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CREMONA 1st Cover

Opened Aug 17, 1944. Closed Oct 16, 1944

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Subject :- Discipline - F

SECRET CONFIDENTIAL

"B" British Liaison Unit

A 6/3

To :- HQ MAFIA

2/5 Sec

29/10/44

19 10

1. It will be known to your HQ that every effort is being made by the Divisional Commander and myself to instil into the Italian Troops a sense of Transport Discipline.

2. The main points which are being emphasised may be collected under the following headings :-

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e)

Speed Limits
Carrying of Civilians
Exceeding passenger loads - particularly in the drivers cab
Leaving vehs unattended
Smoking whilst driving

3. Now that we are beginning to see an improvement in the discipline generally, as a result of several weeks incessant hammering, it is all the more disappointing, annoying, and not the least important, embarrassing, to find that what few Allied Military vehs do frequent this locality, invariably and blatantly ignore most, if not all the points enumerated above.

4. Whilst my officers and myself do what we can to check such indiscipline you will appreciate that without a British or American Provost detachment it is quite impossible to take the steps which are obviously most desirable.

5. Although the numbers of Allied vehs seen in this locality ³⁶⁹⁴ date have not been numerous, their presence and behaviour has been noted, so much so that today the Divisional Commander raised the subject and asked if steps could be taken to prevent recurrence.

6. In view of this I feel it my duty to bring the matter to your notice, since I have no doubt that to continue to allow the Italian Troops to see a succession of Allied vehs ignoring all Transport Regulations, will apart from other considerations, do nothing to raise our prestige.

7. I realise that the demands for Military Police is so great that to send a detachment here is out of the question and therefore suggest that since there is no reason for Allied vehs to visit this area it should be placed out of bounds except for traffic on the Main Benevento-Avellino Road.

I should appreciate your advice on this matter.

2/10.
Dor Syc

W. Webb-Tank

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W. Webb

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

Field
16 Oct
S.W.C./M.H.

Reply: *16 Oct 1944* *Princkles*
non sufficient as appreciated last
non attempt to secure this
a from view in taken of Gen Princkles attempt they are
own troops. While Allied driven as not perfect they are
not very bad and do not leave many accidents. If the troops
can reach the same standard as shall be satisfied but would
presently are as good for leave it. *should*
The same will be expected by AFHQ and non ~~more~~
also upon it to 3 units under whom you are pleased for good action

0006

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MEMORANDUM : H.A. Vehicle

MEMORANDUM OF MILITARY BUSINESS
AFHQ USA

Ref : 11556

DDI/13/15.2

16 Oct 44.

M.M.A.	Step
FILE REF	209/14
Card Recd	19/10/1

51 HAJ CV

Copy to : 4 Vch Co.

~~H.M.I.A.~~

1. The following vehicles are released to you under authority
Ordinance AFHQ Release No. DKS/249 :-

Trucks 15 and 17 class I

2. These vehicles are on the H.A. of the HAJ and will be retained
by you.

3. Please collect immediately from 4 Vch Co.

J. n. B. Thompson

3698

Capd. RA

JR/m

10/10
H.M.I.A.

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8/sec 29/11
12/10
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

.....12.....1944
Oct.

~~ORD(E)~~

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item

Tents 160 lbs. Qty. 2.

To whom released

51 ("B") B.L.U.

Release No.

Q(AE) T/50.

Remarks

Special Instructions

Release from 557 B.O.D.

See 148
9/10
369

R.E. Henshaw Capt

For Capt.
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

M.B.I.A. ✓

WP

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

16... Cat. 1944

~~ORD (E)~~

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item Corporation Primatic.

Qty 100

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group.

Release No. (AS) 30/19

3691

Remarks

Special Instructions

R. B. Bentley

Major.

For
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :- No. 3 District.
A.M.I.A.
No. 51 ("B") B.L.U.

WP

Subject :- Transport

61 British Liaison Unit

To :- Chief of Staff
CHENNAI GROUP

PD 18/10/44
A 2

SSC
29/11/44
1710

The Divisional Commander must share my concern about the transport situation and the number of vehicles which are being rendered unusable by accidents.

It is appreciated that the scale of transport issued is probably in excess of that usually held by an Italian Division with the result that inexperienced drivers have to drive vehicles. It is also appreciated that the calls on transport are very heavy and also that drivers have had very little time to get used to strange vehicles.

The position is however that there are NO replacement vehicles. Every vehicle which is written off means that this Group will go into action less another vehicle. This is serious and will entail a serious loss of efficiency.

I urge most strongly that most or all of the following points are put into operation as early as possible :-

1. Grupos area.
2. Road signs showing speed limits to be put up at the places.
3. Special "Danger" signs to be put up at bad places.
4. Traffic control post to be established where the road from CHIANCI and PETRURO meets the main BENEVENTO - ALFAYLLA road.
5. Traffic control point in ALFAYLLA and at the Petrol point.
6. Some form of Mobile Patrol. This should be found by C.C.R.R. but possibly these are not sufficiently proficient in riding motor cycles.
7. ALL officers must assist and must take action if they see any dangerous driving.

I am sure the staff of the Groups are as anxious as I am to ensure that the Groups go into action with as many vehicles as possible, and if there are any suggestions in which my unit can be of any assistance in this matter I hope you will inform me.

If urge most strongly that most or all of the following points are put into operation as early as possible :-

1. Road signs showing speed limits to be put up in the Gruppo area. 369
2. Special "Danger" signs to be put up at bad places.
3. Traffic control post to be established where the road from CHIANGHE and PETRURO meets the main BRUNVENTO - ALTAVILLA road.
4. Traffic control point in ALTAVILLA and at the Patrol point.
5. Some form of Mobile Patrol. This should be found by C.G.A.R. but possibly these are not sufficiently proficient in riding motor cycles.
6. All officers must assist and must take action if they are any dangerous driving.

I am sure the staff of the Gruppo are as anxious as I am to ensure that the Gruppo goes into action with as many vehicles as possible, and if there are any suggestions in which my unit can be of any assistance in this matter I hope you will inform me.

Field
16 Oct 64
BENC/WH

W. Nell

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

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Copy to HQ MIA

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Subject : Ammunition Course
CREMONA Group

RACC Training Establishment.
Tel : Pontecagnano 23 & 41
Ref : TE/ 43
Date : 12 Oct 44.

To : Army Sub Commission (AMTA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
ROME

Copy to : D.O.S., A.F.H.Q.
"B" B.L.U.

1. 18 O.R's from CREMONA Group commenced training as Ammunition Storemen on 16 Sept.
2. Instruction covered identification, receipt and issue of all the commoner natures of British and American ammunition, as well as storage, handling and maintenance.
3. All the trainees worked very well and showed keen interest and with the exception of Sold. ZAPPINELLO, who is not very intelligent and had great difficulty in following instructions, should prove good storemen.
4. The course dispersed on 8 Oct and has been replaced by LEGNANO Group.

In The field.

J.H. Scott
Lt. Col.,
Comd.
(J.H. SCOTT)

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

2212

Register No.

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM

(A)

Originator

A.F.H.Q.

For Action.

00 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

557 BOD + 51 BLU + HQ NO 3 DISTRICT + MMIA

+ G(AE) AFHQ

Originator's No

0521 263

Message Instructions

GR

Date-Time of Origin.

11

Office Date Stamp

RELEASE TO 51 BLU (-) READ (A) ITEM (B) CITY (C)
Q(AE) AUTHY (D) DOS RELEASE NUMBER (-)

(A)

(B)

(C)

2688

RANGEFINDERS No 2

6

82/4

A/56/40

RANGEFINDERS No 13

1

84/2

A/58/3

MINE DETECTORS AMERICAN

41

93/8

ES/311/38

BINOS No 2

100

80/25

A/54/75

COMPASSES PRISM

25

53/15

ES/300/57

WATCHES GS

413

55/29

ES/304/62

T S M G

43

30/26

A/27/85

RIFLES No 1

Originator's No.

0521 263

RELEASE TO 51 BUL (.) READ (A) ITEM (B) CTV (C)
Q(AE) AUTH (D) DOS RELEASE NUMBER (.)

(A) (B) (C) (D) 3688

RANGEFINDERS NO 2 6 82/14 A/56/10

RANGEFINDERS NO 13 1 84/2 A/58/3

MINE DETECTORS AMERICAN 41 93/8 ES/311/38

BINOS NO 2 100 80/25 A/34/75

COMPASSES PRISM 25 53/15 ES/300/57

WATCHES GS 413 55/29 ES/304/62

T S M G 43 30/26 A/27/85

RIFLES NO 4 889 25/14 A/23/12

PISTOLS POINT 38 426 21/20 A/19/61

PISTOLS SIGNAL 9 22/8 A/20/33

PIAT 126 41/6 A/42/42

BREN LMG 440 31/23 A/29/80

THIS MESSAGE WILL BE DRAWN BEFORE 1800 HRS OR TO FALL
AS WRITTEN BY CTV MEANS INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST
EXCEPT BE SENT IN CIPHER.

WIRELESS.

Signed.

Signed.

Time	System	Op.
TH or TOR		
Time Cleared		

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LRAB V LAEE NR 6 "P"

QVR 5

FROM ^{AFNR} ~~132023A~~ 132023A

TO REAR GUN PARK 557 BOD NAPLES

INFO : COO 557 BOD - 500 AOD - DISTHREE - MMIA - 51 BLU

GR 55 BT

RESTRICTED

SIGNED SACMED CITE FHORB FX38443 (.) OUR FX 37266 OF 11 OCT PARA 1
(.) REDUCE QTY 25-PRS FROM 32 TO 12 (.) FOR 500 AOD (.) ISSUE TO 3
DISTRICT FOR NO 2 (CREMONA) ITALIN COMBAT GROUP 25-PR EQUIPMENTS QTY
20 R/NO A/1/15 (.) FOR ORD DISTHREE (.) ARRANGE COLLECTION 14 FROM
MONOPOLI 6 FROM MOLFETTA

BT

SENT NR6 140345A JP B K

RCD NR6 140345A HRA KK



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

7 Oct 1944

ORD(R).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item Directors Arty No. 7. Qty 1.

To whom released

No. 3 District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AB) 63/4

Remarks

3680

Special Instructions

9/13/10

R. H. L.

Major,

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: H.Q. No. 3 District.
H.Q. I. G.
H.Q. B. L. U.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref VR/ 262

Date 10 Oct 44.

To : No.3. District for No.2. Italian Combat Group.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of issue.
30	Lorries 3-ton 4x2 (class 1) (4x2 if 4x2 not available)	

Remarks :

Release from No.2 Group 1 T.V.F. East

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. AFHQ Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
File

'B' B.L.O.
B.L.O. ✓

DN Lom Capt.
Brigadier,
Q(AE)

3684

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from MMIA
to DISTWO for SURVEY

12 1545

29/14

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I 147

RESTRICTED

Ref our I 131 of 12 Sept and your 16/D/I/V 3503 of 15 Sept (.)
PARAN NOME AREA _____ PARAN (.) Sheets 163 II despatched
in error (.) Please expedite 600 maps ITALY scale 1/50,000
sheets 173/2 as requested

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

Routine

AUTHENTICATED

DLG

3683

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W.P.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

1. Oct 1944

~~Q(AE) 1/4~~

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item 25 pairs (Complete with accessories) Qty 32

To whom released No. 3 Distinct for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 1/4

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation.

3684

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

12/10

Mr. Seabury

for Major,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: ~~No. 3 Distinct.~~
~~No. 2 Distinct.~~
~~"B" Distinct.~~

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

7 Oct 1944

ORD(E).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item 17 pkrs (Complete with accessories) Qty 8

To whom released No 3 District for No 2 (Common) Italian Carpet Group

Release No. Q(AE) 7/6

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation.

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 13 Oct. 44.

3681

M. H. S. by

for Major,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No 3 District
M. H. S. A.
18 B. 240.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

... 7 Oct ... 1944

CFD(B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item 6 pdrs (Complete with accessories) Qty 36

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Oranoga) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 6/5

Remarks Complete entitlement of function.

3680

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

R. H. H. H.

for Major,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
H. H. H. H.
"B" H. H. H.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

2.. Oct.....1944

ORD(E).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item 40 mm Bofors (Howd)

Qty 12

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Groups

Release No. 4(AE) 8/3

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation.

Special Instructions (a) Please issue from best available Class II
(b) Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

3679

Arthur

Major,

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
M.F.L.A.
"B" F.L.G.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 127

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~~ORD (E)~~

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item

Iron L.M.G.

Qty 140

To whom released

No. 3 District for No. 2 (Grenada) Italian Combat Group

Release No.

Q(AE) 34 / 23

Remarks

Complete entitlement is 300. 60 issued for training to be retained.

Special Instructions

will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44

3678

R. H. H. H.

for Major
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

No. 3 District
L.M.L.A.
22/10/44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

ORD(B).

9 Oct 1944

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item

P.L.A.M.

QTY 126

To whom released

No. 3 District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group.

Release No.

Q(AE) 44/6

Remarks

In accordance with existing policy only Inf units being completed.

