian Army to maintain it in the field. Their own resources, therefore, must be husbanded to the full.
4. It has been decided that their organization and general welfare shall become a British commitment, that one Italian division shall be represented in the field, and that it shall be included in Eighth Army or 5 Corps, whichever is most convenient from time to time.
5. Owing to the limitation of ammunition and the inadequacy of their artillery, the division will only be committed on a one brigade front supported by the divisional artillery etc. This procedure will enable the Italian Army to arrange brigade reliefs within the division, and at a later date as training progresses reliefs can be effected by brigade groups between the division in action and those in Southern ITALY.

6. Will you therefore get in touch with General URILE, Commander of the DAPINO Brigade, in the light of the above and submit any comments on their proposals for building up the DAPINO Brigade to an operational division, and state where you consider the division could be most suitably employed in future. After the RAPIDE Bn has joined the DAPINO Bde there are no more suitable Italian troops on the mainland, and the NABO Division, which is the next most suitable formation is at present in SARDINIA. The transfer of them with their vehicles to the mainland is now under consideration. It seems that they could only be shipped at the expense of the present build-up of British and American formations from North Africa and the Middle East. Copies of staff tables of the RAPIDE

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Dis/Genl M. D. D. D.

LT.-GENERAL,
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.

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MESSAGE FORM

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From MIA
To HQ AAI

SD394 (*) Your SD1920 of 21 Mar (*) All Italian INF
BNS on Mainland one including ALPINI and BAVILE one which
are included in organization of Combat one are now with
Italian Brigade or in process of movement to combat zone in
accordance with your orders (*) Italian General Staff
states BNS of PIERRE or MANTOVA Div can be ready within
twenty days after receipt of following Allied equipment (1)
automatic rifles (2) Eighty one mm mortars (3) Necessary
ammunition for training (4) Batteries for Italian telephone
and Radio sets (5) Vehicles

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

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY
A.P.O. #464 U. S. Army

AG 320-Y

MAR 8 1944

SUBJECT : 1st Italian Motorized Group.

TO : Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO #394.

1. Reference your letter above subject dated 1 February 1944, it is believed the matters mentioned in Marshal MESSE'S letter were covered in detail during a recent visit to this headquarters by General INFANTE, of Marshal MESSE'S staff.

(A) 2. For your information, the pioneer company of the Italian 51st Engineer Battalion was returned to General UTILI'S group in February. Concerning the 250 drivers, it has been deemed of utmost importance that they be retained temporarily under Fifth Army control until such time as they may be replaced or relieved by other suitable truck drivers. Inasmuch as the 1st Italian Group is serving with the French Corps, all transportation needs have been satisfactorily met from French sources and the shortage is therefore not seriously felt in the Italian group. The 67th Infantry Regiment has been employed very satisfactorily as supplement to Fifth Army service units and it is contemplated to continue their employment in that manner.

For the ARMY COMMANDER:


CHARLES N. BOURKE
1st Lt. A.G.D.,
Ass't. Adj. Gen.

AG 320-Y 1st Ind. LTH/wh
HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, APO #394, 10 Mar 44.

To: Army Sub-Commission, ACC, MAIN HQ (MELA), LEGUILE (LECCE).


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

File 64.32

N. 2045/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, li 29 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Divisioni "Piceno" e "Mantova".
Allegato n. 8.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA
COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

LEQUILLE

Riferimento paragrafo 2° del foglio di codesta commissione
G/6/24 del 22 c.m.

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- 1 battaglione mitraglieri divisionale (sommeggiato per la divisione "Piceno", autotrasportabile per la divisione "Mantova")
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- 1 reggimento artiglieria (su: 1 comando - 3 gruppi piccolo calibro - 1 batteria da 20 mm.)
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- 1 sezione sanità
- 1 sezione sussistenza
- 1 autoriparto su 2 autosezioni (da costituire)

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Inoltre, all'atto dell'impiego operativo, sarebbero assegnati a ciascuna divisione due ospedali da campo.-

X Un reggimento (120° ftr.) viene mantenuto in vita quale serbatoio di complementi.-

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II) - Complessivamente le due divisioni avranno la forza di 856 ufficiali, 18.166 sottufficiali e truppa.-

III) - Il riordinamento della divisione "Piseno" è già in corso.- Per la "Mantova" mi riservo di dare ordini al più presto. Allo scopo di evitare onerosi trasporti il completamento di questa G.U. avverrà di massima nella attuale dislocazione delle truppe destinate a farne parte.-

IV) - Nessuna difficoltà per il personale, che verrà convenientemente selezionato, migliorandone al massimo l'inquadramento.-

Negli allegati dal 4 al 7 sono precisati:

- organici stabiliti, (personale, armi, quadrupedi, automezzi);
- consistenza attuale ( " , " , " , " );
- previsti movimenti per il completamento dei reparti.

Con l'allegato 8 vengono forniti dati relativi al munizionamento.

Qualora una o entrambe le anzidette divisioni venissero destinate a combattere, necessiterebbe che gli alleati fornissero le armi, le munizioni e i mezzi precisati nello specchio allegato 3. Ciò in base al conveto nella riunione del 21 dic. 1943 a S. Spirito tra il gen. Eisenhower e il Maresciallo Badoglio che le truppe italiane destinate a combattere abbiano armamento ed equipaggiamento non inferiore a quello anglo-americano.-

Elenco le ragioni che motivano l'allegato 3.

a) - Moschetti automatici.

Per aumentare il volume di fuoco della unità di fanteria occorre assegnare almeno 3 moschetti automatici ad ogni squadra nelle compagnie fucilieri. Complessivamente 130 per reggimento e 390 per divisione.

I moschetti automatici occorrenti sono disponibili, non vi è al contrario disponibilità di munizionamento: occorre pertanto che la parte alleata fornisca, in un primo tempo, 20 unità di fuoco (5.000 cariche per ciascun moschetto). Qualora invece tale munizionamento si



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b) - Complessi controcarro.

Pur disponendo di un certo quantitativo di pezzi da 47, non potrebbe agli stessi essere assegnato un munizionamento sufficiente. Si impone conseguentemente la necessità che gli A.A. forniscano 40 pezzi controcarro e relativo munizionamento per ciascuna divisione (8 a ciascun reggimento fanteria, 16 per il battaglione c.c.).-

c) - Mortai da 81 o tipo similare.

Il munizionamento per mortai da 81 cui si dispone consente di assicurare 20 unfoc per i mortai di una divisione ("Piceno").

Alla "Mantova" invece occorre assegnare 42 mortai e il relativo munizionamento (20 unfoc in un primo tempo).-

d) - Artiglierie.

Ciascuna divisione ha un reggimento di artiglieria su 3 gruppi ipotrainati di 3 batterie su 4 pezzi.

Il munizionamento disponibile è insufficiente (vedasi allegato 8). Date le note difficoltà di alimentare i quadrupedi, che tra l'altro sono in cattive condizioni di efficienza, ma soprattutto per la scarsità di munizioni è indispensabile che la parte alleata sostituisca il materiale di detti gruppi fornendo a ciascuna divisione 36 bocche da fuoco di piccolo calibro e traino meccanico (1/3 cannoni 2/3 obici) con relativi mezzi di traino e caricamenti.-

e) - Stazioni radio.

Occorrerà sbloccare il quantitativo di stazioni radio occorrenti a ciascuna divisione (120 dei tipi che saranno indicati).

Per dette stazioni la parte alleata dovrebbe però fornire le pile per assicurarne il funzionamento. Così pure le pile per gli apparecchi telefonici ed eliografici.-

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f) - Autocarri.

Gli autocarri di cui dispongono le divisioni sono in gran parte di tipo antiquato, logori, con gommature in pessimo stato e privi di ricambi. Sugli stessi quindi si può fare un affidamento molto limitato e solamente una scarsa aliquota valutabile a un centinaio

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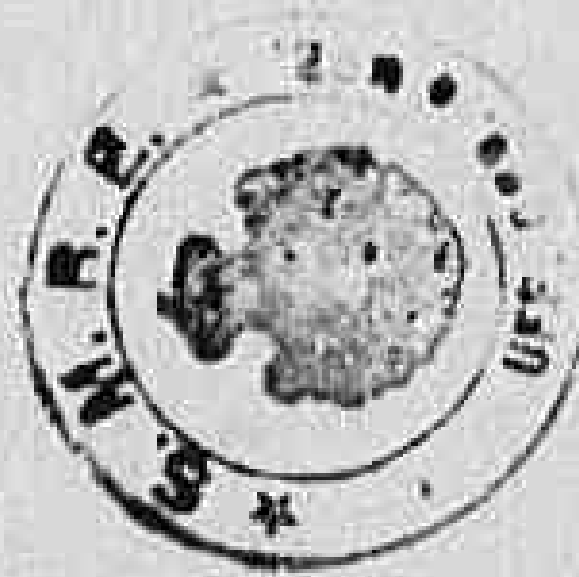
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complessivamente (fra autocarrette, L/39, autocarri leggeri, autocarri pesanti) potrebbe prestare utile servizio.-

Si rende conseguentemente necessaria l'assegnazione da parte alleata di almeno 100 autocarri di tipo pesante e 6 autoambulanze a ciascuna delle 2 divisioni. Gli eltri automezzi (autovetture, motocicli, ecc.) verrebbero tratti dalle nostre disponibilità.-

