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SUBJECT: Move of Foligno (I.S.P.L.)

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4 March 1945

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : MOVSEP 032045

TO : MOV ROME :: TN PMS WORK :: MOV POLIGNO ::

INFO : DISTRICTS :: 94 SUB AREA :: 100 :: 201 SUB AREA :: MOV BREZZO ::

MOVSEP :: 55 AREA :: 71 AREA :: 15 ARMY GP :: AFHQ GTR ECHLN :: 5 ARMY

211 SUB AREA :: BELIA ::

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CONFIDENTIAL. FOLLOWER OF FE LO VISIT CUNVOY 08/14/02 DEP PORTOFINO 040800

HALT DEP J 1445/1230 VIA ROME 1850 STAGE CANTONELLA DEP 050700 RESUME TOR DI

QUINTO HALT DEP 50 MINS VIA POLIGNO 1900 RESUME STAGE DEP 061300 HALT BREZZO

1720/1300 PACE PORTOFINO 2120 DOORINGO 2200 VIA DESTINATION WR 9298 2300 HRS.

VIA GALLIARO AUTOSTRADA NAPLES BY-PASS 78 AVERRA CAPUA

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W.A.A. Evans
 Capt. RA.
 W.A.A. Evans.
 Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject.- Move of C.d for Folgore

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The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM MOVMT 011100
TO MOV FOGGIA
INFO MOVMT 203 SUB AREA 210 SUB AREA 94 SUB AREA DISTHREE
MIA

MOV/H/799 RESTRICTED (.) FOLGORE GP 40 VEHs CONVOY 03/MA/92 DEP
PONTICAGRANO 040800 HALT AVELLINO 1000/1030 ETA J1202 1400 HRS
STAGE DEP 050700 HALT TERNOLI 1135/1235 ETA ROSSANO 1620 HRS
STAGE DEP 060700 VIA DESTINATION ASCOLI 1300 HRS (.) ROUTES 18
88 90 16 (.) REFUEL FOGGIA - ORTONA (.) 15 MIN 30 VEH (.)
LIFTING ORD BX 557 BOB (.) REPORT OWN UNIT (.) AGREED AFHQ.

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W.A.A. Evans
Capt. RA.
W.A.A. EVANS
Movements Liaison Officer

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ARMY FORM C 313 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Flighter No. 2/07

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For Action

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(*) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

AG/A2-46 Ref yr SS Ser of 27 Dec 0

Control gp. FOR GORE less amplifying units 0 Return at 1800 hrs 3 Fsk 0

V 483 and 8370 Fsk 0 Strength

W 493 and 8704 Fsk 0 Strength

X 8 and 156 Fsk 0 Strength

Y 6 and 94 Fsk 0 Strength

Z 1st 101 (more) 11 H 9 (more) 2220 (8 Fsk 0 Strength)

2nd 6 (more) 12 H 3 (more) 2330 (2 Fsk 0 Strength)

3rd 4 (more) 14 H 1 (more) 25 H 62 (more)

4th 16 (more) 16 H 1 (more) 27 H 62 (more)

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AQ/A2-46 Ref in SS 55 of 27 Dec 0

Contact gp. FOLGORE less auxiliary units @ Fitch

at 1800 hrs 3 FstC

V 483 and 8370 Fighting Strength

W 493 and 8704 Radar Strength

X 8 and 156

Y 6 and 94

Z 1st 101 11th 9 Div (Mech) 22nd 68 (Infantry)

2nd 6 (Infantry) 12th 3 (Cavalry) 23rd 62 (Infantry)

3rd 4 (Cavalry) 14th 1 (Cavalry) 25th 62 (Infantry)

5th 46 (Cavalry) 15th 2 (Cavalry) 27th 5 (Infantry) 4810

6th 8 (Cavalry) 17th 2 (Cavalry) 30th 3 (Infantry)

7th 5 (Cavalry) 18th 3 (Cavalry) 31st 26 (Infantry)

8th 10 (Cavalry) 20th 2 (Cavalry) X and Y total for

16th 3 (Cavalry) 21st 4 (Cavalry) previous 7 days

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Transmission Instructions

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Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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FROM (A) 53 BLU

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For Action

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TO

(P) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

AQ/A2-47 Aufm SS 501 of 27 Dec.

Auxiliary units to combat gp FEGERE is found at

1800 hrs 3 Fibo

Following auxiliary units included 317 section CAPRA BINIARI

131 Field Surgical unit 2 FIBS Bakery

V 3 and 105 Fighting strength

W 4 and 111 Battle strength

X nil and nil

Y 1 and 1

ZEFICIENCY of SPECIALISTS

Z 1st 3rd 31st 5th Medical Center

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Originator's No.

AO/A2-47 Ref in 55501 of 27 Dec

Auxiliary units to combat gp FERGRE is there at

V866 has 3 Fst Co

Following auxiliary units included 317 Sig Co CARABINIERI

131 Field Surgical unit 2 Fst Baking Co

V 3 and 105 Fighting Strength

W 4 and 111 Postal Strength

X nil and nil

Y 1 and 1

DEFICIENCY OF SPECIALISTS

Z 1st 3 Bnches 31st 5 Medical Companies

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X and Y total for previous 7 days

Strength figures for 114 mobile dental unit not yet available

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Subject :- Progress Report - 2

To :- Rear HQ 10 Corps

AFHQ - G-3 (Org 4)

Q(AE)

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IAI - C(SD)

Lang Forces Sub Cdr L.C. (SIA) —

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53 D.L.U.
Ref. 911 - 12
31 Jan 45

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1. Ref AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) of 10 Dec 44.

2. Progress Report as at 28 Jan 45 re state of equipment and apt hold by Combat Group FOLGME is attached as Appx 'A', Parts 1 - 4 hereto.

[Handwritten Signature]

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Appx 'A' to 53 HLU letter
Ref. Q11 - 12 of 31 Jan 45

Weekly Progress Report No 12 - State of Equipment held by Combat Group FOLGORE
as at 28 Jan 45.