Special Instructions

Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

3677

Handwritten signature

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Major,

Copy to:

No. 3 District
P.L.A.M.
A.M.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

9. Oct. 1944

CRD(B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item **Pistols Signal** Qty **9**

To whom released **No. 3 District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group.**

Release No. **Q(AE) 22/8**

Remarks **Complete entitlement of formation.**

Special Instructions **Will be drawn between 11 -13 Oct 44.**

Russell 3676

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: **No. 3 District**
H.A.I.A.
"B" H.A.U.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

2. oct 1944

CRD (B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item **Pistol .38** Qty **426**

To whom released **No. 3 District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group.**

Release No. **Q(AE) 21/20**

Remarks **Complete entitlement of formation.**

Special Instructions **Will be drawn between 11 - 13 Oct 44.**

Arthur [unclear]
C7/5

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to:
No. 3 District
M.I.I.A.
"8" B.I.U.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

9 Oct 1944

ORD(E).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item

Rifles No. 4.

Qty 889

To whom released

No. 3 District for No. 2 (Drama) Italian Combat Group.

Release No.

Q(AE) 25/14

Remarks

Complete entitlement of ammunition is 3309. 4500 issued for training will be retained.

Special Instructions

Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

3674

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to:

No. 3 District
M.A.L.A.
"B" B.L.U.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

7 Oct 1944

CRD(B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item N. 2.2.6.

Qty 43

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 30/26

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation is 25/3. 2500 issued for training will be retained.

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 13 Oct 44.

3670

W. H. Ashby

Major,

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
M. L. A.
"B" 2.2.6.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

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RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item Trailers Arty No. 27

Qty 64

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Grenada) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 12/3

Remarks Complete entitlement for formation.

3672

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11-12 Oct 44.

R. V. L. G.

Major,

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District,
H. H. F. A.
"B" B. A. G.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

7 Oct 1944

ORD (P).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item Vetches C.S.

Qty 443

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Grenada) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 55/23

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation.

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

3671

Handwritten signature

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
M.I.L.A.
"B" L.I.L.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

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ORD(B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item Compasses Primed Qty 25

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 53/15

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation is 296. Balance not at present available.

3670

Special Instructions will be drawn between 11 - 13 Oct 44

W. B. ...

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
R.E.L.
"B" R.E.L.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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CRD(E).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item Binoc No. 2 Qty 100

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Orvione) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 30/25

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation is 195. Balance not at present available.

3669

Special Instructions

R. Kearby

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
M.I.L.A.
"B" A.K.U.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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ORD(B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item Mine Detectors (American) Qty 41

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (American) Italian Coast Group

Release No. Q(AE) 93/8

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation

3668

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 15 Oct 44

R. H. ...

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: No. 3 District
M.I.L.A.
"B" 3.10.44

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

9 Oct 1944

~~CRD (B).~~

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item Rangefinders No. 13 Qty 1.

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Orsogna) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 81/2

Remarks

Complete entitlement is 2. Only 1 available at present.

Special Instructions

Will be drawn between 21 - 18 Oct 44.

3667

Amesbury
Major,

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to:

Hq No. 3 District.
R.E.L.A.
"B" D.L.U.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

... 9 Oct 1944

CRD(B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item Rangefinders No. 2 Qty 6.

To whom released No. 3 District for No. 2 (Division) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 82/4

3666

Remarks Complete entitlement of formation.

Special Instructions Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

Handwritten signature

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: HQ No. 3 District,
M.A.L.A.,
"B" B.L.U.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

...7. Oct. 1944

ORD (B).

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item

Sights Dial No. 9.

Qty 40

To whom released

No. 5 District for No. 2 (Grenada) Italian Combat Group.

Release No.

Q(AE) 50/4

3665

Remarks

Complete entitlement of formation.

Special Instructions

Will be drawn between 11 - 18 Oct 44.

Mr. Beatty

Major ,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to:

No. 5 District.
M. H. L. A.
8th B. I. G.

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11/11/11

AKA
FBI
12/02/24

LEAVE V LATE MR 28 B P

QUT -A- A - LATE

111026A ~~AFHQ~~ AFHQ

ACTION REAR GUN PARK 557 BOD MAPLES

(2) 557.000

INFO DISTURSE

MMIA

51 OLB

02 189 RT

EX37266 RESTRICTED

BY SIGNED SACHED CITY KNOWN (.) FIRST (.) FOR REAR GUN PARK (.) ISSUE
TO 3 DISTRICT FOR NO 2 (CREMONA) ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP FOLLOWING
EQUIPMENTS REAR (A) TYPE (F) QTY (G) R/MO (D) Q(AD) AFHQ SERIAL

3664

(A)	(F)	(G)	(D)
25 PPS	32	A/11/1.4	1/4
TRAILERS NO 27	64	A/12/12	12/3
17 PPS	8	A/13/13	7/8
6 PPS	36	A/5/15	6/3
48 HRA	12	A/13/14	3/3 ISSUE FROM

BEST AVAILABLE

CLASS 17 (.)

SECOND (.) FOR BOD (.) ISSUE FULL SCALE OF ANCILLARIES FOR ABOVE
EQUIPMENTS EXCEPT KXL (A) STORES (B) QTY (C) R/MO (D) Q(AD) SERIAL

WHILE APPLICABLE

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
25 PPS	32	A/11/14	1/4	
TRAILERS NO 27	54	A/15/12	12/3	
17 PPS	3	A/19/13	7/6	
6 PPS	36	A/6/19	6/5	
40 PPS	12	A/13/14	3/3	ISSUE FROM BEST AVAILABLE CLASS II (.)

SECOND (.) FOR BOD (.) ISSUE FULL ~~SCALE~~ SCALE OF ANCILLARIES FOR ABOVE
EQUIPMENTS EXCEPT IXL (A) STORES (B) DTY (C) R/NO (D) (A/E) SERIAL
WHERE APPLICABLE

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
SIGHTS DIAL NO 5	40	A/23/16	50/4
DETECTORS ARTY NO 7	4	A/46/19	63/4
CLINDS FIELD	3	A/52/17	
CLINDS SIGHT	40	A/51/23	
TELES SIGHTING NO 41	32	A/73/6	
TELES SIGHTING NO 22D	36	A/63/6	
TELES SIGHTING NO 51	8	A/76/7	
STANDS INST NO 17A	4	A/162/44	

FOURTH (.) TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS DOT

ST 111636A	
SENT NR 26	11/1347A EP AR K
ACC NR 26	11/1347A HRA AR

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SUBJECT: Lighting for Camp.

117
MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
8/16/29/24
+ 55 14

TO : "B" B.U.

Copy to: "A", "C", "D" B.U.s and
3 Dist Hq.

Ref your G 11/1/51 of 26 Sep.

1. Sq 3 District is responsible for your local administration and is the correct source of accommodation stores. Unless or Until Italian Gruppi have their permanent scale of normal or special equipment, which will also be issued by 3 District) the provision of all necessities is a British (3 District) responsibility.

2. You should therefore submit urgent indents with (if needed) a supporting letter to explain special circumstances.

3. Comd 3 District has been asked by Comd M.M.I.A. to give generous support to these demands, and will meet them as far as possible.

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a field
for
Maj Gen
M.M.I.A.

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-- Lighting for Camp

-- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Rome.

SKC
"B" British Liaison Unit.
Ref. Q/1/11/51

1.10
26 Sept 44

5/159/14

I wish to raise the question of lighting for the camps of the Cremona Division. The situation at present is that the Division is in possession of a number of carbide burning lamps and some Hurricane lamps, but NOT on a scale sufficient to provide a reasonable amount of illumination.

It will be appreciated that with winter drawing in and the troops in tented camps it is very desirable that some light is available. As training has now commenced the men are working during practically all the hours of daylight and it is - in my opinion - essential that they have some light in the evening for reading and writing.

I am NOT asking No. 3 District for assistance in this matter as I have found that it is useless asking for stores from that formation.

The numbers of lamps hurricane required would be 280

W. M. M. M. M.

Lt. Col.
General Staff.
O i/c British Liaison Unit.

C.M.F.

Cve P. 1 Q/1/10.

A.Q.

What is the situation about camps - normal scale of equipment (when issued) will be barely sufficient.

3662

WP
2/10

10040

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MESSAGE FORM.

Date-Time of Origin.

1 1515 A

From : MBIA.
 To (For Action): B HLU
 Ref No : SS 118

Security
 Classification

RESTRICTED

3661

Your A 1010 dated 30 and my SS 111 dated 30 refer (*) Further orders for the 1000 men are for them to proceed to AFRAGOLA Camp soonest for screening by MBIA representative before being posted to British service units (*) This HQ is arranging transport

Copy for G Blanch MBIA
 One sent to Thompson Q

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authenticating
 Officer

W. H. H. H. H. H.

may

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 49118

ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

Call

Srl. No.

Pre.

Through

Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

OFFICE DATE STAMP

FROM
(A)

MMIA L.O. B'BLU

Originator

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN

011130A

For Action

MMIA

S/1209/18

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

HP

MMIA	8/Sec
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	2/10/

Message Instructions

GP

Original No.

A1010

Your SS 111 of 30 @ Ack.

WP WP Q2/10

3660

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
ORDER OF PRIORITY

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Time cleared		

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SIGNED

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ARMY FORM C2186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 66/1

Call

Syl. No.

City

Tr. Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

B BCU

NIL

5/8/59/10
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For Action

TO

MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA	S/Sec
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	2/10/

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

4503

Ref your 5594 ONCOs detailed below strength on course 30th Sept @ R 2/10. WP

3659

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { } WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Signed

Signed

Immediate

Time	System	Op.
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(GVL) Wt. 923 194 200,000 Pds. 5/42 B. & S. Cal. 55745/5

10043

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RAAG MESSAGE FORM

From: MMIA

5/6/81/14

To: AFHQ for Action

0 1700

For Info: "B" MJJ FEB MMIA LO for THRUPT Senior

WD

SD1519

RESTRICTED

Rail tpt requested to move 1000 all ranks from BENEVENTO to
NAPLES for AFRAGOLA Camp (.) PARTEN HOME AREA COMMAND
PARTEN (.) Personnel are unsuitable for combat groups and will
be screened by MMIA at AFRAGOLA and assigned to British rpt
British Service Units

P. 2/10
3658

IMPORTANT

PRIORITY

G. Cox. Capt

AUTHENTICATION

Internal Copy to:
Spec Sec
Mey

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RAAG MESSAGE FORM

From: NMIA

8/6/81/14

0 1700

To: AFHQ for Action

For Info: "B" DMJ FEB NMIA LO for THRUFP Senior

WD

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P. 2/10
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IMPORTANT

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

G. Box. Capt

Internal Copy to:
Spec Sec
MOT

0045

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MESSAGE FORM.

From : MMIA

Date

Time

To : MMIA LO B BLU

30

1430

*See 110
5/6/59/14*

GS 111

Restricted

Ref your AQ 10 of 24 and my IS 96 of 25 to which we have had no reply (.)
The one thousand men of 1914 class and any others due for transfer are not
repeat not to go to 212 Italian HQ for JPS but are to remain with the group
until orders are received from MMIA for their disposal (.) Acknowledge

Priority IMMEDIATE

(Sgd)

W. H. G. [Signature]

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ARMY FORM 02130 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 32/30

Call

Srl. No.

City

Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

B' BLU

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

30th 1515A D

For Action

M MIA

OFFICE DATE STAMP

M. A. I. A.

FILE REF

Date Recd

TO

(W) For Information (INF)

BF-15 Spec Sec - WP

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

A1010

Your SS 102 of 28th (my reply?) to SS 96
 despatched 27th reference A/1/11/51 (Repeat follows)
 1st (1000 men to go to NAPLES for PIDS)
 2nd Understand General BROWNING already discussed this as
 regards division command during recent visit
 (3rd) (yes)
 4th Presumably because all 10,000 NOT yet arrived in this area
 5th Request information regarding Col. PIDSLEYS proposed visit

3657

SIGNED

2200

SIGNED

KAC

IMMEDIATE

THI or TOR

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Time cleared

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MESSAGE FORM.

File 109

Date-Time of Origin.

30.12.15

5/8/29/14

From : MMIA

To (For Action) : B BLU.
Life *CHP by letter Ottaviano*

Ref No : SS 108

Security
Classification RESTRICTED

SS 94

Further to my signal dated 25 Sep to CHP Training Establishment OTTAVIANO
copy to you (*) Permission just received for five ORs CREMONA Div to attend
course (*) Please despatch immediately (*) SMRE informed by telephone

***** 3655

Precedence : IMMEDIATE

Authenticating
Section : MMIA SS

Authenticating
Officer : *W. G. H. Jones*
Major

0045

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

Date

Time

29

1200 hrs

To: (For action) B BLU

(For info) MMIA LO 2 District

5/29/14

SS 106

Restricted

Further to my signal SS 98 of 26 Sep (.). Paren ROME Area _____ Paren
Maps requested are available Two Dist (.). Arrange to collect

IMMEDIATE

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(Sgd)

[Handwritten signature]

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE VOUCHER

Ref VR/ 192.

Date 29 Sep 44

To : No. 3. District for No. 2. Italian Combat Group.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of issue.
6	Motor Cycles Cl I	from 4 Group
4	Cars 2-str 4x2 "V" Stock	" 4 "
4	Ambulances 4-str 4x2 Hvy Cl I	" 4 "
40	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS Cl 2D	" 2 "
5	Lorries 3-ton Water Cl I	" 2 "
40	Lorries 3-ton 4x2 GS Cl I or ID	" 2 "

Remarks :

Maintenance vehicles for No. 2. Italian Combat Group

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
- AFHQ Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
"B" BDU
1201A.