V) - Per la divisione "Piseno" occorre venga restituita, sia pure nell'imminenza dell'impiego, la 152<sup>a</sup> compagnia artigiani, attualmente a disposizione A.A. in Campania.-

VI) - La divisione "Piseno" può considerarsi pronta ad entrare in combattimento venti giorni dopo l'avvenuto arrivo alla G.U. dei materiali sopra precisati. Detto spazio di tempo è necessario per poter far effettuare un periodo intensivo di addestramento coi nuovi mezzi da impiegare. E' opportuno anche che in detto periodo con l'armamento distribuito siano effettuati tiri per i quali occorre un quantitativo di munizioni che potrà essere definito (100 colpi per pezzo).-

La divisione "Mantova" può a sua volta considerarsi approntata ad avvenuta riunione di tutte le sue truppe in una nuova zona e dopo i venti giorni di addestramento coi nuovi mezzi come sopra detto per la "Piseno".-



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Allegato n° 3 al foglio n° 2045/Or

FABBISOGNO MUNIZIONAMENTO PER IL COMPLETAMENTO DELLE DIVISIONI "PICENO" E "

| A R M I                  | Numero delle armi.- | Valore unfoc (colpi) | Munizionamento occorrente per costituire 20 unità di fuoco per tutti i reparti.- |                      |          | Disponibili dopo aver prelevato le 20 unità foc per CIL | Gli A ti do bero nia |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                          |                     |                      | Della div. "Piceno"                                                              | Della div. "Mantova" | Totale   |                                                         |                      |
| Moschetti e fucili       | 8320                | 30                   | 4992000                                                                          | 4992000              | 9984000  | (1) 53415300                                            | ---                  |
| Pistole                  | 420                 | 10                   | 84000                                                                            | 84000                | 168000   | 1505900                                                 | ---                  |
| Bombe a mano             | 8320                | 4                    | 665600                                                                           | 665600               | 1331200  | 940000                                                  | 1331200              |
| Moschetti automatici     | 390                 | 250                  | 1950000                                                                          | 1950000              | 3900000  | ---                                                     | 3900000              |
| Fucili mitr. cal. 6,5    | 238(4)              | 1300                 | 5720000                                                                          | 5720000              | 11440000 | 31887100                                                | ---                  |
| Mitragliatrici cal. 8    | 148(5)              | 2000                 | 5200000                                                                          | 5200000              | 10400000 | 46642800                                                | ---                  |
| Mortai da 81             | 42                  | 200                  | 168000                                                                           | 168000               | 336000   | 190000                                                  | 168000               |
| Cannoni da 47/32         | 40                  | 250                  | 200000                                                                           | 200000               | 400000   | 100709                                                  | 400000               |
| Mitragliere da 20 m/m    | 8                   | 1000                 | 160000                                                                           | 160000               | 320000   | 1256900                                                 | ---                  |
| Cannoni da 75/27         | 12                  | 250                  | 60000                                                                            | 60000                | 120000   | 551000                                                  | 120000               |
| Obici da 100/17 o 100/22 | 24                  | 250                  | 120000                                                                           | 120000               | 240000   | 64900                                                   | 240000               |

N O T E:

- (1)- In questa colonna è compreso tutto il munizionamento esistente: nei magazzini ed in di reggimenti ed ai reparti).-
- (2)- Sarebbero disponibili circa 940.000 bombe (362.730 in Sardegna - 577.270 in continente tali bombe sono attualmente ripartite fra tutti i reparti ed il recupero richiederebbe opportuno che tutto il munizionamento venisse fornito dagli Alleati.-
- (3)- Dovrebbero essere forniti dagli Alleati. Qualora il munizionamento anglo-americano non moschetti automatici occorrerà che gli Alleati forniscano anche le armi (780 moschetti).
- (4)- Il calcolo del munizionamento è fatto per 220 armi dato che 18 sono di riserva.-
- (5)- Il calcolo del munizionamento è fatto per 130 armi dato che 18 sono di riserva.-
- (6)- Il munizionamento per i mortai da 81 è sufficiente soltanto per una Divisione. Per l'1ª dovranno essere fornite dagli Alleati assieme alle armi.-
- (7)- Dovranno essere forniti dagli Anglo-Americani assieme ai complessi da 47/32 ( o simili).
- (8)- Dovranno essere forniti dagli Anglo-Americani unitamente ai complessi da 75 e da 100.



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Allegato n° 8 al foglio n° 2045/Ord.

## MUNIZIONAMENTO PER IL COMPLETAMENTO DELLE DIVISIONI "PICENO" E "MANTOVA"

| Valore unfoc (colpi) | Munizionamento occorrente per costituire 20 unità di fuoco per tutti i reparti.- |                      |          | Disponibili<br>dopo aver prelevato le 20 unità per CIL | Gli Alleati dovrebbero fornire.- | Da trarre      |                |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | Della div. "Piceno"                                                              | Della div. "Mantova" | Totale   |                                                        |                                  | Dalla Sardegna | Dal Continente |
| 30                   | 4992000                                                                          | 4992000              | 9984000  | (1) 53415300                                           | ----                             | 9984000        | ----           |
| 10                   | 84000                                                                            | 84000                | 168000   | 1505900                                                | ----                             | 168000         | ----           |
| 4                    | 665600                                                                           | 665600               | 1331200  | 940000                                                 | 1331200 (2)                      | ----           | ----           |
| 250                  | 1950000                                                                          | 1950000              | 3900000  | ----                                                   | 3900000 (3)                      | ----           | ----           |
| 1300                 | 5720000                                                                          | 5720000              | 11440000 | 31887100                                               | ----                             | 11440000       | ----           |
| 2000                 | 5200000                                                                          | 5200000              | 10400000 | 46642800                                               | ----                             | 10400000       | ----           |
| 200                  | 168000                                                                           | 168000               | 336000   | 190000                                                 | 168000 (6)                       | 24000          | 144.000        |
| 250                  | 200000                                                                           | 200000               | 400000   | 100709                                                 | 400000 (7)                       | ----           | ----           |
| 1000                 | 160000                                                                           | 160000               | 320000   | 1256900                                                | ----                             | ----           | 320.000        |
| 250                  | 60000                                                                            | 60000                | 120000   | 551000                                                 | 120000 (8)                       | ----           | ----           |
| 250                  | 120000                                                                           | 120000               | 240000   | 64900                                                  | 240000 (8)                       | ----           | ----           |

o tutto il munizionamento esistente: nei magazzini ed in distribuzione (magazzini dei

940.000 bombe (362.730 in Sardegna - 577.270 in continente). In considerazione di  
ripartite fra tutti i reparti ed il ricupero richiederebbe laboriose operazioni, sarà  
munizionamento venisse fornito dagli Alleati.-

agli Alleati. Qualora il munizionamento anglo-americano non si adattasse ai nostri  
erà che gli Alleati forniscano anche le armi (780 moschetti automatici).-

to è fatto per 220 armi dato che 18 sono di riserva.-

to è fatto per 130 armi dato che 18 sono di riserva.-

ta da 81 è sufficiente soltanto per una Divisione. Per l'altra Divisione  
li Alleati assieme alle armi.-

li Anglo-Americani assieme ai complessi da 47/32 (o similari).-

li Anglo-Americani unitamente ai complessi da 75 e da 100 (o similari).-





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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

MA. REPARTO. Ufficio Telecomunicazioni

P.M. 151 11 febbraio 1944

N. 222 prot. OE.

Risposta al foglio N.

Allegati

OGGETTO: Btg. alpini e btg. bersaglieri della Sardegna.

ALPINE B.N. and BERSAGLIERI B.N. of SARDEGNA

MILITARY MISSION.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA DI CONTROLLO  
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ESERCITO

Date

Lequira to

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

P.M. 151/A

Come è noto il Raggruppamento Uttili ha attualmente in linea due btg. bersaglieri e a giorni sarà pure trasportato in zona d'impiego il btg. alpini "Fiesole".

Allo scopo di poter prontamente ripianare le inevitabili perdite che i btg. predetti incontreranno, sorge la necessità di aver subito pronti altri due btg. alle stesse specialità che potranno, e ventualmente, sostituire quelli logorati nei combattimenti.

Non potendo disporre in continente di reparti in questione, questo S.M.M.E. ha disposto che il Comando Militare della Sardegna apra pronti al più presto un btg. bersaglieri ed un btg. alpini.

Quanto sopra si rappresenta perché codesta Missione voglia includere i due btg. di cui trattasi nel piano dei trasporti della Sardegna in continente.

I predetti btg. non verrebbero a vario per nulla il contingente operativo fissato da codesta Missione, ma servirebbero unicamente, come sopra esposto, a temporaneamente sostituire i btg. attualmente in linea dopo che questi, per le inevitabili perdite del combattimento, dovranno essere ritirati dalle linee.

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Protocollo Sezione Esercito

8, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO

Date

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Lequai 176

P.M. 151/A

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P.C.C.