1. (a) Controlled Stores - Combat Group FOLGORE

Serial	Item	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
(a)	(b)	Entitlement	Released	Drawn	Remarks
1	Brøn IMG	500	500	500	
2	Paint	170	126	126	
3	Pistols .38	426	426	426	
4	Rifles No 4	5389	5389	5385	
5	TMG	2543	2543	2543	
6	Pistols Signal	66	66	66	
7	Watches G3	413	413	413	
8	Compasses Prismatic	309	296	296	
9	Minecullars No 2	302	295	250	
10	Mine Detectors American	41	41	41	
11	Sights Dial No 9	40	40	40	
12	Detectors Art'y No 7	20	16	16	
13	Rangefinders No 2	6	6	6	
14	Rangefinders No 13 or No 2	2	1	1	
15	25 Pr Guns	32	32	32	
16	17 Pr Guns	8	8	8	
17	6 Pr Guns	36	36	36	
18	40 lb Guns	12	12	12	
19	Trailers Art'y No 27	64	64	64	
20	Mortars 3"	40	40	40	
21	Mortars 2"	70	70	70	
22	Minecullars No 5	19	-	-	
23	Rifles Snipers	24	-	-	

(b) Controlled Stores - Auxiliary Units attached to Combat Group CLATE

Serial	Item	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
(a)	(b)	Entitlement	Released	Drawn	Remarks
1	Pistols .38	40	40	40	
2	TMG	175	175	175	
3	Rifles No 4	212	212	212	
4	LMF Iron	1	1	1	
5	Watches G3	43	43	43	
6	Minecullars No 2	5	5	5	
7	Compasses Prismatic	9	9	9	
8	Detectors Mine	24	-	-	

2. Clothing. (Details of major deficiencies)

(a) Blankets	20,000
(b) Greatcoats (balance in process of collection)	8,000 (large sizes, 6 and over required)
(c) Boots	800

Notes. All figures given above take into account auxiliary units of this Group which

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4. (a) Tpt - Combat Group FOLGORI

Serial	Item	Entitlement	Released	Drawn	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
		369	200	186	+ Includes 6 lorries
1	M/Cs	106	50	50	5 ton GS issued in
2	Cars	18	18	18	lieu of lorries
3	Ambulances	291	291	291	special hy.
4	Trucks GS 15cwt	73	59	59	
5	Trucks Special 15cwt	23	23	23	§ Includes 20
6	Trucks Water 15cwt	334	340 +	340	lorries 5 ton 4x4
7	Lorries GS 3 ton	52	52 ø	51	stores issued in
8	Lorries Special Hy	74	73	73	lieu of 10 lorries
9	Trailers	13	13	13	6 ton stores.
10	Trailers Water	77	71	71	
11	Tractors	223	223	223	
12	Carriers	35	-	-	
13	Recon Vehicles				

(b) Tpt - Auxiliary Units attached to Combat Group FOLGORI

Serial	Item	Entitlement	Released	Drawn	Remarks
1	M/Cs	36	30	16	
2	Cars	9	15	15	
3	Ambulances	25	12	11	
4	Trucks 15cwt GS	13	13	12	
5	Trucks 15cwt Special	1	1	1	
6	Trucks 15cwt Water	1	2	2	
7	Trucks 30cwt	1	1	1	
8	Lorries 3 ton GS	26	25	24	4806
9	Lorries Hy Special	10	1	1	
10	Trailers Water	3	-	-	

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Subject :- Security.

To :- Main HQ 10 Corps

Copy to :- AMG Ascoli
Land Forces Sub Comd A.G. (MIA)

53 H.L.U.
Ref. GI/5 - 2
30 Jan 45.

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1. The attached is a translation of an article which appeared in local paper "Voce Adriatica" dated 27 Jan 45 and which shows a disgraceful lack of security. AMG Ascoli have been informed and have warned the editor of the paper.
2. I am of the opinion that the information was given to the paper by a member of this Combat Group and I have asked the Commander to investigate the matter.
3. The lack of any idea of security within this Group has, and is, being tackled by this HQ, but it is considered that more effective steps should be taken to censor articles in local papers.

C. H. Marks

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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WELCOME TO THE HISTORICAL 'FOLGORE'

Ascoli 26.

In the next few days the 'Folgore' Parachute Divisions will enter our city and it is easy to foresee that the population will welcome it triumphantly and enthusiastically.

Few units, indeed, equal to this one have aroused, and still do arouse, public sympathy and admiration.

The particular attraction it has for all Italians is due to the halo of glory that surrounds it. The epic story of its' legendary adventures that are now part of the patrimony of valour and of the blood of our army that will echo through the years to come as a shining example of faith and sacrifice.

From the fiery plains of Al Alamein to the ambushed hills of Plozzano the advances of this unit have served to surround it with an aureole of invincibility.

Who does not remember its' heroic deeds in Africa?, and the chivalrous recognition of its' bravery on the part of the English themselves.

The Allies indeed because of this wished that 'Folgore' remained as one complete unit after 8th Sept in Sardinia to again take its place in the fighting line.

The second phase of the war began last year 18th May on the Casino front at Monte Cavallo and it is no less splendid than the first.

The gap for Rome, that 'Folgore' opened at Cassino, through the meritorious conduct of S/Lt Bussolin, recommended for the Gold Medal in recognition of his bravery, the break through the German defences, the capture of Chieti by the brave parachutists who were awarded the Silver Medal. Ident Cavallero and the strong push past Chieti and Muccello and at last the terrible battle for the capture of Plozzano are superb, victorious episodes too recent even to be recalled to memory.

Ascoli is honoured by the presence of these brave soldiers, of the great General Morigi, a true example of the warriors of the past.

Their stay at Ascoli will be brief because the war continues at speed and 'Folgore' will soon enter into the battle.

In the fury of the battle on the open and dark valleys, those never to be forgotten fighters will turn perhaps with grateful thoughts to this old hospitable city which from then awaits new and splendid achievements for the liberation and rebirth of our country.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VP 1132

Date 25 Jan 45

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To : **No.3 District for 3rd Italian Combat Group**
(Through 52 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

May Head.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	
10	6010/10	Cars 2 str 4x2 1 1/2 Utility	Class 1

Remarks :

the trucks
of the 1st group

from 6 Vehicle Group, BANI

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. ANHQ 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.

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Ord (Br)
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M.A.I.A.

D.H. Lee
Brigadier, *3845*
Q (AE)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 1133

Date 25 Jan 45

To : **No. 5 District for 4th Italian Combat Group**
(Through 53 B.L.W.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	
10	6010/10	Cars 2 Str 4x2 Lt Utility	Class 1

Remarks :

from 6 Vehicle Group, BARI

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. AMHQ 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.

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Brigadier,
Q (AE)
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Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE VOUCHER

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Head
Ref. VR/ **1137**
Date **26 Jan. 45**

To : **No. 3 District for 4th Italian Combat Group (Through 53 BLU)**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles
1	6341/00	Lorry 3-ton Machy 1.30. Class I 9 Veh Pk, Capua

May Head.

Sir
for your information.
(Presumably 1 steel file on Spec file)
Shields 1/2 W.

Remarks :

by vehicle No. 2991

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.

JM Loan
Brigadier,
Q (AE)
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Q (AE) BRANCH

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22 Jan 45

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

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Ref. VR/1090

Date *21 Jan 45*

To: **No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group (Thro. 53 ILU).**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles			
6003/00	70	M/Cycles Solo.	350 c.c.	Cl. 1	9 Veh. Fl. , Capua
6003/10	80	M/Cycles Solo.	500 c.c.	Cl. 1	

Remarks :

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.

DT Lee 802
Brigadier,
Q (AE) Cdt.