DH Ten Cleft
Brigadier,
Q(AE)

mai head on return P2/10

Seen
WP

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MESSAGE FORM.

Film

107

Date Time of Origin.

From : MMIA
To (For Action) : B BLU.
Ref No : SS 102

2810503

5/6/21/14

Security
Classification RESTRICTED.

My signal SS 102
dated 25 Sep refers (*) Please reply immediately

3652

PRIORITY IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATING
SECTION MMIA SS

AUTHENTICATING
OFFICER [Signature]

10 0 5 1

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MEMORANDUM FOR

166
29/14

From: DIA

25 1810A

Q 29/14

For Action: AFTR

For Info: DIA (A) "D" BLH

SM511

CONFIDENTIAL

Re: 1st request for 20 offns 50 cr's to move from MOLFETTA
to CREMONA Div at ALTAVILLA IRPINA (AVELLINO) (.) PART
SHEE AREA COMAND PART (.) Personal returning
from MT Course.

WP

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PROCESSED

RECLASSIFIED

Chax Capt

Internal Copy to:

MOV
SPEC SEC

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Subject: Cremona Gruppo di Combattimento.

To: Army Sub-Commission (MIA)
HQ, ACC,
Rome.

RAOC Training Establishment.
Tel Pontecagnano 23 and 41
Ref TE/43
Date 24 Sep 44.

MIA	4/Sec
FILE REF	159/14
Date Recd	26/9/44

1. 7 Officers and 112 O.Rs. arrived on 4 Sep to be trained for Ord. Fd. Pk., 2 W/Shops Stores Sections and ADOS Dump Staff.
2. Training commenced on 6 Sep after personnel had been selected as Clerks or Storemen, Drivers i/c, Electricians, Cooks and G.D. men.
3. Clerks and Storemen received training as per copy syllabus attached. Personnel selected for ADOS Dump Staff received additional training in these duties. All Storemen have been tested in Driving and are capable of driving vehicles up to 3 ton. Drivers i/c have been instructed in Maintenance of their vehicles.
4. Clerks and Storemen have worked extremely well and results of the Practical Scheme were very good indeed. Officers and men should be quite capable of performing their departmental duties.
5. The trainees were despatched to their Div. staging area on 23 Sep.

Maj Head to see @ 26/9.

*Good - what about ~~General~~
Fraili
File O.R. UP*

*Office in Brenna dist.
26/9*

3650

In the Field.

J.H. Scott
Major
Lt. Col.
Comd.
(J.H. SCOTT)

CREMONA GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO.

PROGRAMME OF ITALIAN O.F.P. COURSE.

Commencing 6 Sep 44.

	0900-0955	1000-1055	1100-1200	1400-1455	1500-1600
Wed.	Organisation of the Army			Organisation of the R.A.O.C.	R.A.O.C. in the Field
Thu.	R.A.O.C. in the Field.		Organisation and Layout of a B.O.D.		Revision
Fri.	Vehicle Company	Supply in the Field			Revision
Sat.	Vocabs.	Description of Ordnance Stores			
Mon.	War Establishments and War Equipment Tables		Revision		
Tue.	Store Accounting			Revision	
Wed.	Issue Procedure		Transmission of Ordnance Stores		Revision
Thu.	Receipt Procedure		M.T. Supply		Revision
Fri.	Ordnance Field Parks and R.E.M.E. Organisation				
Sat.	Care and Maintenance of Ordnance Stores			Revision	

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			a B.O.D.		Revision
Pri.	Vehicle Company	Supply in the Field			Revision
Sat.	Vocabs.	Description of Ordnance Stores			
Mon.	War Establishments and War Equipment Tables			Revision	
Tue.	Store Accounting				Revision
Wed.	Issue Procedure	Transmission of Ordnance Stores			Revision
Thu.	Receipt Procedure	M.T. Supply			Revision
Pri.	Ordnance Field Parks and R.E.M.B. Organisation				3678
Sat.	Care and Maintenance of Ordnance Stores	Revision			
Mon.	Practical Scheme				Revision
Tue.	Official Correspondence and Message Writing (Clerks) or T. & T.P. (Storemen)				Revision
Wed.	Practical Scheme				

SECRET
OR/ORG

25 Sep 44.

From : MILIA LO CREMONA Combat Gp

To : HQ MILIA, ROME.

279	1	PROG	REC'D
5/5/29			

Subject : Selection of Specialists.

22 21 29 1/9

1. Reference your signals SD 1432 and SD 1433 of 14 Sep 44.
2. I proceeded to Sardinia as ordered on 16 Sep and on arrival found that the completion of shipments of the Cremona Group would take place on the 19th Sep, with the exception of baggage parties and the additional specialists whom I had come to procure.
3. From information supplied by the Italian Command and by Captain NERELLI of the Staff of the Cremona (who is remaining in Sardinia until the final shipment) it became apparent that a fair proportion of the deficiencies in specialists had already been made good by shipment of certain units of the Granatieri Division between 14th and 19th Sep.
4. I requisitioned the remaining balance from the Italian Headquarters and from the 13th Taro Automobilistico, dealing direct with Major ILLI in the latter case.
5. These demands have, wherever possible, been met in full, the only serious deficiencies being as regards wireless operators, mine clearance personnel, water specialists engineers and armourers. I attach a certificate from the Chief of Staff, Comando Militare della Sardegna, to the effect that these personnel cannot be procured in Sardinia without interfering with allied interests.
6. Other deficiencies are of minor importance, and can be made up with little training from personnel in excess of the war establishment. Any final surplus will be sent to the Reinforcement Depot.
7. It is pointed out that it has been necessary to take 100 drivers from Serials 70 and 72 on Priority List 7 in order to make up the required number. Otherwise List 7 has not been affected. **3648**
8. The final batch of specialists as selected during my visit to Sardinia are assembling at Cagliari by 25 Sep and should sail on 27 Sep.
9. I have repeatedly enjoined that only men of the younger classes

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would take place on the 12th Sep, with the exception of baggage parties and the additional specialists whom I had come to procure.

3. From information supplied by the Italian Command and by Captain MIRICELLI of the Staff of the Cremona (who is remaining in Sardinia until the final shipment) it became apparent that a fair proportion of the deficiencies in specialists had already been made good by shipment of certain units of the Granatieri Division between 14th and 19th Sep.
4. I requisitioned the remaining balance from the Italian Headquarters and from the 13th Parco Automobilistico, dealing direct with Major HALL in the latter case.
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8. The final batch of specialists as selected during my visit to Sardinia are assembling at Cagliari by 25 Sep and should sail on 27 Sep.
9. I have repeatedly enjoined that only men of the younger classes are to be shipped from Sardinia; nevertheless, previous shipments have always contained a proportion of men due for discharge, and I anticipate that the same will happen in this case.

Man. E. E. E. E. E.
Major,
L.O., Cremona Combat Group.

To see
also file 37. WP.
22/9

Copy to: "B" B.L.U.

Q 27/9.88. G1 to Sue

24. F
GSOI

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
- T.A.V.-Sae.AA.AC. -

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N° *887* /AA. di prot. P.M.50 - 22/9/1944.
OGGETTO: Personale specializzato. -

AL MAGGIORE P.M. SPERTON

Ufficiale di Collegamento presso la
Divisione "Cremona"CACLIARI

Il Capo di S.M. del Comando Forze Alleate ha chiesto di trarre da determinate Unità e reparti della Sardegna personale militare specializzato per il completamento degli organici della Divisione "Cremona".

A seguito di quanto verbalmente comunicato alle S.V. si conferma che non è possibile fornire il seguente personale avente le sottoelencate specializzazioni:

- marconisti	23
- artigiani d'arresto.....	15
- iontaniari.....	21
- armaioli.....	66,-

I suddetti specialisti dovrebbero infatti essere tratti da reparti che lavorano attualmente per gli Alleati con la conseguenza di intaccarne seriamente l'efficienza. -

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE ap
SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Colonello Mario Capello)
Capello

3647

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Message Form.

From :- MBIA.

To :- B BLU.

Date 25 1527. A
THI 25 A

SS 96 (.)

Your AQ 10 of 24 Sept First Where is the train to take the thousand 1914 class ^{to} ~~A~~ (.)
Second Why did Div Comd bring them from SARDINIA when he was told only to bring
men fit for combat (.) Third Are they included in your strength of 8177 (.)
Fourth As ten thousand Cremonians have been brought from SARDINIA why is group
still under strength

IMMEDIATE.

(sgd).....W. F. Kirby
Colonel.


Seen Mas
26/9

3646

0059

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MESSAGE FORM.

File 34

From: NMIA
To (For Action): B HLU.
To (For Info):
Ref No: SS 98

261705A

5/8 29/14

Security Classification RESTRICTED

Your CR/7 dated 25 refers (*) maps asked for by this HQ 12 Sep but not yet received (*) Will forward as soon as available (*) Transport officer signalling about car for IO

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT.
AUTHENTICATING SECTION NMIA SS
AUTHENTICATING OFFICER [Signature]

may 3645

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ARMY FORM 5136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 43/25

Call

Sgt. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

Cipher Secret. **33**

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

M M I A L O B B L U

25 1052

For Action

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

M M I A

(W) For Information (INFO)

skp/14

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

CR/7

Final balance for CREMONA combat gp incl. all available specialists selected by EGERTON will leave SARDINIA about 27 Sept Oiler subject of Urgently request 600(600) mps code 150,000 sheets D3/2 and 600(600) sheets NE 185/1 previously requested 11 Sept but NOT yet arrived G Also request early dispatch of PL or 3644 means of apt for M M I A L O

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(GTC) WT 933/194 200002 P-44 5/45 E 1/8 100 31/25 6

10-8-64

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FROM: HQIA
TO: AFHQ
WAR MINISTRY
NOTED: HQIA LD "C" BLU

Q26/C

1030 32

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8/6/59/14

SD 1494

CONFIDENTIAL

Mail opt requested for 91 TELEGRAPHIST Coy 3 offers 50 lbs 36 tons material
from OTTAWA to VA RANG (.) PARISH HERE AREA FORWARD _____ PAIRER (.)
Unit for FREULI DIV

wp

PREFERENCE

Box Capt

3640

AUTHENTICATED

Copy to: NOV
Spec Sec

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MIA
To (For Action) Corps of Military Police Training
Establishment OTTAVIANO
To (For Info) Min of War : B BIL
Ref No : SS 94

Security
Classification RESTRICTED

Five ORs of CEMONA Div failed to attend course 17 to 26 Sep (*) May these
five men be sent with LEGRANO and FOLGORE personnel attending course commencing
30 Sep (*) Paren RAE AFRA _____ Paren

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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OUT MESSAGE

FROM : MILA

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TO : DADGET B HAJ REVD CODE RASC TD

SE/337 (.) SEMENT (.) CONFIRM TO THIS HQ AND SECOND ADDRESSEE THAT 6 OFFICERS AND 24 HQ'S FROM COMMISSARIATO COMPANY OF CRETOMA DIVISION WILL ASSEMBLE AT RASC TD MILA ON 27 SEP FOR THEIR SEVEN DAY COURSE STARTING 28 SEP (.) STUDENTS TO ATTEND COURSE WILL FOLLOWING (.) COMPANY COMMANDER, 1 CAPTAIN FROM COYT HQ, 1 CAPTAIN FROM COMPOSITE PLATOON, 3 SUBALTERNES FROM TRANSPORT PLATOONS (.) TOTAL 6 OFFICERS (.) OSM, 1 SGT AND 4 CPLS FROM COYT HQ, 3 SGTs FROM HQ'S, 3 SGTs AND 12 CPLS FROM TRANSPORT PLATOONS (.) TOTAL 24 HQ'S (.) SEND LETTER 440/415/AND OF 6 SEP 44 CONTAINS INSTRUCTIONS TO DIV OCHD (.)

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INTERNAL:-

PREPARED:- IMMEDIATE



AMPLIFICATION:-

W. L. Lawrence JR. CDE.

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Col Pupplid to

this by signal last evening

Army S/L

11/30/24

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URGENT V NURE NR2 "OP" "OP" IMMEDIATE
 N CVR2 200 CR ---
 FROM D S E U 241100
 TO H Q MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY FORCE
 INFO H M I A (LO) NAPLES
 AQ10 C R E NO H A HAVE APPROX ONE THOUSAND
 1914 CLASS FOR DISPOSAL
 PLEASE ARRANGE EARLY TRANSPORT FOR
 THEIR REMOVAL. SUGGEST BY
 TRAIN AT 200 PER DAY.. PLEASE TREAT AS U R G E N T
 TH1 241245
 DEPTN 13 INHEB1 2 241100 AQ10 CREMONA 1914 2HUND
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MM.A
 PHREF
 Date recd

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 5/6/29/15
 24/9/1

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SENT NR2 24/13055 JLF
 LEGD NR 2 24/13055 RMC AR

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CREMONA DIVISION.

Strength return as at 12 Sept 44.

Unit	Fostered		Present		Class 1910-14	
	Offrs	O.Rs	Offrs	O.Rs	Offrs	O.Rs
Divisional Hqrs	29	139	21	77		66
7th Artillery Regt	74	1867	60	1024		246
Engineers and Signals	17	513	8	366		61
21st Inf Rgt	107	1975	61	1598		180
22nd Inf Rgt	86	1841	58	1498		96
321st Inf Rgt	86	2074	68	1694		451
113th Btg Mitr	26	295	19	251		42
Sezione Sanita	10	273	6	199		55
84th and 333rd Fld Hosps	18	130	18	130		
90th Coy Guastatori	3	102	3	97		
Sussistenza	3	47	1	20		19
Autosezione Pesante	2	45	2	30		15
Reparti Specializzati	6	237	6	237		

Totals 467 9538 331 7221 1231

+ Still in Sardinia.