IL TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M.  
-Capo Ufficio Operazioni -  
(Piero Sampò)

*Piero Sampò*

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. di Div. A. Paricetti)



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SECRET

Subject: ACMF Op. Instruction N° 39

Army Sub Commission, ACC  
Rear HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
MS/G/2  
10 Feb 44

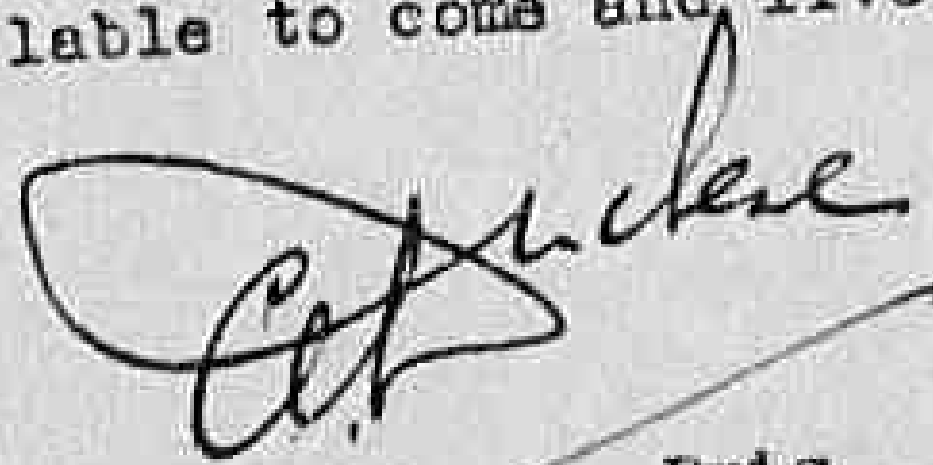
HQ N° 3 District

Copy to: Capt V.C.J. THRUPP

Ref Appendix 'C', para 5, annexed to ACMF  
Operation Instruction N° 39 of 7 Feb, I have appointed  
Capt. V.C.J. THRUPP to act as Liaison Officer between  
this Sub Commission and your HQ.

This officer will make personal contact with  
you in the very near future, and remain on a visiting  
basis until I can relieve him from his present duties  
with FLAMBO.

He will then be available to come and live  
with you.



Brig  
Army Sub Comm. ACC

cc/mm



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SUBJECT: H.Q., A.C.M.F. Operation Instruction No. 39.

*27/48*

Headquarters,  
Allied Armies in Italy.

43/1/G.(Ops)

To: Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.)  
LEBULE (LEBUE)

Ref your G/9/14<sup>46</sup> dated 7 Mar 44.

Copy No. 44 of H.Q., A.C.M.F. Operation Instruction No. 39, dated 2 Mar, has already been forwarded to M.M.I.A.

10 Mar 44.  
NJED/NJH

*Where is it? Sir*  
*Yus Bryant*  
*Find.*  
*Not Received so far*  
*J.H. Taylor Major !!!*  
for  
LIEUT GENERAL,  
CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF.



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SUBJECT: Order of Battle.

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Army Sub Commission A.C.C. ~~42~~

Main Hq. (MMIA)

LEQUILE (LECCE)

G/9/15

7 March 44

2 District

Ref. your Para 11 of your Op Inst. No 9  
2048/G (O) of 1 March.

May this Sub. Commission please be included on the distribution list  
of your Order of Battle (Italian).

*Kathachana - Daulp*  
*H Col.*

† Brigadier,  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Ops

H. ACME

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.  
Main H.Q. (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE)  
6/9/14  
7 Mar 44

Ref Amendment N° 1 to HQ ACME OP Instruction N° 39, dated 2 Mar.  
May this HQ please be put on distribution list for Op Instruction  
and a copy fwd.

ABC

*E. J.*  
Brigadier,  
Army Sub Comm 169C.



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REAR HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394

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3 March 1944

TO: Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Main HQ (MMIA)  
LEQUILE (LECCE).

Reference your cable of 1 March (unnumbered) to  
Fatima for Quinsmith, requesting I/G DTG and serial  
number of crypt of MSGE 353/Operation, that cable as  
received is attached hereto. Regret that our "strip"  
copy is unavailable.

*[Signature]*  
(G. W. QUINSMITH)  
Army Sub-Commission

Lt. Col.

1 Incl. as above.



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U.S. SECRET

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING

MESSAGE

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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO: 16/6

CLASS: MOST SECRET

REF NO: 353/Operation

PREC: ROUTINE

FILED: FEB 6

FROM: COTARCAAMPANIA OPERIZIONE

REC'D: FEB 6 (2200) ?

TO: SUPERESERCITO TO ECCELLENZA BEPARDI  
CHIEF OF STAFF (enciphered at Flambo)

Inform that UTILI group has been ordered to partake operation on  
French Corps dependence. Movement is performing. 12300502 rptd 12300502.  
General Basso.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AG
- 1 - Diary
- 1 - Land Forces

U.S. SECRET

Equals British MOST SECRET



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Subject: Employment of Italian Pack Tpt  
Unit with EIGHTH ARMY

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
6/9/42  
29 Jan 44

ACME

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Bch  
Main EIGHTH ARMY  
AFHQ HQ Rear EIGHTH ARMY

The att translation of a letter from the Chief  
of Italian General Staff is for info and any  
action considered necessary.

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Brig  
Coord

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SUBJECT: 2nd Pack Coy Unit with  
the English EIGHTH ARMY

C O P Y

Stato Maggiore R.E.

N° 1471/Ord

25 January 1944

M M I A

The 2nd Italian Pack Unit, on duty with the EIGHTH ARMY, was  
visited recently by an Italian General:

This unit:

was at first employed for the benefit of the Indian Div.  
and is at the present time doing duty with the New Zealand Div.

It was split up for the task into very small sections to  
be assigned to advanced units, as needed, in the role of combat pack  
transport; in the command and disciplining of the unit the English  
Major HOWARD played a direct part.

Having suffered losses as a result of war operations (4  
dead, 8 seriously wounded, 19 "missing" on active service, 25 sick)  
the unit has never been able to ascertain anything at all of its own  
personnel fallen, wounded, sick and "missing".

Before the arrival of the 209 Div in the rear area of  
the EIGHTH ARMY, the unit was never permitted to correspond with the  
Italian territorial authorities or even to despatch messages to them  
through the exigencies of the service.

For the purposes of conservation and rehabilitation of the unit --  
apart from reasons of welfare and contentment of its personnel -- this  
RN has provided and is providing for the completion of it and the  
improving of its junior commanders:

For these ends this RN would beg the MIA to be kind enough, for  
its part, to make representations to the British authorities concerned  
on the advisability of not putting the pack unit for duty with  
coloured troops and for employing it as an organized unit, under the  
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Having suffered losses as a result of war operations (4 dead, 8 seriously wounded, 19 "missing" on active service, 23 sick) the unit has never been able to ascertain anything at all of its own personnel fallen, wounded, sick and "missing".

Before the arrival of the 20th Div in the rear area of the Eighth Army, the unit was never permitted to correspond with the Italian territorial authorities or even to despatch messages to them through the exigencies of the service.

For the purposes of conservation and rehabilitation of the unit - apart from reasons of welfare and contentment of its personnel - this HQ has provided and is providing for the completion of it and the improving of its junior commanders.

For these ends this HQ would beg the IMIA to be kind enough, for its part, to make representations to the British authorities concerned on the advisability of not putting the pack unit for duty with coloured troops and for employing it as an organized unit, under the direct orders of its own commander who holds himself solely responsible for the unit and to whom requests for employment should therefore be addressed.

This HQ would further beg the IMIA to be kind enough to request the competent Allied authorities to arrange that Allied Medical fans, inform the Italian units of the fate and changes of their own personnel ever, ally evacuated or housed in the formations themselves. 105

Signed B. BERRANI General  
Chief of General Staff.



*Report on 2 Pack Jt. Coys attached to 8 Army.*

**SECRETO**

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

N° *1474*/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, *25* gennaio 1944

O G G E T T O : 2° reparto salmerie presso 1° 8<sup>a</sup> armata inglese.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE INGLESE  
Presso il R.E. Italiano

LEQUILLE

*ARMY MI-*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Il 2° reparto salmerie italiano, in servizio ~~presso~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~presso~~ *presso* 4° 8<sup>a</sup> armata, è stato recentemente visitato da un generale italiano.-

Detto reparto:

- è stato in un primo tempo impiegato a profitto della divisione indiana, presta attualmente servizio presso la divisione neozelandese;
- è stato, per l'impiego, spezzettato in nuclei minimi, da assegnare, secondo il bisogno, ad unità avanzate in funzione di salmerie di combattimento; nel comando e nel governo disciplinare del reparto interviene direttamente il maggiore inglese Howard;
- avendo subito perdite in conseguenza di operazioni belliche (4 morti, 8 feriti gravi, 19 dispersi in azioni di guerra, 23 ammalati) il reparto nulla ha mai potuto sapere del proprio personale caduto, ferito, ammalato e disperso;
- prima che la 209<sup>a</sup> divisione arrivasse nella zona delle retrovie dell'8<sup>a</sup> armata, il reparto non è mai stato consentito di corri-



LEQUELLE

Presso il R.E. Italiano

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- prima che la 209ª divisione arrivasse nella zona delle retrovie dell'8ª armata, al reparto non è mai stato consentito di corrispondere con le autorità territoriali italiane e neppure di inviare ad esse messi per esigenze di servizio.-

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Ai fini della conservazione e del rendimento del reparto, oltre che per ragioni di tutela e di tranquillità del personale che lo costituisce, questo S.M. ha provveduto e sta provvedendo al completamento dell'unità ed a migliorarne l'inquadramento e l'equipaggiamento; agli scopi anzidetti pregherebbe però codesta M.M.I.A. di voler - per parte sua - rappresentare alle autorità britanniche interessate la convenienza di non porre la salmeria al servizio di truppe di colore e di impiegare come unità organica, agli ordini diretti del proprio comandante, da ritenersi unico responsabile del reparto ed al quale dovrebbe pertanto essere rivolte le richieste di impiego.