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Q(AE) BRANCH
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427
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10 Jan 5

ORD(13)

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item, Directors Arty No. 7, 7A or 7B Qty 4

To whom released III District for POLISH Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 63/24

Remarks

Special Instructions From Base Stocks

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[Signature]
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

By III District
53 BMJ
EMIA ✓

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FTSEDCM 427

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ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item,	Qty
Circulars No. 2.	45

To whom released

 III District for REGONE (asst) Group

Release No. Q(AE)

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Remarks

Special Instructions

 From Base Stocks

[Handwritten Signature]

for Capt.,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

By III District
55 RB
MRA ✓

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item,	Compasses Prismatic	Qty	96
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To whom released	III District for POLBOMZ Combat Group
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Release No. Q(AE)	53/62
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Remarks

Special Instructions	From Base Stocks
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[Handwritten Signature]
 Capt.
 for
 Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

HQ III District
 50 HQ
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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VII/945

Date 5 Jan. 45

To : No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group (through 53 BLU)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
80	6003/10	M/Cycles Solo 500 cc	I	9 Veh Pk Gp
6	6036/00	Ambulances 4 str 4 x 2 Ry	I	6 Group
36	6050/00	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	I	9 Veh Pk
6	6095/00	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 w/T	I	"
1	6865/00	Trailer 7 1/2 ton Lt Recov	I	14 Veh Pk
3	6768/00	Trailers Water	I D	9 Veh Pk
1	6768/00	Trailer Water	I	6 Group

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will receive release instructions from Ord (Br).
- AMHQ 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.

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JH Leon
Brigadier, Capt.
Q (AE)

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Subject: Transport

To: AFHQ Q(AS) (2 Copies)
Large Forces Sub Commission in C. (AFHQ)
HQ 3 District Q(AS)

53 B.L.U.
Ref 96 - 82
4 Jan 45

*Spoke G 3 Graham
who are in touch with
a person in the
move. 10 Jan.*

1. On 28 Dec 44 the undementioned release notes were received regarding the tpt to units as shown below from vehicle parks under command of 6 Vehicle Park B.M.L.

AFHQ Q(AS) Release Note VR/794 of 22 Dec	185 Vehicles	Combat Group
3 District Release Note A 2005 of 24 Dec	2 Trailers	FOLGONE
AFHQ Q(AS) Release Note VE/815 of 25 Dec	2 Vehicles	522 RI Hospital
3 District Release Note A 2004 of 26 Dec	2 Vehicles	230 RI Hospital
AFHQ Q(AS) Release Note VE/812 of 25 Dec	1 i/c	2 RI Bakery
3 District Release Note A 2009 of 26 Dec	2 Vehicles	2 RI Ek Coy
AFHQ Q(AS) Release Note VE/814 of 25 Dec	24 Vehicles	
3 District Release Note L 2031 of 26 Dec		

2. On 29 Dec an advance party with a Br HQ i/c left for 6 Vehicle Park B.M.L. to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of the above tpt. It was presumed that as in the past this tpt would be collected from 412 Vehicle Park B.M.L. and therefore arrangements were made with Combat Group FOLGONE to send approximately 50 drivers per day to 412 Vehicle Park commencing 1 Jan 45 to arrive at the Park at 0700 hrs.

3. On the evening of 1 Jan the Italian drivers returned without tpt and on the evening of 2 Jan the HQ i/c advance party returned and reported that owing to pressure of work, weather conditions, and small staff, 412 Vehicle Park was unable to issue any vehicles to this Gp in the immediate future and the only issuing programme they could work to was as follows:

- 16 Jan Issue Gp with 50 vehicles
- 20 Jan Issue Gp with 50 vehicles
- 21 Jan Issue Gp with 50 vehicles
- 23 Jan Issue Gp with remainder of vehicles

This programme was agreed to by the Br HQ from this HQ.

4. Since 28 Dec the further following releases have been received
Release of the cars and the units as shown

- 1. HQ (AS) Release Note VR/813 of 23 Dec }
3 District Release Note L 2004 of 26 Dec }
- 2. HQ (AS) Release Note VR/812 of 23 Dec }
3 District Release Note L 2005 of 26 Dec }
- 3. HQ (AS) Release Note VR/816 of 26 Dec }
3 District Release Note L 2009 of 26 Dec }
- 4. HQ (AS) Release Note VR/814 of 26 Dec }
3 District Release Note L 2031 of 26 Dec }

2. On 29 Dec in advance party with a Br NOO i/c left for 6 Vehicle Park Base to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of the above tpt. It was presumed that as in the past this tpt would be collected from 412 Vehicle Park WOLGORE and therefore arrangements were made with Combat Group WOLGORE to send approximately 50 drivers per day to 412 Vehicle Park commencing 1 Jan 45 to arrive at the Park at 0700 hrs.

3. On the evening of 1 Jan the Italian drivers returned without tpt and on the evening of 2 Jan the NOO i/c advised party returned and reported that owing to pressure of work, weather conditions, and small staff, 412 Vehicle Park was unable to issue any vehicles to this Gp in the immediate future and the only issuing programme they could work to was as follows:

- 18 Jan Issue Gp with 50 vehicles
- 20 Jan Issue Gp with 50 vehicles
- 21 Jan Issue Gp with 50 vehicles
- 23 Jan Issue Gp with remainder of vehicles

This programme was agreed to by the Br NOO from this HQ.

4. Since 28 Dec the further following releases have been received releasing tpt from the case area for units as shown:

- 1. HQ (AS) Release Note VR/794 of 22 Dec }
3 District Release Note L 2004 of 24 Dec }

These i/c were originally to be issued from HQS Vehicle Pk but this was later cancelled.

- 2. HQ (AS) Release Note VR/850 of 26 Dec }
3 District Release Note L 2112 of 31 Dec }

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Combat Group 797
WOLGORE

232 RI
Hospital

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5. On 3 Jan DA&QMG visited both 3 District and AFHQ in connection with this matter and it was pointed out to him that no appreciable speed up of these issues could be made. It was therefore agreed to keep to the programme of tpt collection as by para 3 above.

6. In order to complete the ^{scabby end} "binning" of store lerries with ME spares it was agreed that Ord AFHQ would inform this HQ of the makes of the tpt released by the above release notes.

7.. As tpt released to 230 and 232 Fd Hospitals, both of which are scheduled to move very shortly, is included in the above releases, it is proposed to equip these two units with tpt already released to the Gp.

8. The difficulties re the issuing of this tpt is fully appreciated by this HQ, and it is only desired to point out that

- (1) the suggested programme re tpt as by AFHQ/6442/Q(AE) of 5 Dec will not be carried out,
- (2) by the non-issue of this tpt the date when this Gp will be ready to move must be further delayed.

C. H. V. ...

Lt. Col.
G. S.