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For SIEMONS (*) Reference SL1432 (*) PARIN HOME AREA COMBINED
PARIN (*) Amend as follows (*) Delete quote troops
under AFSC unquote and substitute quote 205 Division unquote

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For SIMONS (*) Reference AD1432 (*) 2421N ROME AREA COMMAND
2421N (*) Amend as follows (*) Delete quote troops
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Revised
W. B. Smith

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M/C NR 8327

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

INCOMING MESSAGE

by 19

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FROM: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS

CLASSIFICATION

REFERENCE NO.: AGS Y525

DATE TIME RECEIVED: XXXXXX 150648D

DATE TIME GROUP: 141712B

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TO: PENBASE, AAI, PENBASE FOR MMIA LG, AAI PASS TO MMIA

ACTION:

INFO:

MMIA I.A.	52
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CRUISER AOSTA TO BE LOADED WITH THE FOLLOWING CREMONA DIVISION
PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT PER PRIORITY LIST 7 SERIAL 60;; SPECIALIST
ARTILLERY GROUP, 550 OFFICERS AND MEN 10 TONS EQUIPMENT; 84 FIELD
HOSPITAL 49 OFFICERS AND MEN; FIRST COMPANY COMPLIMENTARY GRANATIERI
309 OFFICERS AND MEN 5 TONS EQUIPMENT; GUARD ESCORT 67 OFFICERS AND
MEN. ETA DUKO 16 SEPTEMBER.

P. 16/9.

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AOSTA. Benchel today
"Experiments under control"*
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FROM 'B' B L U

TO MMIA

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MMIA	S/S
FILE REF	1/1
Date Recd	16/9/14

W/1 PLEASE DIRECT ALL COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THIS UNIT TO B BLU CMF
AND NOT REPEAT NOT ADDRESS THEM
CARE OF A BLU. THIS APPLIES
ESPECIALLY TO ALL RELEASES////// RELEASES
FOR VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL
BOTH OF WHICH THIS UNIT IS CAPABLE OF
COLLECTION UNAIDED BY A BLY////// B L U
BT 1640

SENT 814 0350 JWJ B 1

RECD NR 814 0350 SS

HEADQUARTERS
16 SEP 1944
A. C. C.

G. II. etc. in good at conference
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LROF V LCIK NR2 URGENT CONFIDENTIAL
L MMIA PAREN ROME AREA PAREN

FROM AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS 150944B REF NO G YOKE 542
TO MMIA IAREN ROME AREA PAREN

GR --- B

REF NO AGS YOKE FIVE FOUR TWO

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE ROME AREA SIX NINE THREE ZERO DATED ONE FOUR
SEPTEMBER CLN RECEIPT OF SAME ACKNOWLEDGED PD PENDING EGERTONS
ARRIVAL CREMONA SHIPMENTS PROCEEDING

BT 150944B/ 15/0944B

THIS IS REPEAT AND CORRECTION OF OUR TT NR1 TODAY
SENT AT 15/1403B SR AR KK

RD 1403 F A B OP MIN PSE



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TO MMIA - This message refers your SD1432 1418458 from 23
you forwarding to ACG Sardinia

LROF V LCIK NR 1 URGENT CONFIDENTIAL

FROM: LCIK 150944B A LCIK AAC Sardinia
TO : MMIA 5315 29/15 R911

GR--BT

NR AGS YOKE FIVE FOUR TWO

REFERENCE YOUR ~~CABLE ROME AREA SIX NINE THREE ZERO~~ DATED ONE, FOUR
SEPTEMBER CLN RECEIPT OF SAME ACKNOWLEDGED PD PENDING EGERTON ARRIVAL
CREMONA SHIPMENTS PROCEEDING

BT 150944B

SENT AT 15'1015B OF AR K

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HEADQUARTERS

15 SEP 1944

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For Col. Spaworth from the 6th Div. 1862 (5) PAREN HOME AREA COMBINED

[illegible]

(*) You will therefore ensure that the next 12-15/16 1194s include only personnel required and suitable for CIMA/MA Combat groups (*) All requests AND between existing and external A targets under 200m but involving CIMA/MA and non-CIMA/MA DPs and crosses with being shown will be treated if necessary (*) KILLER-M flying to CIMA/MA immediately with detailed requirements by arms and target (*) Such information is subject and others as can be handled should be passed (*) ACCT 1194s

Per (a) Symposium from Don Davidson, (b) PAPER FOR AREA COMMAND

PAPER (a) 6 of 5 AFHQ has ordered that completion of COMUSMACV by to now
1/0 is to have first priority on all Italian Army was present from 1960-1961

(b) You will therefore ensure that the next COMUSMACV 11/1/61 include only
personnel required and suitable for COMUSMACV needs group (c) All report
AND
ALL personnel excluding all personnel ^{AND} ~~under AFHQ~~ but including COMUSMACV
and maintain COMUSMACV D/V and service units being shared will be topped
if necessary (d) PERSONNEL flying to COMUSMACV immediately with detailed
requirements by area and trades (e) Such maintenance language and others
as can be handled should be brought (f) AFHQ/AFHQ

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MEMO B.L.U. for MERTON

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Ref SD1432 (*) Considered better for you to fly to SANDHIA with full details of personnel required in next lift rather than Italian officer (*) You will therefore proceed at once with detailed requirements for CUBANA plus 5 percent reinforcements and remain until ships have been loaded checking all parties embarking (*) SAME rep will not now proceed

PAREN BONE AREA COMMAND _____ PAREN

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Ball tpt requested for 4 offers 202 ers 5 tons baggage all of 12y signals Coy
to move from THANI to CA UA for combat group

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to move from T-44 to O-44 for combat group

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Special Section 1111A

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MESSAGE FORM

Date TO

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5/8/29/14

To: AFS for SINGERS info: AAI FBS for MIA.
From: MIA.

- SD 1352 (*) *Rec'd* (*) Amplifying AAI signal
SD 1379 of 31 Aug (*) Liberty ships expected CAGLIARI 4 Sep are to
be loaded to capacity with 6000 (6000) or more personnel of CHEROKEE
DIV selected for training and retention in reorganized CHEROKEE GRUPPO
(*) Personnel for demobilization or transfer to other units or
personnel other than CHEROKEE or FRIULI DIVS are NOT rpt NOT to be
included (*) Essential housekeeping equipment and stores are to
be included (*) Other available equipment gun tentage and vehicles
may be included if loading and unloading facilities permit and personnel
are NOT rpt NOT thereby excluded (*) REMINGTON wanted here at once
(*) Signal earliest contents and ETA to MIA LO IMPLAS

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by any means ()
except wireless.

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if liable to interception

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(Sg) O'KERR
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FROM: WZIA

TO : Q (AE) / AFHQ

Copy to CMTC for BBLU

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T.H.I.

8850 (.) *Restricted* (.) Release requested for NINE lorries
3 ton water 450 gallons for CHEMUNA Division

May be sent as written
except () Wireless

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if liable to interception

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Priority

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Col. Pickle

File *Crescent* w/ 17

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7 Dec 44

Client GEORGE R. R. L. C. R. R., D. L. U., C. R. R. R. R.

INTERVIEW

Order of Entry

The CUBANA Group is concentrating in the SAN GUAYMO Area and the concentration of the Engineer Units should now be complete.

Two Artillery Coys will be formed on the F.F. of a Combat Artillery Coy as soon as possible from the following units:-

29 Artikel 100

7/13/93 Anthony Day

13 Artieri di Arresto Ccy (part)

Training of Instructors

Chas. Musters and Bailey Bridging

(a) A total of 54 students, including 1 officer and 3 NCO's from each of 29 and 13 Artillery Coy's, are attending courses in Mine Warfare and Bailey Bridging at the S.M.E. On conclusion of the second course on 18 Sep, students will rejoin their Coy's. In addition, there will be a total of approx 15 Italian officers and NCO's available to assist in the trg of the CREMENA and BRULLO Groups for a fortnight or longer if considered necessary.

Field Plant Intolerance

(b) A total of 15 NCO's, including one EDO from each of 29 and 4377 Artillery Coys will attend a course in Field Plant Maintenance at the S.M.A. from 10 Sep to 25 Sep.

On conclusion of the course the MOs will rejoin their units.

The CHENCHA Group is concentrating in the SAN GIORGIO Area and the concentration of the Engineer Units should now be complete.

Two Artieri Cops will be formed on the E.E. of a Combat Artieri Coy as soon as possible from the following units:-

- 29 Artieri Coy
- 77¹³ Artieri Coy
- 13 Artieri di Arresto Coy (part)

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Excluding of Instructors

Mine Warfare and Bailey Bridging

- (a) A total of 54 students, including 1 offt and 3 NCO's from each of 29 and 43¹³ Artieri Cops, are attending courses in Mine Warfare and Bailey Bridging at the S.M.E. On conclusion of the second course on 18 Sep, students will rejoin their cops. In addition, there will be a total of approx 15 Italian offt and NCO's available to assist in the trg of the CHENCHA and FRIULI Groups for a fortnight ³⁶²⁸ longer if considered necessary.

Field Plant Maintenance

- (b) A total of 15 NCO's, including one NCO from each of 29 and 43¹³ Artieri Cops will attend a course in Field Plant Maintenance at the S.M.E. from 10 Sep to 25 Sep.

On conclusion of the course the NCOs will rejoin their units.

Equipment

- (a) CH098

British CH098 equipment will be made available at scales not yet decided. It is anticipated that the CH098 scale of an Artieri Coy will approximate to 3/4 that of a British Mx Coy and the CH098 scale of a Mx Pk Coy will be similar to that of a British Div Mx Pk Coy.

- (b) FXX

British equipment for trg has been released according to the release notes attached. Half of this equipment is available for the CHENCHA Group.

REMARKS /.....

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MISSION

4. To complete the training for combat of the CRENSHAW Group by 28 Oct.

PLANS

5. Your tasks are:-

- (a) Recce one, or if necessary two, bridging sites at SAN GIERGIO.
- (b) Arrange collection of all trg equipment.
- (c) Arrange training programme both for technical and general combat trg of the CRENSHAW Group.

Priority will be given to trg in the following:-

- (i) Mine Warfare
- (ii) Simple Dry Bailey Bridging
- (iii) Maintenance of British Field Plant
- (iv) Vehicle maintenance
- (v) Use of British rifle, light automatic weapons, grenades and P.L.A.T.

Training in the following will not be given:-

- (i) Wireless
- (ii) Wet Bridging
- (iii) Mechanical Equipment

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(c) Arrange training programs both for technical and general combat
trg of the CHINA Group.

Priority will be given to trg in the following:-

- (1) Mine Warfare
- (11) Simple Dry Bailey Bridging
- (111) Maintenance of British Field Plant
- (111) Vehicle maintenance
- (111) Use of British rifle, light automatic weapon, grenades and P.L.A.T.

Training in the following will not be given :-

- (1) Wireless
- (11) Hot Bridging
- (111) Mechanical Equipment

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5 SEPTEMBER - 12.00

FOR NSA LIAISON OFFICER

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ROUTINE

NSA HQ

CONFIDENTIAL TO FOR FURTHER CITE INACTS TO NSA COUNCIL WEDNESDAY MORNING TO REFERENCE
MORNING SEVEN EIGHT ONE FOUR TO PAGE TO NSA HQ FROM FOR NSA LIAISON OFFICER FROM
ALL SITUATIONS UNDER MODERATE CONTROL. PD

IRA V. FORDYCE
Capt., Infantry
M.M.I.A.

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ARMY FORM (2134) (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 12/6

Call

Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

(A)

PBS MMIA IO

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

051200B

OFFICE DATE STAMP

For Action

MMIA HQ

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

7814 (.) KOK CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOR PIBLEY CITE NOAKES (.) ETA CREMONA
WEDNESDAY MORNING (.) ALL SITUATIONS UNDER MODERATE CONTROLTHIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { ENCRYPT } WIRELESSIF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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LINK V MMIA NR 1 R
FROM MJDT 051200B
TO MMIA HQ
GR 35 BT

CONFIDENTIAL PD FOR PD/ PIDSLEY CITE NOAKES PD ETA CREMONA WEDNESDAY
MORNING PD (REFERENCE NUMBER SEVEN EIGHT ONE FOUR PD) PAREN TP MMIA HQ
FROM PBS MMIA LIAISON OFFICER PAREN ALL SITUATIONS UNDER MODERATE
CONTROL PD BT 051200B
SENT NR 1 06 0225B LR KK
RCD NR 1 06 0225B HRA KK

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Comando Div. Pz. Cremona
Vice-Comandante
Stato Maggiore
Quartier Generale
Reparto Comando
4^o Ufficio Postale
2^o Sezione mista CARR
14^o Drappello automobilistico

✓ Pattada
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✓ Pattada

G.b.igs. PRIMIERI, Clemente.
G.b.spe. ZANUSSI, Giacomo.
T.C.spe. GAUDIOSO, Nicola.
Cap.cpl. GRASSINI, Raffaello.