Questo S.M. pregherebbe inoltre codesta M.M.I.A. di voler richiedere alle autorità alleate competenti che venga disposto che le formazioni sanitarie alleate informino i reparti italiani della sorte e degli spostamenti subiti dai propri dipendenti eventualmente sgomberati o ricoverati nelle formazioni stesse.



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

*13 June*



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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

*03 June*

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SMRE to MMIA

13 Jan

Replying to the enquiries in your letter G/9/II of 9 inst. :-

I. Strength of PICENO Div

The differences noticed between the total strength of the div--9635-- given by the Stato Maggiore in its letter 36/OP of 3 inst, and the 3500 men of the seven bns requested for internal security service in 2 District, is due to the fact that in the PICENO div there are, in addition to the seven above-mentioned bns, units and services which at the time had a strength of about 6.000 men.

I would point out, however, that the strength of this div has undergone a considerable reduction since the first return was sent in on 20 Dec.

On 10 inst, the div had a total strength of 7.700 men, so that in fact the bns have a strength of round about 500 men each.

2. Object of the special bde.

The Italian Army has some special tps <sup>been</sup> which it is very ~~needed~~ to collect the remnants of these various regts, so as to regroup them subsequently with those in SARDINIA, the following units have sprung up, and for reorg purposes and disciplinary and adm needs they have been regrouped in a larger fm which has been called a special bde.

Their employment is already foreseen as follows:-

-185 Regt of NEMBO DIV = <sup>will become a unit for the NEMBO Division</sup> ~~this is brought to the mainland.~~

-Alpini bn.

- "GUIDE" cav gp } undergoing trg.

-Tank unit

Therefore the special bde should be considered as a temporary fm and NOT as a separate and distinct fighting unit.

3. EMILIA Inf Div.

This fm is under consideration based on the agreements of 17 Oct 62

In fact it will replace the MANTOVA which is being broken up

a) composition

-II9 and I20 Inf Regts } returned from CATTARO  
-I55 Arty Regt

The remaining special units and the services will have to taken from the MANTOVA Inf Div, at present in CALABRIA.

b) location : APULIA . Recce of exact details entrusted to LI Army Corp

Transfer of MANTOVA Inf Div



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Their employment is already foreseen as follows:-

- I85 Regt of NEMBO DIV = Will become a rft for the NEMBO Div when this is brought to the mainland.
- Alpini bn.
- "GUIDE" cav gp } undergoing trg.
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### 4. Transfer of MANTOVA Inf Div

The div is reduced to a few units, and their allocation is likely to be as follows:

- Div HQ
- Specialist units } to EMILIA Inf Div now being formed.
- Services
- II4 Inf Regt } to LEGNANO Div
- I and II btys of I00/22s } to make one bty for NEMBO Div.

The movement of the above units - if authorised - can be carried out by making use of the MT of the units themselves, and partly by rly. This with the object of loading down rly tpt as little as possible. I would ask the Mission to request early authority for the transfers, giving precedence to the Div HQ and to the two btys.

### 6. Carabinieri Reali

- a) ~~THE~~ Besides regular police duties and military policing of mob units, the Carabinieri Reali take their place in war with their own bns and have old traditions that are connected with the earliest feats of arms of the Italian army.



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This results in that special characteristic which makes this fighting arm the foremost of the army, and which therefore must be taken into account in the plan for the reorganization of the Army itself.

b) According to infm obtained from the Comando Supremo, and from the HQ of the CC.RR., the C-in-C Allied Forces had requested the tpt from SARDINIA to the continent of 1.500 Carabinieri, earmarked for maintaining law and order in Rome.

6. The reorg programme which the Stato Maggiore is planning for its higher fmns is as stated above. In accordance with the programme of 17 Oct, there should be added the preparation of the NEMBO Parachute Div, in the hope that it will be used on the continent at the earliest as a assault div. For this div it is necessary to form an arty regt ( which will be known as 184 Nembo Arty Regt) made up of:

Regt HQ

one bty of 75/27 of two tps to come from Sardinia

one bty of 100/22 of two tps to be formed on the continent from units of the Mantova.

one 20mm AA bty to come from Sardinia

The Stato Maggiore will give early notice to the Mission of any other proposed reorganization of higher fmns.

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

1° REPARTO - Ufficio ~~Telecomunicazioni~~ OPERAZIONI

P.M. 151, li 13 Gennaio 1944

N. 443 prot. OP.

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: riorganizzazione dell'Esercito italiano.-

Alla MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'Esercito Italiano

Lequile

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Risponde alle richieste di cui al foglio G/9/11 del 9 c.m..-

## 1°) - Forza divisione "Piceno".

Le differenze rilevate tra la forza globale della divisione (9.635 u.) segnalata da questo S.M. col foglio 36/OP del 3 c.m., ed i 3.500 uomini dei 7 battaglioni di fanteria richiesti per il servizio di sicurezza interna del 2° Distretto, è dovuta al fatto che nella divisione "Piceno" - oltre i sette citati battaglioni - esistono reparti e servizi i quali, alla data della segnalazione, avevano una forza approssimativa di 6.000 uomini circa.

Faccio presente però che la forza della predetta divisione ha subito, dopo la prima segnalazione, riferita al 20 dicembre, una diminuzione sensibile.

Alla data del 10 c.m. la divisione ha la forza totale di 7.700 uomini, sicchè i battaglioni si aggirano in effetti la forza di 500 uomini ciascuno.

## 2°) - Scopo della "Brigata Speciale".

L'Esercito italiano ha delle truppe speciali a cui tiene



ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso l'Esercito Italiano

Lequille

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2°) - Scopo della "Brigata Speciale".

L'Esercito italiano ha delle truppe speciali a cui tiene molto. Per raccogliere i rimasugli di queste varie truppe, allo scopo di riunirle poi a quelle della Sardegna, sono sorti i reparti sottosegnati che, per bisogni di riorganizzazione materiale e morale e per esigenze disciplinari ed amministrative, sono stati raggruppati in una unità superiore che si è denominata "Brigata Speciale".

E' già previsto il loro impiego come segue :

- 185° regt.div. "Membo" - si trasformerà in reparto di complementi per la divisione "Membo" quando questa verrà portata in combattimento;



- btg. alpini
  - raggruppamento cav. "Guide" } = in corso di addestramento.
  - reparto carristi
- Pertanto la "Brigata Speciale" è da considerarsi come raggruppamento temporaneo di reparti e non come una vera e propria unità combattente.

3°) - Divisione fanteria "Emilia".

E' in programma la sua costituzione sulla base degli accor di del 17 ottobre scorso. In definitiva verrà a sostituire la "Mantova" in via di scioglimento.

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- 155° rgt.art.

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4°) - Trasferimento della Div.ftr. "Mantova". 99

La divisione si riduce a pochi elementi. L'assegnazione di tali elementi è prevista come appresso :

- Comando divisione } = alla div.ftr. "Emilia" in via di costituzione;
- Reparti speciali }
- Servizi }
- 114° rgt. ftr. = alla Divisione "Legnano";
- I e II gr. da 100/22 = da contrarsi in un gruppo, per la div. "Nembo".

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*al C. d. M. e ai 2 gr.*

5°) - Carabinieri Reali.

a) - L'Arma dei carabinieri reali, oltre ai compiti di polizia vera e propria e di polizia militare delle unità mobili, partecipa alla guerra con propri battaglioni ed ha una tradizione molto lontana che si collega ai primi fatti d'arme dell'Esercito.

Ne scaturisce una fisionomia particolare che fa di que-

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sta arma combattente la prima arma dell'Esercito e che dovrà perciò essere tenuta presente nel piano di riorganizzazione dell'Esercito stesso.

b) - Da informazioni assunte presso il Comando Supremo e Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR., il Comando in Capo A. A. ha richiesto il trasporto in continente di 1.500 carabinieri attualmente in Sardegna, destinati a servizio di ordine pubblico in Roma.

60) - Il programma di riorganizzazione che questo S.M. sta attuando nei riguardi delle G.U. dipendenti, è quello esposto nei precedenti paragrafi. Sempre in accordo con il programma del 17 ottobre,

ad esso va aggiunto l'approntamento della divisione paracadutisti "Nembo" nella fiducia che sia impiegata al più presto in continente come divisione di assalto.

Per essa è necessario costituire un reggimento di artiglieria (che verrà denominato 184° rgt.art. "Nembo") su: comando di reggimento - un gruppo da 75/27 su due btr. da trarsi dalla Sardegna - un gruppo da 100/22 su due btr. da costituirsi in continente con elementi tratti dalla "Mantova" - una btr. contraerea da 20 mm. da trarsi dalla Sardegna.