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TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)
FROM: MMIA

DATE 6 JAN 45
SERIAL NO AQ BR-ITI/2

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AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

- 1. Reference ~~EXX~~ M of W letter N.25195/V of 3/1/45 with indent attached
- 2. Authority is granted to issue the ^{ITI} u/n items from ~~SECRET~~ SOURCES

TO COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE" (BR-ITI) (CAT 2)
Stationed at TELESE
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4 In compliance with para 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 1427
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ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item,	Cigarettes Frisante	100
		Qty

To whom released **III District for POLICE Italian Coast Gp**

Release No. Q(AE) **93/2**

Remarks

Special Instructions

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Capt.

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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ORD(E)

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorised.

Item.	Qty
Binoculars No. 2.	20

To whom released
III District for POLISH Italian Combat Gr

Release No. Q(AE)
80/60

Remarks

Special Instructions

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 for
 Brigadier, Q(AE).

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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 authorized.

Item. **Wartime 2 in** Qty **20**

To whom released **III District for WELDON Italian Garbat Co**

Release No. Q(AE) **33/56**

Remarks

Special Instructions

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for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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UNITED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 850

Date 28 Dec 44

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To : No.3 District (for 232 Pd Hosp)

(Through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

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Quantity	Description of Vehicles		
Serial			
6050/00	1	Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Class I	6 Group BARI
6200/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS " I	6 Group BARI

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. AFWQ 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.

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Q (AE) Cdt. 4799

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Q(AB) BRANCH.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

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ORD (H)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item	Mortars 3 in	Qty.	30
To whom released.	III District for No. 4 (FOICORH) Italian Combat Group		
Release No.	R(AB) 3/2		
Remarks.			
Special Instructions.			

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Capt.,
for,
Brigadier, Q(AB).

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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR 817

Date 13 Dec 44

To : 3 District for 317 Pro Sec.
(Through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class	Remarks
5010/10	1	Car 2-str Lt Utility	Class 1	From 9 V. Park G.S.U.
5050/00	3	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	-do-	
6200/00	1	Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS	-do-	

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Remarks : *[Signature]*

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will admit 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.

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Brigadier,
Q (AE) *6/12/44* 788

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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. 812

Date 23 Dec. 66.

To : H.Q. No. 3 District for 230 Field Hospital
(through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
6050/00	1	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 G3	I	6 Veh Group B&I
6200/00	1	Lorry 3-ton 4x4 G3	I	-do-

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Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE VOUCHER

Ref. VR/ 812

Date 23 Dec. 46.

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To : Q. G. No. 3, District for 230 Field Hospital
(through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
6050/00	1	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 G3	I	6 Veh Group 3041
6208/00	1	Lorry 3-ton 4x2 G3	I	-do-

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Remarks :

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Brigadier, *Capt. 4787*
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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. *VR/ 016*

Date *23 Dec 77*

To : *1st Sq. 3 District for 2 Fld Bakery*
(through 33 B.L.S.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

<u>Serial</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description of Vehicles</u>			
6003/00	1	Motor Cycle Solo	350cc	Class I	} 6 Group B.L.S.
6050/00	1	Truck 1 1/2-ton	4x4	" "	
6090/00	1	"	"	" "	

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Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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Brigadier,
Q (AE) **4786**

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Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VE/ 817

Date 13 Dec 40

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To: **3 District for 317 Pro Sec.**
(Through 53 B.L.U.)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class
6010/10	1	Car 2-seater Lt Utility	Class 1
6050/00	3	Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 GS	-do-
6200/00	1	Lorry 3-ton 4x2 GS	-do-

} From 9 V. Park
GARDA.

Remarks :



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Brigadier, *Left.*
Q (AE)
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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. Val/ *814*

Date *23 Dec 44*

To: **No.3 District for No.2 Fld Park Coy**
(through 53 BLD)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
12	6005/10	Motor cycles Solo 500 cc	Class 1	9 Veh Fr GARUA
5	6050/00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 CB	Class 1	
1	6090/00	Truck 15 cwt water	Class 1	6 Group BARI
3	6025/00	Cars 5 cwt 4x4	Class 1	
1	6067/00	Truck 15 cwt 4x2 heavy K 16	Class 1	
6	6201/00	Lorry 3 ton 4x4 G5	Class 1	
1	6184/10	Lorry 30 cwt 6x4 Winch	Class 1	9 Veh k GARUA
1	6363/40	Lorry 3 ton 6x4 heavy 24 EV RE	Class 1	
14	6200/00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 CB (for Bailey Bridges)	Class 1	6 Group BARI

Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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Brigadier, Capt.
Q (AE)
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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE VOUCHER

Ref. VI/ 813

Date 23 Dec 44

To : **3 District for 522 FIA Hospital**
through 53 BUU

release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Serial	Description of Vehicles
1	6030/00	Truck 15 Cwt 4x2 Class 1
1	6204/00	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 G8 Class 1

Remarks :

from 6 Vehicle Park BARI

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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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.

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Brigadier, *Capt.*
Q (AE)
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(AF) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

REF: 65/734

DATE: 22 Dec. 46

To: No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group.

Release of the under mentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class	Area
6003/10	70	Motorcycles Solo 500 cc	I	14 Veh. It. ROMS
6019/10	30	" "	"	2 Group Bari
6025/00	6	Cars Lt Utility 4 x 2	"	"
6035/30	21	Cars 5 seats 4 x 4	"	"
6054/00	1	Car 4 Seat 4 x 4	"	"
"	50	Trucks 15 seats 4 x 2 GS	"	"
"	15	" " " " " "	"	"
"	50	" " " " " "	"	"
"	20	" " " " " "	"	"
6094/00	5	" " " " " " Water	"	9 VP Capua
6095/00	4	" " " " " "	"	"
6104/00	3	Trucks 15-seats 4x2 Wireless	"	2 Group Bari
6204/00	5	" " " " " "	"	"
"	5	" " " " " "	"	9 V.P. Capua
"	4	" " " " " "	"	"
6204/00	6	" " " " " "	"	6 Group Bari
"	40	Trucks 3 Ton 4 x 2 GS	"	"
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"	8	" " " " " "	"	"
"	4	" " " " " "	"	"
6470/00	2	(In lieu of 3 ton Giffies)	"	"
6470/00	1	Trucks 3 ton 4 x 2 1/3	"	"
6184/10	5	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 1/2	"	"
"	1	Lorry 30 seats 6 x 4 1/2	"	9 VP Capua
6200/00	1	(In lieu of 3 ton 4 x 4 1/2)	"	"
"	1	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	"	6 Group Bari
6232/00	3	(In lieu of 3 ton Giffies)	"	"
6076/00	58	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	"	"
"	2	(In lieu of 3 ton T.M.)	"	"
"	2	Trucks 3 ton 2 1/2	"	"
"	2	Trucks 4 x 4 2 1/2	"	"
"	2	Trucks Recovery 3000lb	"	9 VP Capua
"	2	(In lieu of trucks 2 1/2)	"	"

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ALLIED FORMS HEADQUARTERS
(AM) BRANCH

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

REP: 12/794

DATE: 22 Dec. 64

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To: No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group.