21^o Rgt. Pz. - comando
I bgt.
II bgt.
21 cp. mortai da 61.

✓ Bitti
✓ Orune
✓ ~~Bitti~~ MACOMER
✓ Bitti

Col.spe. VALENTE, Gustavo.
T.C.spe. BEZZI, Leopoldo.
T.C.spe. SCOTTI, Dino.
Cap.cpl. BARTOLINI, Emilio.

22^o Rgt. Pz. - comando
I bgt.
II bgt.
22 cp. mortai da 61.

✓ ~~NUORO~~
✓ ~~NUORO~~
✓ Olona
✓ Olona

Col.spe. TOMMASINI, Lorenzo.
Magg.spe. LIMORI, Salvatore.
Magg.cpl. SILVI, Carlo.
Cap.cpl. PEDONE, Antonio.

321^o Rgt. Pz. - comando
I bgt.
II bgt.
321 cp. mortai da 61.

✓ Bone
✓ Budduso
✓ Bolotana
✓ BONO

Col.spe. ~~MACOMER~~ ^{MUSCO} Fernando.
Magg.cpl. CAMAIORA, Emilio.
T.C.spe. GALLINI, Giulio.
Cap.cpl. DELL'ICCO, Renzo.

CXIII bgt. mitra C.A.

✓ Ozieri

Magg. ris. STIVIERI, Giulio.

7^o Rgt. Art. - comando
I gr. da 149/19
II gr. da 100/17
III gr. da 75/27
IV gr. da 75/18
344 btr. da 20 mm.

✓ IGLESIAS
✓ Ozieri
✓ ~~Gagliardi~~ OZIERI
✓ Borchiddu
✓ Ozieri
✓ Pattada

Col.spe. CATANIA, Amadeo.
T.C.spe. MARCAITE, Gino.
Cap.spe. SPERIO, Eugenio.
Magg.spe. BENVENUTI, Enrico.
Cap.igs. CECCHINI, Enrico.
Cap.cpl. LORENZETTI, Luigi.

90 cp. granatatori
14 cp. mista t.rb.

✓ ~~NUORO~~
✓ Pattada

Ten.spe. LAZZARATO, Luigi.
Cap.cpl. COLAI, ³⁶²

54 sezione di sanità
54 sezione di sussistenza
350 autoservizio pesante

✓ MACOMER
✓ ~~Ala dei Sardi~~
✓ Budduso
✓ Pattada

Cap.spe. GUARDERA, Mariano.
Ten.cpl. VALSERINI, Mario.
Ten.cpl. BOLOGNINI, Giorgio.

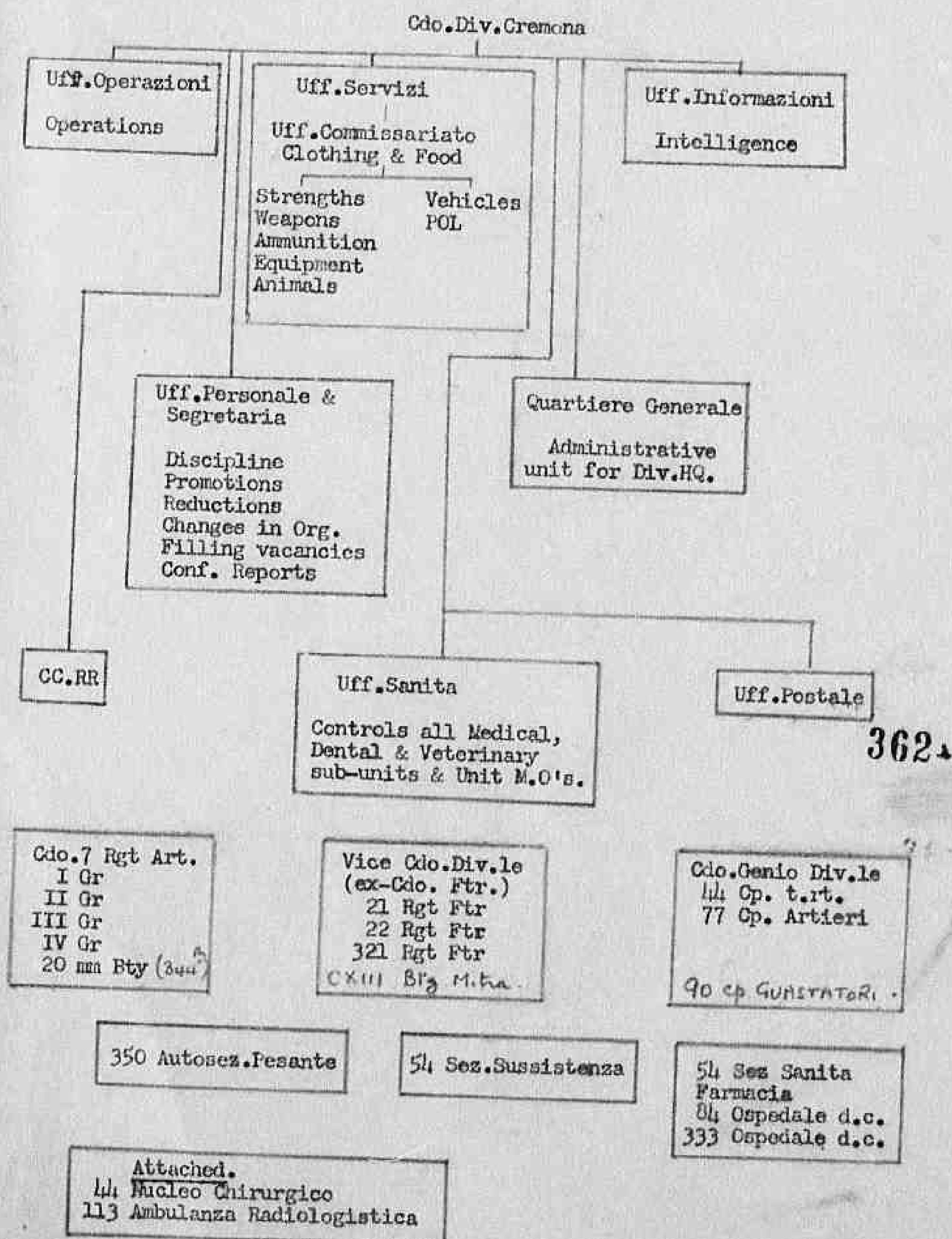
84 ospedale da campo
334 ospedale da campo
24 reparto di sanità

✓ MACOMER

44 NUCLEO CHIRURGICO
113 AMBULANZA RADIOLOGISTICA

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PRESENT ORGANISATION.



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NOTES ON VISIT TO CREMONA DIVISION.

General remarks.

1. Age of Officers.

A good many officers appear to be too old to accompany the Division in an active role, for instance one Captain commanding a Company was 43 years old. He was however well reported on and is himself very anxious to stay.

Two of the Battalion commanders did not make a very favourable impression, either from age or inactivity. Names are omitted as it is not possible on such short acquaintance to condemn them.

2. Care of men.

I do not think it has ever been a custom in the Italian Army to look after the comfort of the men. Radical changes will have to be made, and Officers will have to be instructed in their duties in this respect.

3. Men's billets.

Very bad indeed, with few exceptions. Most billets are far too overcrowded and badly ventilated. The men sleep where they can, much too close to each other to be hygienic. Straw in mattresses is not changed regularly. Beds are not issued, but in many cases the men have constructed beds out of scrap wood. The remainder sleep on mattresses on the floor.

It is easy to see that Officers do not visit their billets or attempt to remedy things. Some senior Officers were vague as to the exact location of their billets.

4. Washing arrangements.

Very bad. Men wash as and where they can. Only saw two units where improvised showers had been rigged up. The water shortage in most districts visited does not help matters, but more could be done to improve matters.

5. Sanitation.

Almost non-existent. Medical Officers of units do not appear to realise the importance of drainage. No effort is made to clean billets or to use disinfectant, except in certain places like Medical Stores, which were clean and well kept.

6. Cook-houses.

Nearly all cook-houses are in the open, and therefore flies abound. Food stores close to cook-houses are not fly-proofed and in many cases the cooks sleep alongside the food. Lack of accommodation in villages is partly the cause, but on the other hand it should have been possible originally to take over proper billets, cook-houses, etc. instead of hovels.

It was apparent that the selection of suitable places as cook-houses was not considered important, any kind of broken-down shed being allotted for the purpose.

Cooks themselves were not too clean.

7. Amusements.

Little or nothing is done for the men. They look after themselves. A few wireless sets are in possession of some units. No organised games appear to take place.

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8. Health.

Malaria and stomach troubles are the chief maladies. As regards the former, no effort seems to be made to flyproof doors and windows except in the case of the 2nd Bn 321 Inf. Regt. and one or two other units.

There are no mosquito nets at all; only a few face veils and gloves provided for sentries. (Doubtful whether they wear them).

Many fresh cases of malaria reported, as well as recurrent cases. The situation cannot be improved in malarial districts unless provision of nets is undertaken, and stagnant water dealt with.

Colic and other stomach afflictions are obviously due to flies and bad water and it is not surprising that there are so many affected in view of the lack of attention given to such matters.

The whole Medical staff of the Division must wake up to the fact that their duty is to prevent sickness as well as cure it. Infirmaries and medical inspection rooms are on the whole well maintained, but Hygiene & Sanitation are sadly neglected.

Supplies of medical stores seem to be adequate.

9. Food.

The Officers all say that the men have enough to eat. The men, when questioned (Officers present) say the same. Examination of the meals being prepared in cook-houses, however, show that meals could be very much improved without adding to the ration, both as regards method of cooking and variation of the diet.

The usual meal consists of soup with meat, bread, macaroni & vegetables in it.

Lack of proper cooking utensils may partly account for non-variation of diet.

Ration stores were on the whole well kept. Most units were careful to point out that the Officers fed on the same ration as the men.

Extra purchase of vegetables and fruit is carried out by unit Supply Officers and bills paid by the accounting Officers. Supply Officers keep a daily record of supplies received and issued, but no signatures are obtained for the latter. There is no real proof, therefore, that sub-units are receiving the correct ration. This system must be changed at once.

Wine, which should be a daily issue, is rarely obtained oftener than every five days or so, largely due to lack of wine in Sardinia, and lack of transport. Some units are better off than others in this respect. 3618

Bread is good and usually baked under unit arrangements.

Fruit is purchased by all units locally. One unit (2nd Bn 21 Inf Regt) ran a fruit canteen. This was the only one seen during the whole tour. Normally no canteen of any sort exists.

10. Tobacco.

Poor quality shag. The quality of the tobacco and the lack of cigarette paper do not make it an attractive commodity. Officers buy American cigarettes from the Black Market for 90 or 100 lire per packet of 20 cigarettes.

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11. Equipment and Stores accounting.

Ledgers are well kept as regards being up to date, but here again receipts are lacking. The soldiers' personal equipment is recorded (sometimes only in pencil) but he does not sign for it. If he is deficient of an article he is presumed to have lost it and has to pay for a new one.

A system similar to the British Army Form H.1157 should be introduced.

Record of stores, etc. on Company charge is kept on a form similar to British Army Form G.1098, and seems to be well maintained.

12. Company, etc. Records.

Nominal roll and Company Record Book well kept in duplicate in all units. Coy.Comdr. carries one and Coy. 2nd in cmd. the other. Books are renewed each year. The book contains personal details regarding each Officer and man on the Coy. strength.

13. Pay.

Unit Pay & Accounting Officers run all matters relating to pay. Officers have Pay Books, other ranks not. The latter are paid at the pay table in public, which is considered sufficient proof that they have received their money.

An alteration of this system is necessary.

14. Training.

Has not been carried out to any large extent owing to lack of shoes. However, attempts are made to keep units busy mainly on theoretical work, lectures, weapon training and physical training.

Occasional exercises on the ground take place and a number of TENTS for Officers and N.C.O's, which the Divisional Comdr. attends.

Unit programmes are submitted weekly, the most important lesson of the week being "starred" for information of Div.Hqrs. In other respects programmes are sketchy. Some days only one subject is attempted, instead of providing variety.

In the past there has been little incentive to training, but with a definite object in view this should change. Eagerness to learn the new weapons was expressed frequently.

15. Turn-out.

Several Officers were unshaven, and consequently many of the troops as well. It will be difficult to change the national habit of postponing the daily shave, but this will have to be done as soon as the Division arrives at its new location.

16. Uniformity.

Naturally uniformity of dress cannot be achieved until the Division is entirely clothed. It is noted that the Divisional colours on the collar are worn by all ranks conscientiously ; not so medal ribbons.

An adequate supply of Divisional ribbon has been indented for, which will improve matters, as at present ribbons vary in colour and many are faded.

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16. Uniformity (continued)

Medal ribbons are not universally worn. Apart from the obvious fact that ribbon is scarce, there appears to be a defeatist feeling amongst Officers and many are ashamed to wear them. Though this may seem a small point, I consider it very important from a morale aspect.

Certain medals were undoubtedly issued under the Fascist regime; perhaps the Ministry of War could issue a directive on the subject of the wearing of ribbons.

17. Physical fitness.

Physically the men appear satisfactory but the question of stamina is problematical. Many of them have been on very short rations, and many of them at one time or another have suffered from malaria.

Good feeding and plenty of exercise should improve their condition.

18. Discipline.

Lacking in some cases. It is impossible to assess its standard without a more intimate knowledge of units. The same applies to morale in general.