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Di qualsiasi altra riorganizzazione di G.U., questo S.M. darà tempestiva comunicazione a codesta Missione.

p. IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

*[Signature]*



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Reorganization of Italian Army in Italy

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Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
8/9/11  
9 Jan 44

Chief of Staff SMRZ

Copy to: Allied Control Commission  
(Ref our G/11/8 of 6 Jan)

1. Your strength state forwarded under your 56/OP.V of 3 Jan shows mobile operational formations as under:

|             |                            |              |            |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------|
| PICENO Div  | at MARINA FRANCA -- FABANO | 535 officers | 9,535 men. |
| LEGNANO Div | at MANDURIA -- GROTTOLE    | 501 officers | 6,274 men. |
| SPECIAL Bde | Province of LECCE          | 140 officers | 4,560 men. |
| MANTOVA Div | NICASTO -- CATINZANO       | 446 officers | 6,220 men. |

Since this letter you have proposed 7 Bns totalling approx 3,500 men from the PICENO Div for the Internal Security requirements of 2 District.

2. What is the purpose of the SPECIAL BDE totalling 4,800 shown above?  
3. In your 81/OP.V of 3 Jan you mentioned the Emilia Div. What is the intended composition and place of concentration of this division?

4. Mr Liaison Officer at CATINZANO informs me that XXI CORPS have received orders to alert the remnants of MANTOVA Div to leave CALAB. IA. If correct, you have not yet advised me of your wishes in this connection and I must obtain permission from 15 ARMY GROUP before any executive action can be taken.

5. I wish to enquire as to the CAMBINI shon I understand to be an internal part of the Italian Army. I have heard unofficially that 1,000 CAMBINI are expected from CATINZANO and should like to know whether you can confirm this and if so for what purpose they are intended.

6. I count on you to give me official notification of any proposed reorganisations so that they may be kept in step with any Allied proposals that may be under preparation. So far all I have heard is a proposal to rename MANTOVA Div under the new name of Emilia but it appears that you have further reorganisation in mind for it. I have consulted General CHAYLON of ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION but he has heard nothing in this respect from Marshall MONTGOMERY. I shall be happy to hear your proposals as early as possible.

*Post checked*



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 LEBANO Div at LAMPEDUSA - GROTTOACQUE  
 SPECIAL Bde Province of LECCE  
 MANTOVA Div NICASTRO - CATANZARO

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Subject :- Italian Combat Team.

A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon,  
C.M.F.

52 Q.

3 Nov. '45.

Brigadier Duchesne,  
Commander,  
British Military Mission to  
7th Italian Army.

Copy to:- DD/CAO.

File 25 Q.

1. Your G/9 of 26 October to 5th Army, which was delivered to this Headquarters.

2. It is agreed that the Advance Party mentioned should be attached to 113 Infantry Regiment and that it should be rationed from U.S. sources from 30 October.

3. Instructions are being issued to the Commander of the Peninsular Base Section, Brigadier General Pence to the effect that he will permit the Italian Army Dumps in this area to be taken over, under supervision Peninsular Base Section, by General Apino's Combat Team, and that the Combat Team shall be allowed to draw upon them for their needs and those of the 113 Regiment. The details will be fixed as between Brigadier General Pence and General Basso. Copy of instruction is attached.

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RMJG/emb.

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Major-General,

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 Take up Point (A) with Can. Fl. Bore  
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 Service action is paid out  
 Can. Fl. Bore's share  
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A.F.H.Q.  
ADVANCE ADMINISTRATIVE EMBELON  
(U.S. Contingent) (Prov).  
A.F.O. 400.

ALH/ja  
3 November 1943.

TO : Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section.

SUBJECT: Administration of 113th Italian Regiment "Mantova" and  
General Dapino's Combat Command.

1. Attached hereto is a memorandum prepared by Lieut. Col. Sciallu (G-4 General Basso), dated 31 October with a hasty translation, a memorandum from Brigadier Duchesne British Military Mission to 7th Italian Army, and their reply thereto by this headquarters.

2. It is desired that the subject combat command be rationed by you and furnished sufficient gasoline and lubricants to carry out its mission as laid down by the Commanding General Fifth Army. The details of the issuance of rations and gasoline will be arranged between you and Commanding General Fifth Army.

3. It is not intended that General Dapino's combat command shall have complete control of any dumps or depots except under such restrictions as you see fit to impose to assure that only those items actually required by authorized units are released.

4. I am informed by A.M.G. that funds in local banks credited to the units in question may be drawn upon by the custodian thereof. The matter of assuring other funds for General Basso is being taken up with A.M.G.

2 Incl.  
Memo, Italian  
Translation.

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A;L.HAMELEN,

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TRANSLATION.  
-----NAPLES, 31 Oct. '43.  
-----MEMORANDUM  
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Lt.-col SCIALLA DC of S. yesterday had an interview with General HAMELEN regarding Italian Army dumps and depots from which it is necessary to draw amn., clothing, etc., to meet the needs of 113 Regt. MANTOVA, and General DAPINO's Combat Team which will be operating with 5th Army.

In order to assure the supply of stores and amn to the above mentioned units General BASSO considers the following concessions absolutely necessary.

- 1). That the dumps, depots and store-houses, previously belonging to the Italian Army in CAMPANIA be returned to him so that inventories of stocks can be made.
- 2) To consent that the Bank and Post Office should pay out from accounts previously held by units in this area, from which it will then be possible to pay workmen and firms which will have to supply the necessary stores. (Tailors, shoemakers, etc).
- 3). To assure General BASSO, a monthly sum in Italian on occupation currency so as to be able to pay debits, bills and tps (?) (pagamento stipendi, mercedi, forniture, ecc) +

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M SAGE FORM.

To: RA 15 ARMY GP

From: BOM 7 ITALIAN ARMY

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AA CALABRIA (.) Twelve 37/54 and six 20mm SILA DAM  
COSENZA area (.) Twelve 76/40 static and eight 20mm  
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only after replacement (.) endeavouring obtain binoculars  
(.) full details AA and CD follow

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Signed.

TOO 23.00

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COMANDO DELLA 7<sup>a</sup> ARMATA  
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni  
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N. 2/10247 di prot.

P.M. 107, li 7 Novembre 1943

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
presso il Comando della 7<sup>a</sup> ARMATA  
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= LEQUILE =

Per informazione, si invia, in allegato, una schematica relazione sulla organizzazione difensiva del territorio dell'Armata.

Si allega altresì un grafico delle dislocazioni dei reparti adibiti alla difesa della Puglia e Lucania.-

1. Here with scheme of  
defence organisation  
in the Army Area.

2. Here with diagram  
showing locations  
of units for  
defence of  
PUGLIA + LUCANIA.

d'ordine  
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.  
- Raffaele Pelligrà -



*Raffaele Pelligrà*



Subject: OPERATIONAL EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY

Military Mission to  
Italian Army.  
Ref G/II/2  
16 Nov 43

No 2 District

Reference my G/9 of 19 Oct addressed 7 Italian Army copy  
to you:

I. I forward herewith at Appendix 'A' their reply which is framed under the headings of IX Corps and XXXI Corps; only. No mention is made of LI Corps comprising PICENO, LIGNANO, 210 Coastal and 231 Coastal Divisions, details of whose strengths are set forth in my G/II/I of today's date to you.

2. Their reply is in fact a proposed distribution of the 7 Italian Army as it now exists: but its breakdown is valuable as providing a basis for locations of Italian internal security and labour units together with their base organisations. Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 comprising all troops required for defence are properly a matter for your decision; while I will in due course take up items 1, 8, 9, 10 and 11 with the Italian General Staff. These last total about 44,000 including some 17,000 reinforcements and 8,000 semi-military police.

3. As indicated in my G/I/5 of 15 Nov copy to you, I have received demands for Italian Army units for CAMPANIA and EIGHTH Army which now total some 15,000 men. It is the policy to keep Field Divs intact as far as possible, and the provision of boots and clothing is a bottle-neck to the use of reinforcements. It will therefore be necessary to send personnel from the Coastal Divs which may or may not out across your requirements. The matter is now under examination of Italian General Staff and I will keep you in touch. I shall be glad on the other hand to learn your possible requirements as early as possible.

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**Comando 7° Armata**  
Stato Maggiore  
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G.O. II

N. 2003 (2003) del 1943  
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14 Novembre 1943 - A.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE  
BRITANNICA  
DE QUILLI

Prot. N. 21/10504 Allegati 2 (in duplice copia)

Oggetto: Forze necessarie al presidio delle regioni della Puglia - Lucania - Calabria.

Riferimento foglio G/O in data 19 ottobre u.s. di cotesta Missione.

Si trasmettono, con gli specchi allegati, i dati approssimativi delle forze necessarie per presidiare il territorio dell'Armata.

Questo comando non è in grado di fornire alcun dato sulle forze occorrenti per la Campania, in quanto detta regione non rientra nel territorio di giurisdizione dell'armata.