Release of the under mentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
6003/10	70	Motorcycles Solo 500 CC	I	14 Veh Ek ROMB
6019/10	50	"	"	2 Group Bari
6025/00	6	Cars 14 Utility 4 x 2	"	"
6015/30	21	Cars 5 conv 4 x 4	"	"
6054/00	1	Car 4 300 4 x 4	"	"
"	50	Trucks 15 conv 4 x 2 G3	"	"
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"	50	"	I	9 VP Capua
"	20	"	ID	"
6090/00	5	" " " Water	I	2 Group Bari
"	4	"	ID	"
6095/00	3	Trucks 15-conv 4x2 Mercedes	ID	9 V.P. Capua
"	5	"	I	"
"	5	"	ID	"
6104/00	4	"	I	6 Group Bari
"	4	"	ID	"
6204/00	40	Trucks 3 Ton 4 x 2 G3	I	"
"	40	"	ID	9 VP Capua
"	8	"	I	"
"	4	"	ID	6 Group Bari
"	2	"	I	"
6470/00	2	(In lieu of 3 ton Office)	I	"
6470/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 7/8	ID	"
6184/10	5	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 11 inch	I	"
"	1	Lorry 30 conv 6 x 4 11 inch	I	9 VP Capua
6400/00	1	(In lieu of 3 ton 4 x 4 11 inch)	I	"
"	1	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 G3	I	6 Group Bari
"	1	(In lieu of 3 ton 31/2 ton office)	I	"
6032/00	3	Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 G3	I	"
6076/00	36	(In lieu of 3 ton 2 1/2 ton)	I	"
"	2	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	I	"
"	2	Tractors 4 x 4 PA	I	"
"	2	Tractors Recovery 3000011	I	9 VP Capua
"	2	(In lieu of tractors 5/3)	I	"
"	2	Trucks 15 conv 4 x 2	I	"

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6019/00	2	Group Bari			
6023/00	"	"			
6035/00	"	"			
6050/00	"	"			
6090/00	1	9 VP Dugua			
6095/00	2	Group Bari			
6100/00	9	V.P. Dugua			
6200/00	6	Group Bari			
6470/00	2	"			
6480/00	1	"			
6180/00	5	9 VP Dugua			
6200/00	1	6 Group Bari			
6222/00	3	"			
6670/00	36	"			
6700/00	2	"			
6722/00	2	"			
6850/00	4	"			
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Caro 5 carb 4 x 4				
Car 4 car 4 x 4				
Trucks 15 carb 4 x 2 GS				
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(In lieu of 3 ton 6x100)				
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 8/5				
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 8/100				
Lorry 30 carb 6 x 4 8/100				
(In lieu of 3 ton 4 x 4 8/100)				
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS				
(In lieu of 3 ton 8/100)				
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS				
(In lieu of 3 ton 8/100)				
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 8/100				
Tractors 4 x 4 8/100				
Tractors Recovery Small				
(In lieu of tractors 8/100)				
Trailers 15 carb 8/100				
" " " " " "				
" " 20 carb 2 mild GS				
Subtractors 4 x 2 Heavy				

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will issue release instructions from Gnd (Pr).
2. All (Pr) releases and Gnd (Pr) releases will both be posted to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Registry have been instructed that releases will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

S. H. Lee Capt.
Brigadier, (Pr)

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SUBJECT:- CENSUS OF VEHICLES AND CONTROLLED STORES AT 31 DECEMBER 1944.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL. No. FREEDON 274.

AHQ/6510/1/9(AE).

21 Dec 44.

To.....

Further to our a/c number dated 17 Dec 1944.

1. War Office has signalled that it is essential that the consolidations based on Units' Census returns as at 31 Dec reach them by 21 Jan 45. This is an unexpected advancement of the planned date by 10 days.

2. This can be achieved only if units' returns reach Q(AE)4, S.H.Q., M.E.F. by 5 Jan 45. To this end you will instruct:-

- (a) Units to complete their return as soon as they receive the forms, to show the actual date of completion instead of 31 Dec 44, and to despatch the forms in the usual way to the Ordnance Officer as earned.
- (b) Ordnance Officers to despatch daily batches of forms and that on no acc unit are forms to be held up pending receipt of others. (A further supply of gummed labels is enclosed to assist).

3. Blank forms for distribution were despatched from this A.Q. on 16 Dec. A.P.O. registered number of the parcels sent to you is.....

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R.G. LEWIS, Major-General, G-4 (br).

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- D.D.C.S., I of C Depots.
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 QTY 40 (.) KIT COMPLETE (.) FOR COLLECTION FROM PORTICI

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTES

Ref. VR/716

Date /3 Dec 44

To: No.3 District for No.4 Italian Combat Group

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Serial	Qty	Description of Vehicles	From
6025/00	8	Cars 5 crt 4x4	Class 1
6050/00	30	Trucks 15 crt 4x2 GS	Class 1
6090/00	6	Trucks 15 crt 4x2 Water	Class 1D
6095/00	5	Trucks 15 crt 4x2 W/T	Class 1
6095/00	2	Trucks 15 crt 4x2 W/T	Class 1D
6060/00	3	Trucks 15 crt 4x2 Compressor Class 1	Class 1
6200/00	30	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D
6200/00	50	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1
6250/10	4	Lorry 3 ton 4x4 B/Dorm	Class 1
6470/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 W/shape	Class 1
6412/00	20	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 stores (in lieu 10 Lorries 5 ton stores)	Class 1
6665/00	7	Tractors 4x4 A/Tank	Class 1
6670/00	10	Tractors 4x4 FA	Class 1
760/00	2	Trailers 15 crt Water	Class 1D
750/00	1	Trailer 10 crt GS	Class 1
665/00	1	Trailer 7 1/2 ton Lt Recovery	Class 1D

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from (rd.Br).
2. AFHQ, (AFS) release and (rd.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 number are presented.

D.H. For (Capt)
Brigadier, (AF)

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6200/00	30	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	Vehicle Park, CAPUA
6200/00	50	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	Vehicle Park, CAPUA
6230/10	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x4 B/Down	Class 1	Vehicle Park, CAPUA
6470/00	1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 w/shops	Class 1	Vehicle Park, CAPUA
6472/00	20	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 stores	Class 1	Vehicle Gty, BARI
		(in lieu 10 Lorries 6 ton stores)		Vehicle Gty, BARI
6665/00	7	Tractors 4x4 4/Trnk	Class 1	Vehicle Gty, BARI
6670/00	10	Tractors 4x4 PA	Class 1	Vehicle Park, CAPUA
760/00	2	Trailers 15 cwt water	Class 1D	Vehicle Gty, BARI
770/00	1	Trailer 10 cwt G1	Class 1	Vehicle Gty, BARI
685/00	1	Trailer 7 1/2 ton Lt Recovery	Class 1D	Vehicle Gty, BARI

CLASS DESTINATIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord(Dr).
2. AFHQ, (AS) release and Ord(Dr) 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 notes are presented.

DH Lee (Capt.)