19. Vehicle maintainance.

On the whole good, though vehicles themselves are in a very poor condition owing to lack of spare parts, tyres, etc.

Repairs are well carried out considering the lack of material and tools. Vehicle log books and work tickets are well compiled.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM NMIA

TO ACC SARDINIA FOR SIMMONS (1)

TTED MOVWIT DATE 23 2000
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PRG FOR NMIA
ENR?

Col Fidsley B

late 11/13/14

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Pr. Sup

SDI324 SECRET (*) OWING TO EXTREME COMPLEXION KAPLES DOCKS ANTICIPATE
DIFFICULTIES RE DISEMBARKING AND ONWARD MOVEMENT CREMONA DIVISION TO
SAN GIORGIO N. 77(*) REQUEST YOU THEREFORE ENSURE FIRST ALL RANKS HAVE
3 DAYS RATIONS SECOND HOUSEKEEPING EQUIPMENT LOADED WITH TROOPS THEIR
EARLIEST NOTICE BE GIVEN OF LOADING TIME, ~~ON~~ ETA AND NOS, ~~ON~~ KNOWN TIME OF
ARRIVAL AND NOS (*) REPEAT ALL SIGNALS TO MOVWIT C/A PBS FOR NMIA LC

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PRIORITY EMERGENCY OPS TO (1)

IMPORTANT TO REMINDER

IF LIABLE TO INTERCEPTION

SGD BUTTERWORTH

INTERNAL A/Q (2)

COL FIDSLEY

NOV MAIL

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Simmons - and sailing
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SAN GIORGIO N. 77(*) REQUEST YOU THEREFORE ENSURE FIRST ALL RANKS HAVE
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ARRIVAL AND NOS (*) REPEAT ALL SIGNALS TO MOVNIT C-1 PPS FOR MILA LO

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INTERNAL A/Q (2)

COL FIDSLLEY
NOV MILA

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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time

File 5/6/29/14

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To: ADM for SIKING Info: AAI PDS for WIA.
From: WIA.

Common file

SD 1358 (*) (*) Amplifying AAI signal
SD 1379 of 31 Aug (*) Liberty ships expected CASUALTY & Rep are to
be loaded to capacity with 6000 (6000) or more personnel of CHRONA
DIV selected for training and retention in reorganized CHRONA GROUP
(*) Personnel for demobilization or transfer to other units or
personnel other than CHRONA or FREULI DIV are NOT rpt RPT to be
included (*) Essential handcarrying equipment and stores are to
be included (*) Other available equipment and vehicles
may be included if loading and unloading facilities permit and personnel
are NOT rpt RPT thereby excluded (*) RATIONS wanted here at once
(*) Signal earliest contents and RPT to WIA in RPT

May be sent as written
by any means ()
except wireless.

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if liable to interception

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C. P. Kern

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TO : MAIN ARI

TO : DISTRICT MOVING

INFO : HAILA

Orig No : SD 1477

SECRET (.) ref my SD 1455 dated 03 (.) now loading on Special lift Liberty Ships

for NAFLIES the following Italian Units all from CRISTINA DIVISION (.) Serial 50

Priority List 7(.)

DIV HQ	26 Offrs	155 Men
First Bn 21st Inf Regt	19 Offrs	700 Men
90 Coy GUASTACCHI	3 Offrs	95 Men
First Pl Specialists	1 Offr	50 Men
HQ 21st Inf Regt and Mortar Coy	18 Offrs	322 Men
Second Bn 21st Inf Regt	22 Offrs	584 Men
Second and Third Specialists Pl	2 Offrs	100 Men
HQ 22nd Inf Regt and Mortar Coy	23 Offrs	341 Men
First Bn 22nd Inf Regt	19 Offrs	562 Men
Fourth Pl Specialists	1 Offr	50 Men
Second Bn 22nd Inf Regt	14 Offrs	692 Men
113 Machine Gun Bn	19 Offrs	251 Men
54th SUSSISTENZA COO	2 Offrs	35 Men
HQ 321 Inf Regt and Mortar Coy	19 Offrs	346 Men
2nd Bn 321 Inf Regt	26 Offrs	657 Men
1st Bn 321 Inf Regt	20 Offrs	658 Men
44th TELEADIO COO	4 Offrs	218 Men
5th Pl Specialists	1 Offr	50 Men
Various Artillery Instructors	2 Offrs	26 Men
55th Med Sec	5 Offrs	220 Men (.)

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HQ 21st Inf Regt and Mortar Coy 18 Offrs 322 Men
 Second Bn 21st Inf Regt 22 Offrs 584 Men
 Second and Third Specialists Pl 2 Offrs 100 Men
 HQ 22nd Inf Regt and Mortar Coy 23 Offrs 341 Men
 First Bn 22nd Inf Regt 19 Offrs 562 Men
 Fourth Pl Specialists 1 Offr 50 Men
 Second Bn 22nd Inf Regt 14 Offrs 392 Men
 143 Machine Gun Bn 19 Offrs 251 Men
 54th SUBSISTENCE Bco 2 Offrs 35 Men
 HQ 32d Inf Regt and Mortar Coy 19 Offrs 346 Men
 2nd Bn 32d Inf Regt 26 Offrs 657 Men
 1st Bn 32d Inf Regt 20 Offrs 698 Men
 44th TELEADIO Coy 4 Offrs 218 Men
 5th Pl Specialists 1 Offr 50 Men
 Nuclear Artillery Instructors 2 Offrs 26 Men
 55th Med Bco 5 Offrs 420 Men (.)

Total 246 Offrs 6152 other ranks, (.) Total tonnage 70 tons (.)

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME... 1100.3.....

FROM : MAIN AAI

TO : AGC SARDINIA for SIMONS

INFO : AFHQ, MILA, PES for MILA, LO

CHIC NO : SD 1379

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SECRET (*) ref by SD 1366 of 29 Aug NOT to AFHQ and AFHQ FX 89681 of 30 Aug

NOT TO MILA (*)

FIRST (*) total lift for Italian personnel now only 6000 approx (*)

SECOND (*) despatch 6000 personnel from CREMONA Div in Liberty ships (*)

troops should bring maximum housekeeping equipment (*)

THIRD (*) next Cruisers to be used to lift 4000 personnel of serials

202 305 and 307 (*)

FOURTH (*) after personnel in para third above ship balance of CREMONA Div (*)

FIFTH (*) Bal of CREMONA to be followed by bal serials 202 305 and 307 (*)

SIXTH (*) replacement guard battalions NOT rpt NOT to be shipped until after

completion CREMONA Div and serials 202 305 and 307 (*)

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SEVENTH (*) amended priority list 7 follows

(1)	:	(2)	:	PRIORITY
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- SECOND (*) despatch 6000 personnel from CREMONA Div in Liberty ships (*)
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- THIRD (*) next Cruisers to be used to lift 4000 personnel of serials
202 305 and 307 (*)
- FOURTH (*) after personnel in para third above ship balance of CREMONA Div (*)
- FIFTH (*) Bal of CREMONA to be followed by bal serials 202 305 and 307 (*)
- SIXTH (*) replacement guard battalions NOT rpt NOT to be shipped until after
completion CREMONA Div and serials 202 305 and 307 (*) **361~**
- SEVENTH (*) amended priority list 7 follows

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : MAIN AAI
TO : AGC SARDINIA for SIMONS
INFO : AFHQ MALIA PRSfor MALIA LO
ORIG NO : SD 1379

DATE/TIME... 31.11.00.8.....

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SECRET (*) ref IV SD 1366 of 29 Aug NOT to AFHQ and AFHQ FX 89381 of 30 Aug
NOT TO MALIA (*)

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Following Advanced Party of Cremona Division
left Sardinia 30 August 44 in "Scipione".

Unit	Offrs	E.M.
Div HQ		6
HQ 7 Rgt Art	2	14
21 Rgt Ftr	1	13
22 Rgt Ftr	2	16
321 Rgt Ftr	1	13
54 Sez Sanita		1
90 Cp Guastaforti		1
Total	6	64

Senior Officer in charge : Ten.Col.MARMIROLI.

Each sub-unit is represented.

31 Aug 44.

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Subject:- Shipping Priority List 7.

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

ROME.

SD/15/2.
2 Sept. 44.

To :- Minister for War.

Shipping priority list No. 7 has been amended as follows:

1. Delete serials
110 A
202
305
307
2. Substituted by new serials as per attached sheet.

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

Internal Distribution:

A/Q
G11
G111
DADL
Col. PIDSLEY.

Keeps in Remembrance Dr File 3609

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W.P.

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Priority List		Strength
<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Unit or Detachment.</u>	<u>Personnel.</u>
50	Main Party CROMONA Div.	6,000
55	Units for Labour +Duties	4,000
60	Balance CROMONA Div.	4,000
65	Units for Labour Duties.	4,000

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Appendice B all'atto N°2 al promemoria del 27/8/66