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.  
- Raffaele Pelligrà -

*Pelligrà*

1. Ref. yr G/O of 19 Oct.
2. Herewith staff-table giving rough data re garrison strength necessary for Y Army area. Campania is excluded since not in its jurisdiction.

Trattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di riferimento  
Indirizzo telegrafico



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Allegato 1 al foglio 2/  
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PERSONALE MILITARE NECESSARIO ALLE REGIONI DELLA PUGLIA - LUCANIA - CALABRIA.

| ESIGENZE                                                                                                                                                         | IX C.d'A. |                  |         |                  | XXVI C.d'A. |                  |                  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|---------|------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|                                                                                                                                                                  | Puglia    |                  | Lucania |                  | Calabria    |                  | Sott.e<br>Truppa |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                  | Uff.      | Sott.e<br>Truppa | Uff.    | Sott.e<br>Truppa | Uff.        | Sott.e<br>Truppa |                  |  |
| 1.- Comandi di Grandi Unità e reparti necessari al loro funzionamento                                                                                            | 600       | 2.000            | -       | -                | 200         | 1.000            |                  |  |
| 2.- Difesa contraerea                                                                                                                                            | 150       | 4.500            | 60      | 1.600            | 80          | 1.300            |                  |  |
| 3.- Protezione comunicazioni ed impianti (V.P.)                                                                                                                  | 130       | 2.900            | 60      | 1.600            | 150         | 5.100            |                  |  |
| 4.- Difesa antiparacadutisti                                                                                                                                     | 40        | 1.200            | 20      | 500              | 40          | 1.000            |                  |  |
| 5.- Difesa aeroporti                                                                                                                                             | 60        | 1.200            | -       | -                | -           | -                |                  |  |
| 6.- Difesa costiera (fronti a mare di Taranto - Gallipoli - Otranto - Brindisi - Bari)                                                                           | 120       | 3.500            | -       | -                | -           | -                |                  |  |
| 7.- Presidi (1) Caserme.                                                                                                                                         | 484       | 12.280           | 158     | 2.256            | 462         | 11.592           |                  |  |
| 8.- Funzionamento depositi - distretti ecc. <i>Depositi e distretti</i>                                                                                          | 700       | 6.000            | 10      | 30               | 150         | 2.700            |                  |  |
| 9.- Funzionamento stabilimenti territoriali (ospedali - magazzini - laboratori - panifici - frigoriferi - ecc.) <i>Magazzini, stabilimenti, laboratori, ecc.</i> | 500       | 5.500            | 10      | 100              | 40          | 700              |                  |  |
| 10.- Reclute di cui si prevede l'affluenza <i>per rimpatrianti</i>                                                                                               | -         | 13.000           | -       | -                | -           | 3.500            |                  |  |
| 11.- Forze di polizia giudiziaria - tributaria - stradale - ferroviaria - portuali - postale e forestale                                                         | 100       | 5.500            | 10      | 60               | 80          | 2.600            |                  |  |







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Allegato 2 al foglio 2/  
10534 in data 14/11/1943.

FORZA DEI PRESIDI DIVISI PER PROVINCIA

| LOCALITA'                 | Forza del presidio |               | K o t e |
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|                           | UFF.               | Sott.e truppe |         |
| a) <u>PUGLIA</u>          |                    |               |         |
| <u>Provincia Bari</u>     |                    |               |         |
| Bari                      | 50                 | 1.000         |         |
| Barletta                  | 40                 | 856           |         |
| Disceglie                 | 26                 | 800           |         |
| Polignano                 | 26                 | 800           |         |
| <u>Provincia Brindisi</u> |                    |               |         |
| Brindisi                  | 40                 | 856           |         |
| Mesagne                   | 26                 | 800           |         |
| <u>Provincia Taranto</u>  |                    |               |         |
| Taranto                   | 40                 | 856           |         |
| San Giorgio               | 26                 | 800           |         |
| Massafra                  | 26                 | 800           |         |
| <u>Provincia Lecce</u>    |                    |               |         |
| Lecce                     | 66                 | 1656          |         |
| Maglie                    | 26                 | 800           |         |
| <u>Provincia Foggia</u>   |                    |               |         |
| Foggia                    | 40                 | 856           |         |
| San Severo                | 26                 | 800           |         |
| Cerignola                 | 26                 | 800           |         |
| b) <u>LUCANIA</u>         |                    |               |         |
| <u>Provincia Potenza</u>  |                    |               |         |
| Potenza                   | 40                 | 856           |         |
| Melfi                     | 26                 | 800           |         |
| Iagnone                   | 26                 | 800           |         |
| <u>Provincia Matera</u>   |                    |               |         |
| Matera                    | 40                 | 856           |         |
| Pisticci                  | 26                 | 800           |         |
| c) <u>CALABRIA</u>        |                    |               |         |
| <u>Provincia Reggio</u>   |                    |               |         |

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|                                                                     |    |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----|------|
| <u>Polignano</u>                                                    | 26 | 800  |
| <u>Provincia Brindisi</u>                                           |    |      |
| Brindisi                                                            | 40 | 856  |
| Mesagne                                                             | 26 | 800  |
| <u>Provincia Taranto</u>                                            |    |      |
| Taranto                                                             | 40 | 856  |
| San Giorgio                                                         | 26 | 800  |
| Massafra                                                            | 26 | 800  |
| <u>Provincia Lecce</u>                                              |    |      |
| Lecce                                                               | 66 | 1656 |
| Neglie                                                              | 26 | 800  |
| <u>Provincia Foggia</u>                                             |    |      |
| Foggia                                                              | 40 | 856  |
| San Severo                                                          | 26 | 800  |
| Cerignola                                                           | 26 | 800  |
| <u>b) LUCANIA</u>                                                   |    |      |
| <u>Provincia Potenza</u>                                            |    |      |
| Potenza                                                             | 40 | 856  |
| Melfi                                                               | 26 | 800  |
| Lagonegro                                                           | 26 | 800  |
| <u>Provincia Matera</u>                                             |    |      |
| Matera                                                              | 40 | 856  |
| Pisticci                                                            | 26 | 800  |
| <u>c) CALABRIA</u>                                                  |    |      |
| <u>Provincia Reggio</u>                                             |    |      |
| Reggio (Melito - Bova -<br>Laguardia - Palmi -<br>Oppido-Cittanova) | 66 | 1656 |
| Locri (Francalene-Sider-<br>no-Cicciola-Stilo)                      | 66 | 1656 |
| <u>Provincia Catanzaro</u>                                          |    |      |
| Vibo Valentia (Milato -<br>Nicotera-Soriano -<br>Pizzo-Piladelfia)  | 66 | 1656 |
| Catanzaro (Nicastro -<br>Crotone-Squillace)                         | 66 | 1656 |

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| LOCALITA'                                                | Forza del presidio |               | N o t e |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
|                                                          | Uff.               | Sott.e truppe |         |
| Provincia Cosenza                                        |                    |               |         |
| Cosenza (Paola-Aman-<br>tea - S. Giovanni<br>in Fiore)   | 66                 | 1656          |         |
| Castrovillari (Spez-<br>zano Alb.-Rosso-<br>no - Scalea) | 66                 | 1656          |         |





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**1.° RAGGRUPPAMENTO MOTORIZZATO**

Uff. Capo S.M. - Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.

n° 430/Op. di prot. **SEGRETO**

P.M. 156, li 31 ottobre 1943

OGGETTO: Situazione personale, automezzi, armi, munizioni e mezzi vari.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA  
in collegamento con il Comando 7<sup>a</sup> Armata

LEQUIE

In esito a richiesta verbale, trasmetto  
la situazione in oggetto, del 1° raggruppamento Mo-  
torizzato riferita alla data del 30 corrente.-



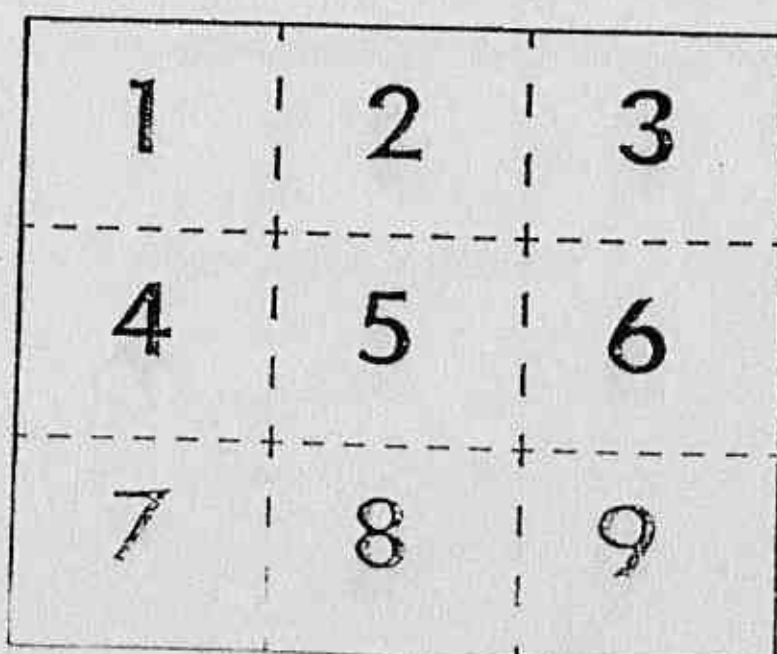
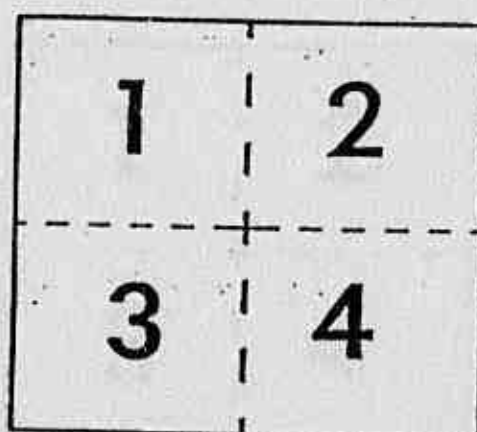
IL GENERALE COMANDANTE  
- Vincenzo Dapino -

*Dapino*



MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM  
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE  
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,  
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.