Brigadier, (AS)

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Ord(Dr)
53 B.L.U.
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In Lieu of B A A G Message Form

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From (A) MAIN GUN PARK 557 B O D
To (for action) D A D O B 53 B L U
To (for information) D O B A P I E Q I D 2
REAR GUN PARK 557 B O D
3 SUB DEPOT
HQ 3 DISTRICT
M M I A
FIELD ARMY SNG A P I G
HQ 557 B O D

date-time of origin
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Ref. No. AXP/29

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE QND UNIT A P I E Q I D 2/1144 TO ALL RELEVANT HIGH ADDRESSEES .
QTY THIRTY TWO (32) X 25 PDRS FOR NO 4 POLIGONE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
WD ARMY UNIT NOW READY FOR COLLECTION FROM MAIN GUN PARK (RGRB) .
IF POSSIBLE ADVISE QTY'S BEING COLLECTED ON SPECIFIC DATES .

MAIN GUN PARK
PRIORITY

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FOR CDD 557 B O D

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In Lieu of R.A.A. Message Form

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IMPORTANT

From (A) MAIN GUN PARK 557 B O D
To (for action) D A D O B 53 B L U
To (for information) D O B A P R I G O D 2

date-time of origin
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REAR GUN PARK 557 B O D
3 SUB DEPOT
HQ 3 DISTRICT
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FIELD ARMY 300 AFRI
HQ 557 B O D

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Ref. No. 411/29

RESTRICTED

REAR GUN PARK 557 B O D 02/11/41 TO ALL REAR GUN BATTAL ADDRESSEES .
QTY THIRTY TWO (32) X 25 POUNDS FOR NO 4 FUSION ITALIAN CONTACT GROUP
NO ARMY UNIT NOW READY FOR COLLECTION FROM MAIN GUN PARK (REAR) .
IF POSSIBLE ADVISE QTY BEING COLLECTED ON SPECIFIC DATES .

MAIN GUN PARK
PRIORITY

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MAJI V LAEE NR 18 QVR1
 FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 051900
 TO OO REAR GUN PARK 557 BOD --- OO MAIN GUN PARK 557 BOD
 INFO OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD --- HQ 3 DISTRICT --- M.N.I.A. ✓
 53 B.L.U. --- FIELD ARTY SEC AFHQ

QX BT

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OS2/1141 (.) FIRST FOR REAR GUN PARK (.) OUR OS1106 OF 2
 CANCEL ISSUE OF 32 X 25 PDRS FOR NO.4. FOLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP FD
 ARTY REGT (.) SECOND FOR MAIN GUN PARK ISSUE 32 X 25 PDRS Q(AE)
 1/7 R/N A/1/31 TO A/M UNIT (.) 53 B.L.U. ANCILLARIES ISSUED FROM
 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD AS PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED

BT

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MEUP V LAEE NR 45 QVR 2
 FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 041430

TO OO REAR GUN PARK 557 BOD !!! OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
 INFO HQ 3 DISTRICT !!! 53 BLU !!! MNIA !!!
 FIELD ARTY SECTION AFHQ

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CS2/1106 (.) FIRST FOR GUN PARK (.) ISSUE TO 3 DISTRICT FOR NO 4
 (FOLGORE) ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP (.) READ (A) EQUIPMENT (B) QTY
 (C) Q(AE) AUTHY (D) RELEASE NUMBER (E) FOR (.)

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
25 PDR	32	1/17	A/1/31	FIELD ARTY REGT FOLGORE
17 PDR	8	7/10	A/9/22	A/T BTY - FOLGORE
6 PDR	36	6/10	A/8/25	INFANTRY REGTS - FOLGORE
48 MM DOFCRS	12	8/6	A/13/24	AA BTY - FOLGORE
TRAILERS ARTY NO 27	64	12/E 7	A/18/16	FIELD ARTY REGT - FOLGORE

SECOND FOR 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD (.) ISSUE ASSOCIATED STORES AS FOLLOWS
 (.) FOR 25 PDRS QTY 32 FULL SCALE BATTERY AND REGIMENTAL STORES EXCEPT
 CONTROLLED ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE RELEASED OUR THIRD BELOW (.)
 FOR REMAINING EQUIPMENTS BATTERY STORES EXCEPT CONTROLLED ITEMS
 OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED OUR THIRD BELOW (.)
 THIRD (.) ISSUE FOLLOWING CONTROLLED STORES (.) READ (A) ITEM
 (B) QTY (C) R/N (D) FOR (.)

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(C.) FOR 25 PERS QTY 32 FULL SCALE BATTERY AND REGIMENTAL STORES EXCEPT CONTROLLED ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE RELEASED OUR THIRD BELOW (C.) FOR REMAINING EQUIPMENTS BATTERY STORES EXCEPT CONTROLLED ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED OUR THIRD BELOW (C.)

THIRD (C.) ISSUE FOLLOWING CONTROLLED STORES (C.) READ (A) ITEM (B) QTY (C) R/N (D) FOR (C.)

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
TELESCOPES SIGHTING NO 22C	32	A/62/29	FIELD ARTY REGT FOLGORE
WATCHES STOP 1/5 SEC	4	ES/308/17	- DO -
CLINOS FIELD MK VI	8	A/52/37	- DO -
CLINGS SIGHT MK IV	40	A/51/52	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 13	6	A/158/23	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 39 MK I	12	A/169/10	1 DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 21	8	A/163/29	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 27 MK II	20	A/165/62	- DO -
TELESCOPES SIGNALLING	8	A/77/19	- DO -
TELESCOPES SIGHTI G NO 51	12	A/76/16	A/TK BTY FOLGORE
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 13	2	A/158/22	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 27 MK II	1	A/165/61	- DO -
TELESCOPES SIGHTING NO 22D	36	A/63/18	INFANTRY REGTS - FOLGORE
WATCHES STOP 1/10 SEC	3	ES/309/30	A/A BATTERY - FOLGORE

FOURTH (C.) OUR CS2/1055 OF 1 ISSUED DIRECTORS NO 7C ON R/N A/46/36 (C.) WHEN PREPARING FOR COLLECTION ENSURE STORES [REDACTED] ARE MARKED FOR