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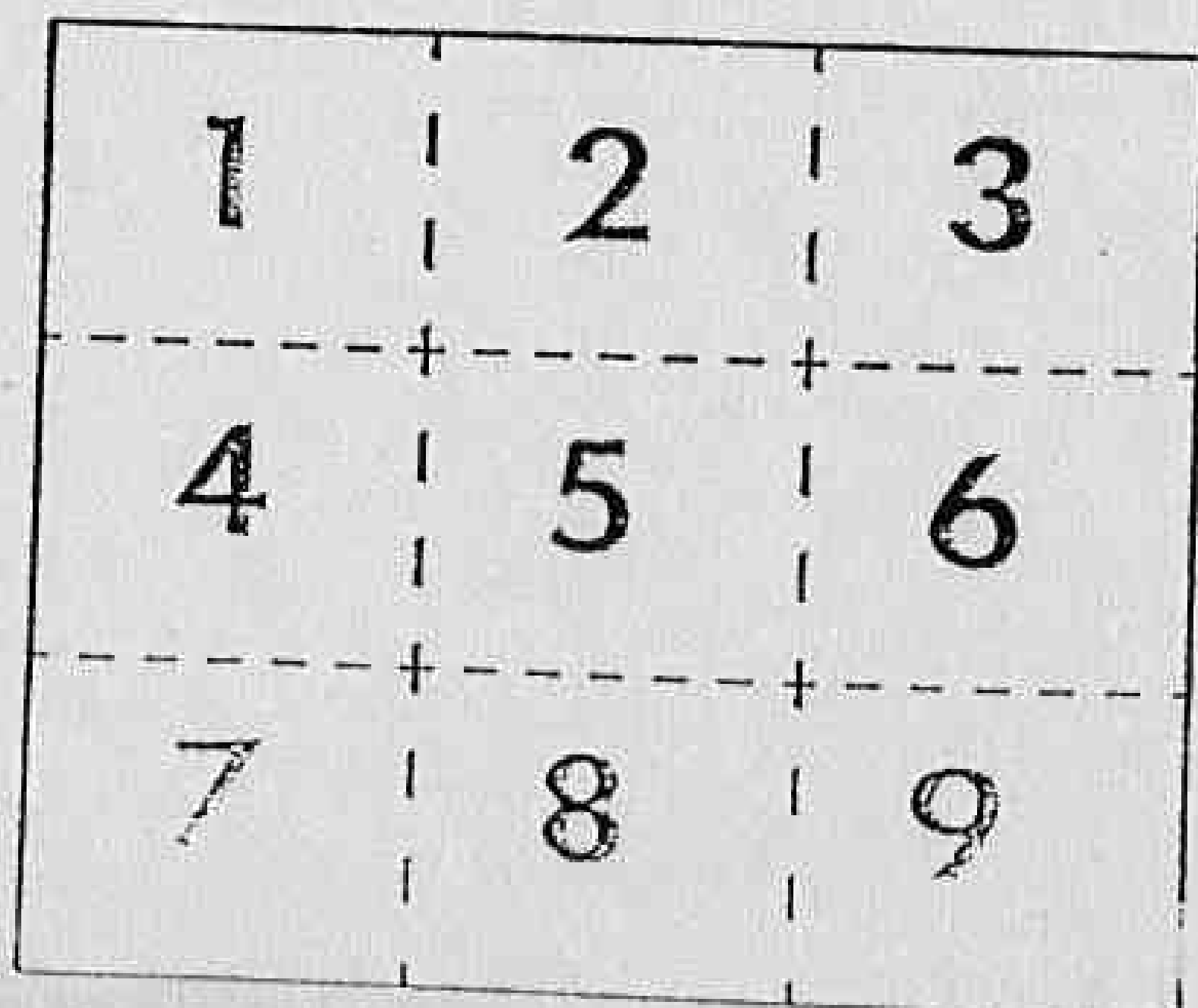
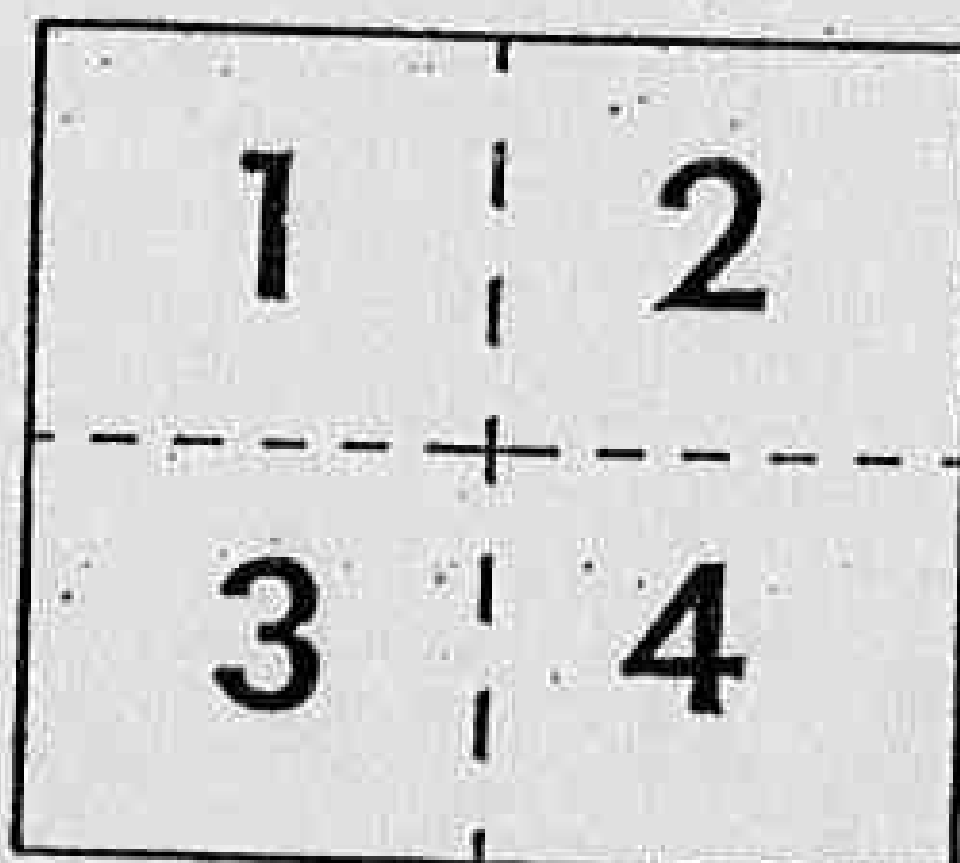
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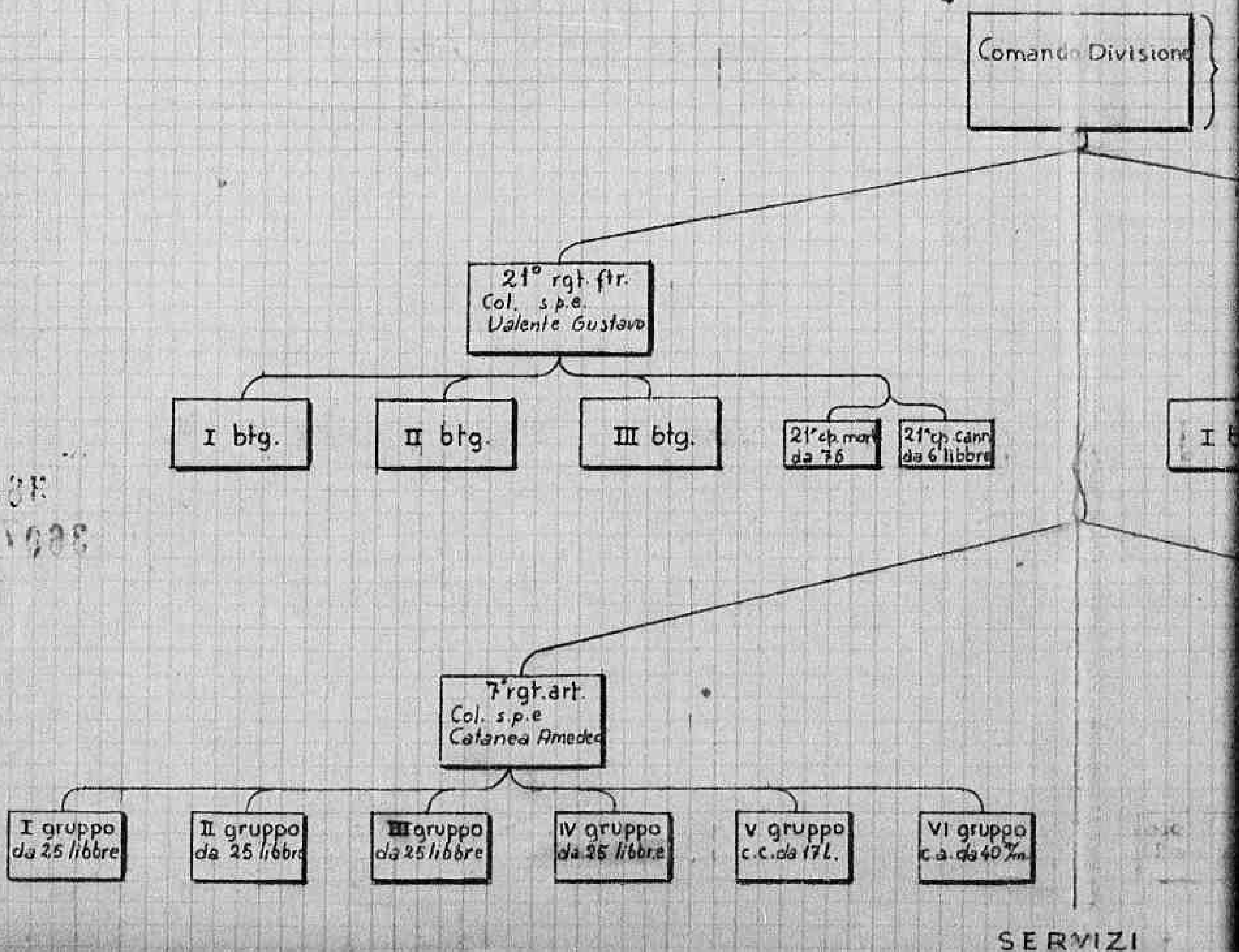
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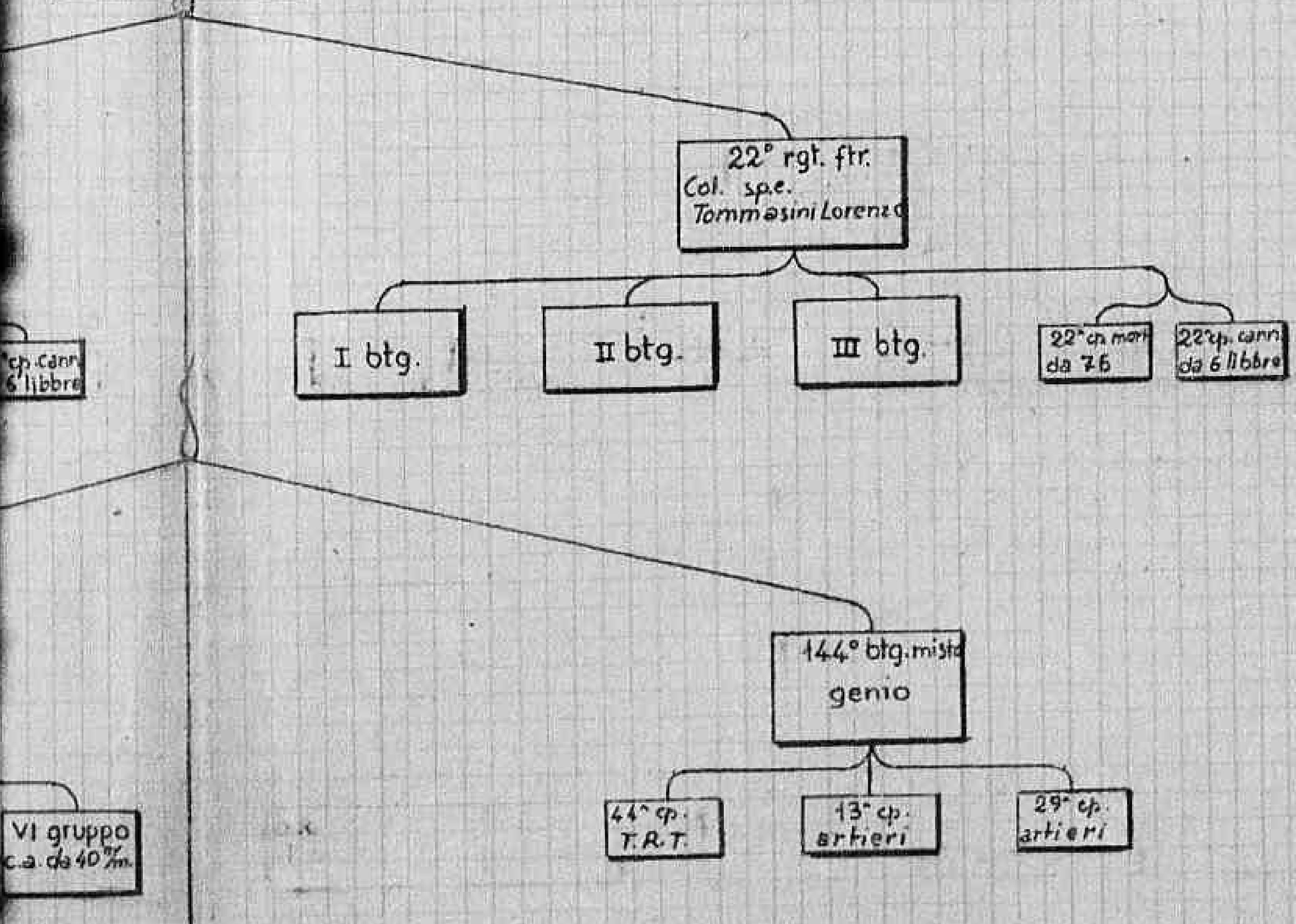


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ORGANIZZAZIONE DELLA DIVISIONE "CREMONA" (44)

Comando Divisione { Comandante : Gen. di brig. i.g.s. Primiero Clemente ✓
Capo di S.M. : Ten. Col. S.M. Gaudioso Nicola
Vice comandante : Gen. di brig. Zanussi Giacomo (ben visto)