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## SITUAZIONE DEI RAGGRUPPAMENTI MOTORIZZATI

alla data del 30 Ottobre 1943

| REPARTO                       | Personale |             |        | Automezzi   |           |           |          |          |            |       |              |      |                       | Armi      |      |        |  |            |             |         |           |            |          |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|-------|--------------|------|-----------------------|-----------|------|--------|--|------------|-------------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|
|                               | Ufficiali | Sottuff. li | Truppa | Autovetture | Autocarro | Autocarro | Trattori | Rimorchi | Autocamion | Varie | Motoristiche | Moto | Fucili o<br>moschetti | Fuc. Mtr. | Mtr. | Mortai |  | Pezzi Art. | Fucili Art. | Pistole | Moschetti | Mitra 20mm | Fucili o |
| C.do I Ragg.<br>Motorizzato   | 28        | 15          | 142    | 8           | 7         | 5         | 1        |          | 3          |       | 9            | 106  |                       | 1         |      |        |  |            |             | 12      |           |            | 54       |
| Rgt. Fanteria<br>Motorizzato  | 85        | 134         | 1723   | 4           | 36        | 89        |          |          | 1          |       | 27           | 1718 | 72                    | 16        | 36   | 12     |  |            |             | 172     |           |            | 2407     |
| LI Btg.<br>Bersaglieri        | 25        | 27          | 486    | 2           |           | 30        |          |          |            |       | 7            | 55   | 467                   | 19        | 13   |        |  |            | 3           | 70      | 76        |            | 581      |
| V Btg.<br>c.c. 47/32          | 18        | 30          | 295    | 1           | 20        | 15        |          |          |            |       | 6            | 329  |                       |           |      |        |  | 16         |             | 42      |           |            | 414      |
| C.do Rgt. Art.<br>Motorizzato | 16        | 17          | 106    | 2           | 1         | 15        | 1        | 1        |            |       | 6            | 93   |                       | 1         |      |        |  |            |             | 13      |           |            | 19       |
| XII gr. 105/28                | 25        | 27          | 380    | 1           |           | 29        | 13       | 4        |            |       | 3            | 4    | 449                   |           | 6    |        |  | 12         |             | 108     |           |            | 323      |
| CCXXIV "100/22                | 23        | 28          | 403    | 1           |           | 46        | 12       | 4        |            |       | 3            | 4    | 475                   |           | 6    |        |  | 12         |             | 25      |           |            | 121      |
| III "75/18                    | 19        | 35          | 266    | 1           | 1         | 25        | 9        | 2        |            |       | 3            | 6    | 250                   |           | 4    |        |  | 8          |             | 32      |           |            | 115      |
| IV "75/18                     | 19        | 27          | 242    | 1           | 1         | 26        | 9        | 2        |            |       | 3            | 5    | 273                   |           | 4    |        |  | 8          |             | 20      |           |            | 166      |
| Btr. da 20 c.a.               | 5         | 10          | 86     | 1           |           | 15        |          |          |            |       | 4            | 107  |                       |           |      |        |  |            |             |         |           | 8          | 67       |
| Cp. Mista<br>Genio            | 8         | 11          | 263    | 1           |           | 18        |          |          | 1          | 5     | 5            | 187  |                       | 2         |      |        |  |            |             |         |           |            | 244      |
| Sez. CC.RR.<br>Motorizzata    | 1         | 5           | 62     | 1           |           | 3         |          |          |            |       | 12           | 67   | 2                     |           |      |        |  |            |             | 68      |           |            | 46       |

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**SEGRETO**

| Munizioni |                       |            |                       |           |        |        |      |             |          |         |                       |                    |             |       |          |                | Mezzi<br>vari |  |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------|--------|------|-------------|----------|---------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|----------|----------------|---------------|--|--|
| Pistole   | Moschetti<br>Berretta | Mitra 20mm | Fucili o<br>Moschetti | Fuc. mtr. | Mtr.   | Mortai |      | Artiglieria | Fuciloni | Pistole | Moschetti<br>Berretta | Mitra da<br>20 m/m | Bombe aeree | Radio | Telefoni | Mitragliatrici |               |  |  |
|           |                       |            |                       |           |        | 45     | 81   |             |          |         |                       |                    |             |       |          |                |               |  |  |
| 12        |                       |            | 5494                  |           | 8850   |        |      |             |          | 357     |                       |                    | 193         | 2     | 4        | 150            |               |  |  |
| 172       |                       |            | 240788                | 307200    | 152000 | 14011  | 3756 |             |          | 7321    |                       |                    | 16995       | 7     | 24       | 2099           |               |  |  |
| 70        | 76                    |            | 58177                 | 82220     | 133840 |        |      |             | 820      | 2905    | 159000                |                    | 6420        | 2     |          | 361            |               |  |  |
| 42        |                       |            | 41480                 |           |        |        |      | 9227        |          | 809     |                       |                    | 4178        |       | 15       | 300            |               |  |  |
| 13        |                       |            | 1998                  |           | 2100   |        |      |             |          | 147     |                       |                    | 648         | 4     | 8        | 139            |               |  |  |
| 108       |                       |            | 32328                 |           | 12600  |        |      |             |          | 1512    |                       |                    | 380         | 6     | 35       | 450            |               |  |  |
| 25        |                       |            | 12162                 |           | 12600  |        |      | 6000        |          | 56      |                       |                    | 780         | 10    | 48       | 454            |               |  |  |
| 32        |                       |            | 11556                 |           | 8400   |        |      | 4000        |          | 469     |                       |                    | 1280        | 3     | 34       | 320            |               |  |  |
| 20        |                       |            | 16616                 |           | 8400   |        |      | 4000        |          | 280     |                       |                    | 1200        | 3     | 34       | 288            |               |  |  |
|           |                       | 8          | 6750                  |           |        |        |      |             |          |         |                       | 23976              | 500         |       | 7        | 107            |               |  |  |
|           |                       |            | 24423                 |           | 16000  |        |      |             |          |         |                       |                    | 1280        | 13    | 60       | 277            |               |  |  |
| 68        |                       |            | 4680                  | 7200      |        |        |      |             |          | 1224    |                       |                    | 780         |       |          | 68             |               |  |  |



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|                              |     |     |      |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     |     |      |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |   |      |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|----|----|----|-----|---|-----|----|---|------|
| V Btg.<br>c.c. 47/32         | 18  | 30  | 295  | 1   | 20  | 15  |     |    |     |     | 6   | 329 |      |    |    |    | 16 | 42  |   | 414 |    |   |      |
| C.do Rgt.Art.<br>Motorizzato | 16  | 17  | 106  | 2   | 1   | 15  | 1   | 1  |     |     | 6   | 93  |      | 1  |    |    |    | 13  |   | 19  |    |   |      |
| XII gr. 105/28               | 25  | 27  | 380  | 1   |     | 29  | 13  | 4  |     | 3   | 4   | 449 |      | 6  |    |    | 12 | 108 |   | 323 |    |   |      |
| CCXXIV "100/22               | 23  | 28  | 403  | 1   |     | 46  | 12  | 4  |     | 3   | 4   | 475 |      | 6  |    |    | 12 | 25  |   | 121 |    |   |      |
| III "75/18                   | 13  | 35  | 266  | 1   | 1   | 25  | 9   | 2  |     | 3   | 6   | 250 |      | 4  |    |    | 8  | 32  |   | 115 |    |   |      |
| IV "75/18                    | 19  | 27  | 242  | 1   | 1   | 26  | 9   | 2  |     | 3   | 5   | 273 |      | 4  |    |    | 8  | 20  |   | 166 |    |   |      |
| Btr.da 20 c.c.               | 5   | 10  | 86   | 1   |     | 15  |     |    |     |     | 4   | 107 |      |    |    |    |    |     | 8 | 67  |    |   |      |
| Cp. Mista<br>Genio           | 8   | 11  | 263  | 1   |     | 18  |     |    | 1   | 5   | 5   | 187 |      | 2  |    |    |    |     |   | 244 |    |   |      |
| Sez. CC.RR.<br>Motorizzata   | 1   | 5   | 62   | 1   |     | 3   |     |    |     |     | 12  | 67  | 2    |    |    |    |    | 68  |   | 46  |    |   |      |
| Nucleo Sanità                | 6   | 6   | 134  |     |     | 5   |     |    | 4   | 1   |     | 130 |      |    |    |    |    | 28  |   | 23  |    |   |      |
| 244° Ospedale<br>da Campo    | 6   | 6   | 56   |     |     |     |     |    |     |     |     | 50  |      |    |    |    |    | 8   |   | 1   |    |   |      |
| 34° Nucleo<br>Chirurgico     | 3   | 1   | 17   |     |     |     |     |    | 1   |     |     | 18  |      |    |    |    |    | 5   |   | 32  |    |   |      |
| Nucleo<br>Sussistenza        | 2   | 2   | 20   |     |     | 3   |     |    |     |     |     | 25  |      |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |   |      |
| Autoreparto<br>Pesante       | 6   | 6   | 89   | 1   |     | 29  | 1   | 4  |     |     | 24  | 54  |      |    |    |    |    |     |   | 162 |    |   |      |
| TOTALI                       | 295 | 387 | 4770 | 25  | 66  | 353 | 44  | 15 | 4   | 11  | 24  | 167 | 4798 | 93 | 53 | 36 | 12 | 56  | 3 | 603 | 70 | 8 | 4594 |
|                              |     |     |      | (1) | (1) | (2) | (3) |    | (1) | (4) | (1) | (1) |      |    |    |    |    |     |   |     |    |   |      |