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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
TELESCOPES SIGHTING NO 22C	32	A/62/29	FIELD ARTY REGT FOLGORE
WATCHES STOP 1/5 SEC	4	ES/308/17	- DC -
CLINOS FIELD MK VI	8	A/52/37	- DO -
CLINOS SIGHT MK IV	40	A/51/52	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 13	6	A/158/23	- DC -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 39 MK I	12	A/169/10	1 DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 21	8	A/163/29	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 27 MK II	20	A/165/62	- DO -
TELESCOPES SIGNALLING	8	A/77/19	- DO -
TELESCOPES SIGHTI G NO 51	12	A/76/16	A/TK BTY FOLGORE
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 13	2	A/158/22	- DO -
STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 27 MK II	1	A/165/61	- DO -
TELESCOPES SIGHTING NO 22D	36	A/63/18	INFANTRY REGTS - FOLGORE
WATCHES STOP 1/10 SEC	3	ES/309/30	A/A BATTERY - FOLGORE
FOURTH (.) CUR CS2/1055 OF 1 ISSUED DIRECTORS NO 7C ON R/N A/46/36 (.)			
WHEN PREPARING FOR COLLECTION ENSURE STORES [REDACTED] ARE MARKED FOR			
UNITS AS INDICATED TO [REDACTED] ENABLE UNIT TO LOAD ON SEPARATE LORRIES (.)			
FIFTH FOR 53 BLU (.) FOLLOWING N/A DUES OUT MAINTAINED TELESCOPES			
STEREOSCOPIC QTY 1 (.) PERISCOPES 14A QTY 4 (.) RULES SLIDE 10-IN			
RA QTY 12 (.) STANDS INSTRUMENT NO 18 QTY ONE			

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Q(AS) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTES REF. VV/644

Date... 5... Dec 44

To :- No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group

Release of the under-mentioned vehicles is authorized.

Serial	Qty	Description of Vehicles	Class	From
6025/00	10	Cars 5 cwt 4x4	1	9 VP CAPUA
6036/00	4	Ambulances 4 str (Invy) 4x2	1	2 Gp BARI
6050/00	5	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	1D	9 VP CAPUA
6050/00	15	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	1	9 VP CAPUA
6050/00	30	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	1D	2 Gp BARI
6090/00	3	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water	1	2 Gp BARI
6070/00	7	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Office	1	2 Gp BARI
6100/00	10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 FFW	1	2 Gp BARI
6060/00	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor	1	2 Gp BARI
6067/00	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Macky 'K' Light	1	9 VB CAPUA
6069/00	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Macky 'S' KH Gen	1	9 VP CAPUA
6200/00	40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	1	2 Gp BARI
6200/00	40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	1D	2 Gp BARI
6232/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 B/Down	1	2 Gp BARI
6470/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 W/Shops RASC	1	9 VP CAPUA
6201/00	20	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 GS	1D	2 Gp BARI
6201/00	18	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 GS	1	9 VP CAPUA
6285/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Manufacturer	1	9 VP CAPUA
6442/00	12	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Stores	1	9 VP CAPUA
6315	1	Lorries 3 ton Macky Type 'A'	1	9 VP CAPUA
6344	1	Lorries 3 ton Macky Type 'I 30'	1	2 Gp BARI
6665/00	2	Tractors 4/Trak 4x4	1	9 VP CAPUA
6685/00	12	Tractors 4x4 L, A, A	1	9 VP CAPUA
6768/00	3	Trailers 15 cwt Water	1D	9 VP CAPUA
6758/00	1	Trailers 15 cwt Macky Gas Holding	1	2 Gp BARI
6865/00	1	Trailers 7 1/2 ton 6 wheel 1st Recovery	1	9 VP BARI

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord(Br).
2. After Q(AS) release and Ord(Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The vehicle 097 has been ~~1/57~~ reported that

6050/00	30	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	1D	2 Op BARI
6090/00	3	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water	1	2 Op BARI
6070/00	7	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Offices	1	2 Op BARI
6100/00	10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 FFV	1	2 Op BARI
6060/00	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor	1	2 Op BARI
6067/00	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Machy 'K' Light	1	9 VP CAPUA
6069/00	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Machy 9 KH Gen	1	9 VP CAPUA
6200/00	40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	1	2 Op BARI
6200/00	40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	1D	2 Op BARI
6252/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 B/Down	1	2 Op BARI
6470/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 W/Shops R-SC	1	9 VP CAPUA
6201/00	20	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 GS	1D	2 Op BARI
6201/00	18	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 GS	1	9 VP CAPUA
6285/00	1	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Disinfecter	1	9 VP CA UA
6442/00	12	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Stores	1	9 VP CAPUA
6345	1	Lorries 3 ton Machy Type 'A'	1	9 VP CAPUA
6344	1	Lorries 3 ton Machy Type 'Y 30'	1	2 Op BARI
6665/00	2	Tractors A/Tank 4x4	1	9 VP CAPUA
6685/00	12	Tractors 4x4 L A A	1	9 VP CAPUA
6768/00	3	Trailers 15 cwt Water	1D	2 Op BARI
6758/00	1	Trailers 15 cwt Machy Gas Welding	1	2 Op BARI
6866/00	1	Trailers 7 1/2 ton 6 whld 4x4 Recovery	1	9 VP BARI

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 may have been ~~issued~~ that release will not be made unless both copies of release vouchers are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :- Ord (Br)
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53 B.L.U.
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DTMolon Capt.
Brigadier, Q(AE)

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Q(AE) BRANCH.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

4 Dec 44.

ORD (E)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item **3 in Mortars** Qty. **10**

To whom released. **III District for No. 4 (VULGORE), Italian Combat Group**

Release No. **Q(AE) 39/15**

Remarks.

Special Instructions.

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Major,
for,
Brigadier, Q(AE). **4773**

Copy to:-

HQ III District
MIA ✓
53 HLU

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Q(AE) BRANCH.
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 127.
.....4... Dec 44.

GHD (P)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item **2 in Mortars** Qty. **50**

To whom released. **III District for No. 4 (FREEDOM) Italian Combat Group**

Release No. **Q(AE) 38/29**

Remarks.

Special Instructions.

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Major,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to:-

HQ III District
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Q(AE) BRANCH.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427.

..... 4. Dec 1945

ORD (E)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undementioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item	Binoculars No. 2.	Qty.	100
To whom released.	III District for No. 4 (POLONS) Italian Combat Group		
Release No.	Q(AE)	80/45	
Remarks.			
Special Instructions.			

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Major,
Cor,
Brigadier, Q(AE)
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HQ III District
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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDON 427

... 29 Nov ... 1944

ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.	25 pdr guns (complete with accessories)	Qty	32
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To which released III District for No. 4 (POLGORE) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 1/17

Remarks

Special Instructions

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Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
53 ILU
MMA ✓
Pd Arty Sec

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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OID(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. 17 pdr guns Qty 8
(complete with accessories)

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOLCORE) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 7/10

Remarks

Special Instructions

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Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MIA ✓
Pd Arty Sec

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427
..... Nov. 1944

ORL(3)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. 6 pdr guns Qty 36
(complete with accessories)

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOLGORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 6/10

Remarks

Special Instructions

for Major,
brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MMIA ✓
Fd Arty Sec

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEMAN 427

27 Nov 1944

ORD(H)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.	40 mm Bofors (complete with accessories)	Qty	12
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To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOLCORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 8/6

Remarks

Special Instructions

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MIA ✓
Fd Arty Sec

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

..... 24 Nov. 1944

ORL(5)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Bren LMG Qty 410

To which released III District for No. 4 (FOLCORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 31/42

Remarks 60 held for training may now be taken on charge as part of 1098.
30 already released under Release No. 31/40.