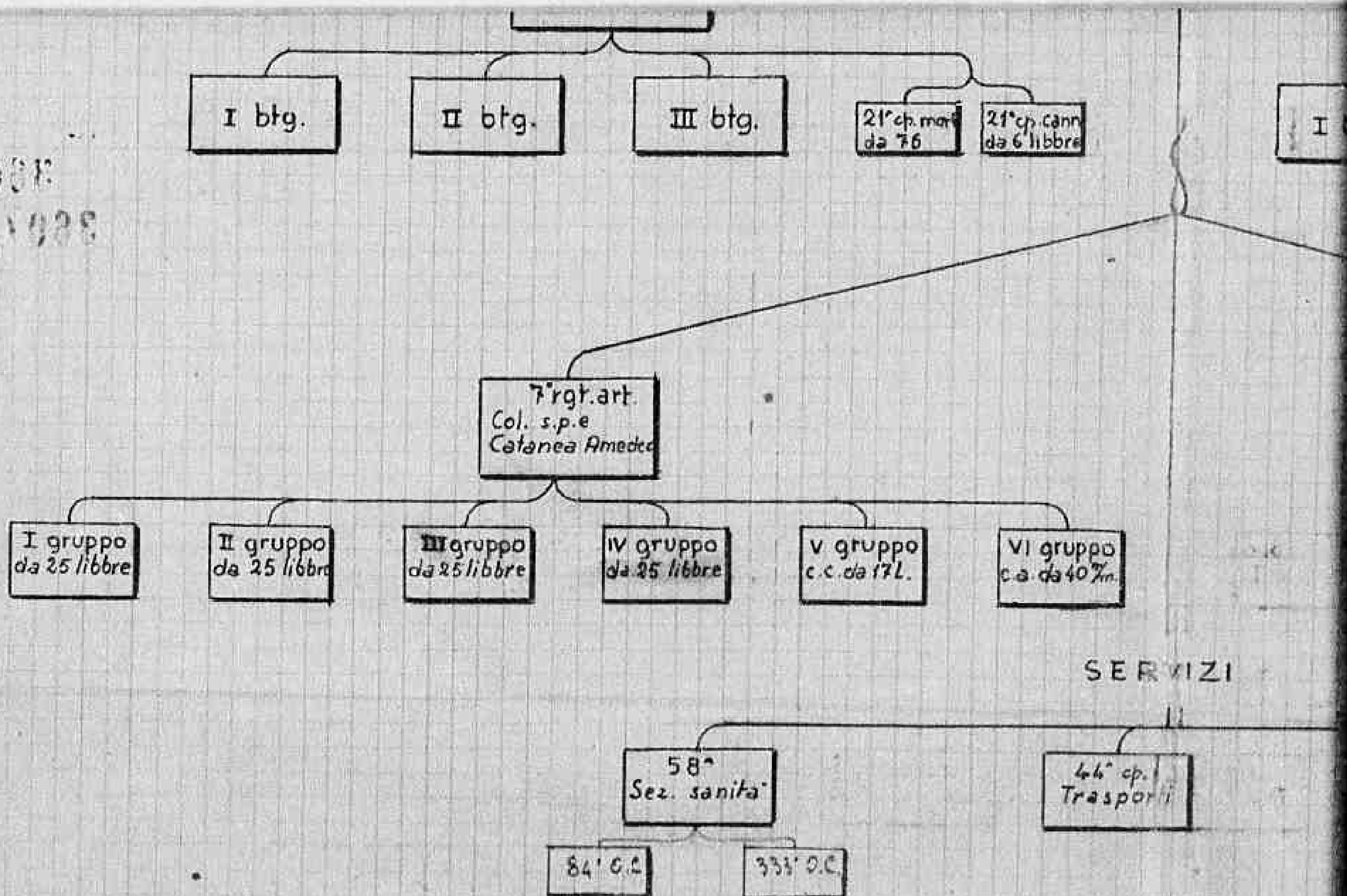


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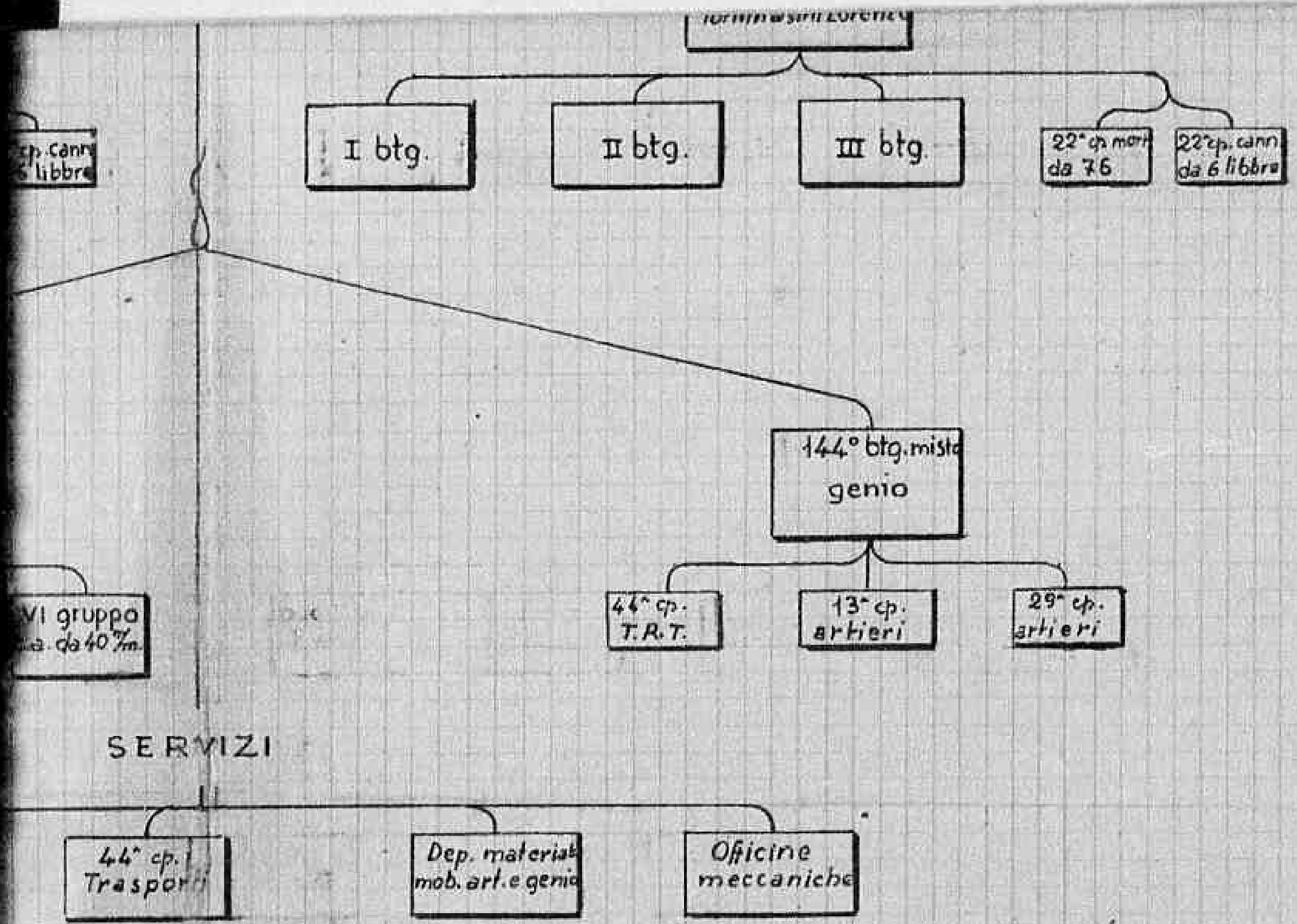
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MESSAGE FORM.

To AGO Sardinia for SIMONS (1)
rptd PMS for MMIA.
MMIA LO at DISTREB.
SMRE.

Date 50 10 30 8 6. H
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FROM MMIA.

SD 1352 (*) Secret (*) TWO LIBERTY ship lifts 10,000 each available approximately 2 and 7
september with possible additional lift for MT approx 7 September (*) AAI are signalling
you further details

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

Must be sent IN
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to interception.

Priority

IMMEDIATE

to (1)

Routine to
remainder

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Sgd _____

Internal M/Q
Col. Pidsley.

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Col Reddy
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MESSAGE FORM

Call | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmission Instructions | Register No.

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

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

5/6/44

TO (1) SMRE (2) MMIA LO CIL For Action

(3) MMIA LO DISTONE (4) FILPOI (5) DISTONE (6) Min of War

Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No. SD/1352 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Following Italian medical units will be placed forthwith under command 209 Division and await further orders (.) 332 and 866 Field Hospitals (.) Advance Depot Medical Stores (.) CIL will ensure tentage for 70 patients will remain with each repeat each Field Hospital (.) MMIA LO CIL ack

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED PRIOR TO ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS. IF FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE DEGREE OF PRIORITY MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

1, 2, 3, 5 IMPORTANT
4, 6, ROUTINE

Signed *G. Fox Capt* Signed

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SUBJECT: GERMANIA Division.

SECRET

Army Sub Commission, ISTA.
H.C., A.C.C.

ROME.

T.B./6/29/44 ✓

29 Aug 44

To: SECRET.

copy to: IR AAL.

Col. SIMONE AGO SARDINIA (for Maj. SHURTON.)

G.C.C., GERMANIA Division is to be informed that his Division is being brought to the Mainland of Italy almost at once so that it may be reorganised on a new basis, re-clothed, re-equipped and re-armed.

The re-equipment and re-training will take some time and it is intended that during this period leave up to 10 days will be given to officers and men who wish and are able to visit their homes or families in Italy.

It should be explained to all ranks before leaving SARDINIA that not more than 25% of each unit will be allowed on leave at once and that if any officer or man absents himself without permission or does not return punctually from leave it will prevent a corresponding number of others from going at all.

The conditions of leave and the places to which men may go will be subject to the regulations in force at the time.

tw. SP.
S.C.

W. P. Dudley
Colonel
Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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MESSAGE FORM

From META

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To AGC SAMBANA for SIMONE

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SP 1353 (.) SECRET (.) Ref your AGS Y 1234 of 29 Aug not to all (.) FIRST (.) General BRONNIE's orders stand (.) CHROMA DIV will rpt NOT bring guns (.) Small arms WILL rpt WILL accompany the Division (.) SECOND (.) ARREAR CHROMA DIV retain 44 Surgical Machine and 113 X-RAY Ambulance (.) THIRD (.) New Subject (.) Ensure the 2 Oftrs and 40 mechanics located now with FULLI Div HQ Rear Party are shipped with FULLI Motor Transport

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

Degree of priority

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W. H. H. H. H.

Prime 3602

Internal to, Col FIDLEY

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DAMES

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Ensure the 2 rifles and 40 machine located now with PHILIP DIV HQ, Rear Party are shipped with PHILIP Motor transport

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except () wireless liable to interception Degree of priority

Sgt _____ Sgt W. H. H. H. H. June 23 1962

Internal to: Col PINSLEY
A/C
DAMES

WPH

Notes on CREMONA DIVISION. 17 Aug. 1964.

(EGS)

1. G.O.C. met Gen di Bizio. PRIMERAT became ¹²⁰inspired ^{the} ^g

instructor. It was proposed to send one of the trained

as a course. The 1st Lt. in charge & many officers &

O.R.'s were unshaken.

& after O.R.'s were stated to have fought in Corsica, but
the remainder had no battle experience.

2. G.O.C. then went to Ruvo where a demonstration ~~of~~

attack by a Commando Company was given.

Gen. di Bizio. ZANUSSI ^{first} stated that all his men had

fired their weapons & secondly that he had no ammunition

to enable them to fire. It was eventually stated that

the artillery had not fired since February & the mortars

& small arms for the last two or three months, and that

the recruits to the division in these periods ~~had~~

therefore not done any firing.

3. The 1st Bn of the 22nd Lt. Regt were inspired in their

baracks at Ruvo.

Their dress was fair, but many of them were without
boots. They appeared to be quite a good lot of men &

were reasonably satisfied with the new ration scale.

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were reasonably satisfied with the new ration scale.
The officers did not apparently know how to open
the breach of their Anti Tank gun when the GOC asked
to see it.
4. GOC met the 4 Colonels of the Regts in the Division, COL. VALENTE,
TOMMASINI, MUSCO & CATANEA.
Col. Musco had recently been sent by SMAC to replace
the former Colonel & appeared to be the best person for the
Col. CATANEA (artillery) second. Col. VALENTE was a reported
the 2nd Regiment was not impressive.

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5. A note on the organization of the Division is annexed with a list of senior officers.
6. A memorandum from the Prime Minister with requests to the G.O.C. is also annexed.

NOTES on the "CHRONOM" DIVISION.

The "CHRONOM" Division is actually organised as follows :

- Division H.Q. and staff
- 24th, 22nd, 32nd Infantry Regiments
(1st Reg. consisting of 3 Batt. and a mortar Coy)
- 3 Artillery Regiments
(consisting of 4 Brigades : on the whole 10 Batteries)
- 311th Machine - Gun Battalion
- 90th Commandos Coy
- 44th Signals (Radio) Coy
- 54th Sanitary Section
- 54th Supplies Section
- 34th Royal Carabiniere Section

	officers 16	men 186	guns
	265	5270	24 63 47/32
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	28	275	
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	-	35	
	<u>417</u>	<u>7385</u>	<u>60</u>

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Divisione CREMONA.

Commando Div.Ftr.Cremona	Pattada	G.b.igs. PRIMIERI, Clemente.
Vice-Commandante	Pattada	G.b.spe. ZANUSSI, Giacomo.
Stato Maggiore	Pattada	T.C.spe. GAUDIOSO, Nicola.
Quartier Generale	Pattada	Cap.cpl. GRASSINI, Raffaello.
Reparto Commando	Pattada	
64° Ufficio Postale	Pattada	
94° Sezione mista CCR	Nuoro	
144° Drappello automobilistico	Pattada	
21° Rgt.Ftr. - commando	Bitti	Col.spe. VALENTE, Gustavo.
I btg.	Oruno	T.C.spe. BEZZI, Leopoldo.
II btg.	Bitti	T.C.spe. SCOTTI, Dino.
21 cp.mortai da 81	Bitti	Cap.cpl. BARTOLINI, Emilio.
22° Rgt.Ftr. - commando	Nuoro	Col.spe. TOMMASINI, Lorenzo.
I btg.	Nuoro	Magg.spe. LIGUORI, Salvatore.
II btg.	Oliena	Magg.cpl. SILVI, Carlo.
22 cp.mortai da 81	Oliena	Cap.cpl. PEDONE, Antonio.
321° Rgt.Ftr. - commando	Bono	Col.spe. ^{MUSC.} PRIMIERI , Fernando.
I btg.	Budduso	Magg.cpl. CAMAIORA, Emilio.
II btg.	Bolotana	T.C.spe. CARLINI, Giulio.
321 cp.mortai da 81	BONO	Cap.cpl. DELL'OMO, Renzo.
CXIII btg.mitra C.A.	Ozieri	Magg.ris. SIVIERI, Giulio.
7° Rgt.Art. - commando	Ozieri	Col.spe. CATANEA, Amedeo.
I gr. da 149/19	Cagliari	T.C.spe. MARCANTE, Gino.
II gr. da 100/17	Oschiri	Cap.spe. SERGIO, Eugenio.
III gr. da 75/27	Borchidda	Magg.spe. BENVENUTI, Enrico.
IV gr. da 75/18	Ozieri	Cap.igs. CECCHINI, Enrico.
344 btr. da 20 mm.	Pattada	Cap.cpl. LORENZETTI, Luigi.
90 cp. guastatori	Nuoro	Ten.spe. LAZZARATO, Luigi.
144 cp. mista t.rt.	Pattada	Cap.cpl. COLAI, Renato.
54 sezione di sanità	Ala dei Sardi	Cap.spe. GUARNERA, Mariano.
54 sezione di sussistenza	Budduso	Ten.cpl. VALSENNI, ³⁵⁹³ 3593
350 autosezione pesante	Pattada	Ten.cpl. BOLOGNINI, Giorgio.
84 ospedale da campo		
334 ospedale da campo		
54 reparto di sanità		



COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA
"CREMONA,"

IL COMANDANTE

"Memorandum"

1. Return to the "Cremona" Division of the 44^a engineering coy, which is now in the Portofino (Naples) -
2. The 44^a Signal (Radio) coy to leave with the "Cremona" Division -
3. Not to disband the 90^a "Cremona" coy
4. The 333^a Field-Hospital to be sent with the "Cremona"

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Division to the Continent:

- 5/ To decide if the majority of the "Greenman Division" should take with them to the Continent their transports, vehicles and the guns.

Gen. Chinnaij

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