Note: (1) - A benzina; (2) - di cui 190 a benzina, 163 a gasolio; (3) - di cui 3



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|-----|-----|----|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|----|-----|------|
| 42  |     |    | 41480 |        |        |        |       | 9227 |       | 809  |       |        | 4178  |       | 15 |     | 350  |
| 13  |     |    | 1998  |        | 2100   |        |       |      |       | 147  |       |        | 648   | 4     | 8  |     | 139  |
| 108 |     |    | 32328 |        | 12600  |        |       |      |       | 1512 |       |        | 380   | 6     | 35 |     | 450  |
| 25  |     |    | 12162 |        | 12600  |        |       | 6000 |       | 56   |       |        | 780   | 10    | 48 |     | 454  |
| 32  |     |    | 11556 |        | 8400   |        |       | 4000 |       | 469  |       |        | 1280  | 3     | 34 |     | 320  |
| 20  |     |    | 16616 |        | 8400   |        |       | 4000 |       | 280  |       |        | 1200  | 3     | 34 |     | 288  |
|     |     | 8  | 6750  |        |        |        |       |      |       |      |       | 23976  | 500   |       | 7  |     | 107  |
|     |     |    | 24423 |        | 16000  |        |       |      |       |      |       |        | 1280  | 13    | 60 |     | 277  |
| 68  |     |    | 4680  | 7200   |        |        |       |      |       | 1224 |       |        | 780   |       |    |     | 68   |
| 28  |     |    | 2340  |        |        |        |       |      |       |      |       |        |       |       |    |     | 131  |
| 8   |     |    | 150   |        |        |        |       |      |       | 56   |       |        |       |       |    |     | 65   |
| 5   |     |    | 324   |        |        |        |       |      |       | 57   |       |        | 8     |       |    |     | 22   |
|     |     |    |       |        |        |        |       |      |       |      |       |        |       |       |    |     | 20   |
|     |     |    | 162   |        |        |        |       |      |       |      |       |        |       |       |    |     | 54   |
| 3   | 603 | 76 | 8     | 459428 | 396620 | 354790 | 14011 | 3756 | 23227 | 820  | 15193 | 159000 | 23976 | 34642 | 50 | 269 | 5355 |

(3) - di cui 31 a benzina, 13 a gasolio; (4) - di cui 6 a gasolio.-

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SUBJECT: DEFENSE (CALABRIA)

SECRET

British Military Mission  
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4 Nov 45

British Military Mission L.O.,  
XXI ITALIAN CORPS

1. On 3 Nov a conference was held at HQ N° 2 District in BARI between Maj. Gen. DOWLING and Maj. Gen. P. LIGER, Chief of Staff, 7 Italian Army. One of the subjects discussed was defence of CALABRIA for which, draft of Operation Instruction shortly to be issued is forwarded herewith at Appendix 'A'. Seventh Italian Army will act upon it when issued.
2. The only action required of you is to make touch with 9, Sub-Area in MESSINA and organise liaison between them and XXI Italian Corps.
3. G.O.C. N° 2 District is shortly to make a tour NARBER, SCORIO, CATANARO: probably arriving at CATANARO about lunch time on 8 Nov. Please arrange for him to meet Comd. XXI ITALIAN CORPS.

CGD/ABC

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier,  
Comd. British Military Mission.

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O B.1. Discussion  
36/9/43

Agenda for Discussion with  
the Chief of Staff, 7 Italian Army at 1100 hrs 3 Nov 43

1. Operation Instruction.
2. Channels of Communication.
3. Labour requirements - ceiling for each Sub Area.
4. Areas for Italian Army.

1 Nov 43

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Lt Col  
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H.Q. 7 Army.

Ref: Visit of officers from H.Q. 1st Motorised Bde  
5 American Army. LEQ ILE!  
To British Military Mission.

Herewith a summary of the principles questions that will be brought up by the officers of H.Q. Motorised Bde now visiting H.Q. 5 Army, at Naples and Caserta.

1. Scope of the visit.  
to make known to the above mentioned H.Q. the actual organisation of the Bde.  
to receive the lay-out of the front.  
to decide about the transfer of the Bde to the new zone and its commitments during operations.
2. Medical Services.  
All necessary precautions have been taken for the collecting, moving and care of the wounded and sick.
3. A and Q.
  - a) Rations - forage - wood.  
There will be laid on for Italian soldiers special rations that conform to the normal requirements of our soldiers supplemented by special "comfort" rations.  
Hard rations will be those of the American soldier.
  - b) Forage and ~~Wood~~ Hay.  
Will be provided as far as possible from Italian sources.
  - c) Wood and Hay for pagliasses.  
Must be provided locally.
  - d) Monthly Contingency Allowance.  
Will be provided by the American H.Q. on their own scale.
  - e) Clothing.  
Sufficient has already been distributed. Special agreement has been made for a later distribution of essentials such as boots, socks and woolen articles which wear out more quickly.
4. Fuel and Lubricants.
  - a) No supply difficulties; a detailed agreement has been reached.
  - b) For the move, the Bde must carry fuel for 500 Km.
5. Ammunition.

The Bde. Gp. possesses two "refills" \*

In order to carry out operations the American H.Q. would like to have an ammunition dump of ten "refills"

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3. A and Q.

- a) Rations - forage - wood.  
There will be laid on for Italian soldiers special rations that conform to the normal requirements of our soldiers supplemented by special "comfort" rations.  
Hard rations will be those of the American soldier.
- b) Forage and Wood.  
Will be provided as far as possible from Italian sources.
- c) Wood and Hay for pack animals.  
Must be provided locally.
- d) Monthly Contingency Allowance.  
Will be provided by the American H.Q. on their own scale.
- e) Clothing.  
Sufficient has already been distributed. Special agreement has been made for a later distribution of essentials such as boots, socks and woollen articles which wear out more quickly.

4. Fuel and Lubricants.

- a) No supply difficulties; a detailed agreement has been reached.
- b) For the move, the Bde must carry fuel for 500 Km.

5. Ammunition.

The Bde. Gp. possesses two "refills" \*

In order to carry out operations the American H-Q. would like to have an ammunition dump of ten "refills".

As there is an ammunition shortage in PUGLIA arrangements are being made to obtain ammunition from CAMPANIA, SICILY, SARDINIA and NORTH AFRICA.

6. Engineers.

- a) The American H-Q. wishes the sappers (artieri) to be increased in number. This is being looked into.
- b) Signals : All in order.

The question of ciphers to be used will be gone into by the American H-Q.



7. Transfer of the Bde. Gp.

The Bde. Gp. will move in a few days time to AVELLINO to complete training and will move into the line about ten days later, where it will be attached to an American Division

(signed) Gen. R. PELLIGRA  
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\* N.B.

After discussion with Lieut. COLONNA, it was agreed that an "unfoc" was "daily estimated ammunition expenditure per fire unit" (in this case the Mobile Group).  
An "unfoc" refers to ammunition "refills" for all weapons from S.A. to Artillery.

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b)- Foraggi e avena.

Sarà provveduto, per quanto possibile, con disponibilità italiane.

c)- Legna e paglia da giacitura.

Bisognerà provvedere coll'incetta sul posto.

d)- Competenze mensili.

Verranno fornite dal comando americano nella stessa quantità prevista per le proprie truppe.

e)- Vestiario.

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VI.= Servizio del genio.

a)- Il comando americano desidererebbe che fossero aumentati gli artigiani. La questione è in studio.

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b)- Collegamenti: nulla da osservare.

Per quanto riguarda i cifrari da usare per le trasmissioni radio, la questione verrà studiata dal comando americano.

VII.-

Trasferimento del raggruppamento e dipendenza.

Il raggruppamento si trasferirà fra qualche giorno in zona di Avellino, ove completerà il proprio addestramento.

L'entrata in linea seguirà dopo una diecina di giorni. Il raggruppamento passerà alle dipendenze - per l'impiego - di una divisione americana.-

d'ordine  
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.  
(Raffaele Pelligrà)



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