Special Instructions

Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MIA ✓
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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. JTFELCOM 427

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ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. P.I.A.T. Qty 114

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOLGORE) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 41/20.

Remarks 12 already released under Release No. 41/17.

Special Instructions

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MMIA ✓

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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 unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Pistols .38 Qty 426

To whom released III District for No. 4 (POLCORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 21/39

Remarks

Special Instructions

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Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
53 HQ
MMIA ✓

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. TIERCOM 427

..... 29 Nov 1944

ORD(3)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Rifles No. 4 Qty 889

To whom released III District for No. 4 (BOLSONE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 25/30

Remarks 4500 held for training may now be taken on charge as part of 1098.

Special Instructions

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Major,

for
brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
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MHA ✓
D.M.T.

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. T.S.M.Gs Qty 43

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOLGORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 30/51

Remarks 2500 held for training may now be taken on charge as part of 1098.

Special Instructions

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Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MIA ✓
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Trailers Arty No. 27 Qty 64

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOIGORE) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 12/7

Remarks

Special Instructions

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
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MHA ✓

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C(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDON 427

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. **Pistols Signal** Qty **66**

To whom released **III District for No. 4 (POLONE) Italian Combat Group**

Release No. **C(AE) 22/25**

Remarks

Special Instructions

for **Major,**
Brigadier, C(AE).

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H.Q. III District
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MMA ✓

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Watches G.S. Qty 413

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOI/FOIE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 55/67

Remarks

Special Instructions

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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H.Q. III District
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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Compasses Prismatic Qty 100

To whom released III District for No. 4 (FOLOGORIS) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 53/32.

Remarks

Special Instructions

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Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 MLU
MBIA ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

..... 1977..... 1974

ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Binoculars No. 2. Qty 100.

To whom released III District for No. 4 (POLCORE) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 80/38

Remarks

Special Instructions

Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 HQU
MBUA ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

..... 21 Nov. 1944

ORL(D)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Mine Detectors American.

Qty 41

To whom released III District for No. 4 (POLCORE) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 93/21.

Remarks

Special Instructions

Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 BLU
1911A ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FOLEDON 427

..... 29 Nov... 1944

QED(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Sights Dial No. 9. Qty 40

To which released III District for No. 4 (FOLGORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 50/16.

Remarks

Special Instructions

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R. B. ...

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 MLU
BMIA ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

... 29 Nov ... 1944

ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Directors Arty No. 7. 247 12

To whom released III District for No. 4 (POLGORE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 63/14.

Remarks

Special Instructions

9/24/44
Russell

Major,
for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 BU
1211A ✓

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDON 427

..... Nov... 1944

ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Rangefinders No. 13. Qty 1

To whom released III District for No. 4 (INLCONE) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 84/10

Remarks

Special Instructions

Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

H.Q. III District
53 BLU
MIA ✓

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STANDARD : ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY TRAINING
AND CDP

Vol. 1 1153

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

27 Nov 44

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53 301 00P

Copy to :- 3 District.
Head Forces and Commission AD (MFA).

1. In order to help training the following stores have been released to you through 3 District and will be treated as part of your 3.1983 stores
MOT training scales :-

Release No. (48)	41/17	Label	22	Nov	44	PEAR	12
"	"	"	22	"	"	EAR Green	30
"	31/40	"	"	"	"		

2. It is reported that stores are not available at the moment.
3. Collection instructions will be issued by 3 District.

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MFA
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE VOUCHER

Ref: NR/
17 NOV 44

No. 3 District (for No. 4 Italian Combat Group) ^{Date}

To :

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of issue.
6	M/Cycles Solo 550 cc. Cl. I.	3 Park Coy.
4	Cars 3 ont 4 x 4 Cl. I.	3 Park Coy.
4	Amulances 4 Str. 4 x 2 Hvy. Cl. I.	2 Group Bari.
40	Trucks 15 ont 4 x 2 G. 2. Cl. I.	2 Group Bari.
5	Trucks 15 ont 4 x 2 Water Cl. I.	2 Group Bari.
40	Trucks 3 Ton 4 x 2 G. 2. Cl. I.	3 Park Coy.

Remarks : Maint. Vehicles
(for No. 4 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).
- AMR 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)
53 4 1 6
M. L. L.

DN Leon Capt.
Brigadier,
Q(AE)

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Subject :- Mil Security.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MMTA)

53 B.L.U.
Ref. G5 - 3
22 Nov. 44

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1. Ref your HQ S/G/29/22 and S/G/29/10/A of 20 Nov. 44.
2. Copy of this HQ letter G5 - 1 of 17 Nov. is forwarded.
3. In reply to a further letter by this HQ to Combat Gp FOLGORE on the same subject the latter has issued orders to all ranks of the Gp regarding the necessity for military security, which orders are to be repeated frequently as a matter of routine.

[Handwritten signature]

Lt. Col 4749
-G.S.

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COPY

Subject :- Military Security.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. G5 - 1
17 Nov. 44.

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To :- H.Q., 3 District

Copy to :- DMF (This HQ G2-10 of 13 Nov also refers)

1. Ref your HQ 4/GSI of 9 Nov. 44 copy fwd to this HQ under DMF letter DMF/55/M.T.1 of 15 Nov. 44.
2. The necessity for Military Security by all ranks has been again stressed to H.Q. FOLGORE Gp.
3. British Intelligence personnel have already been asked for, to train the Gp in Intelligence and Security.
4. The area ALIFE is occupied by Italian troops of LEGNANO (52 BLU) Gp and of I.R.T.D.L.C.G.
5. It would be appreciated if further specific information could be provided so that the responsibility for, and nature of, any breaches of military security can be ascertained, and appropriate action be taken.

(Signed) G.C. Markes,
Major GII
for Lt. Col.
G.S.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM *44/2632*

CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR 3694	PRIORITY IMPORTANT	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS QVR 2 4	DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 241830A 72
FROM (A) AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHQAS <i>g/sec.</i>				
TO (FOR ACTION) DPT ADNAF <i>28u</i>				
38 VEH COY. 4 GP 38 VEH COY. MM IA .53 BLU. DISTRESS				Message Indicators GR
TO (FOR INFORMATION)				

(REF. No.) FK 5746B SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: **SECRET**

YOUR DPT/184/MT2 DATED 21 NOV 44. FOLLOWING RELEASED YOU FOR NO 4 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP 53 BLU FROM 15 RVP NAPLES OUR RELEASE NUMBER 539 GP 24 NOV RIFERS. READ IN FOUR COLUMNS (A) TYPE (B) MAKE (C) WD NUMBER (D) CLASSIFICATION. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 5124488 (D) II (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 5124576 (D) U/C. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 4865404 (D) II. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 4766719 (D) V. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 4706629 (D) V. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 4701600 (D) V. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) BSA (C) 4754839 (D) V. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) MATCHLESS (C) 4841250 (D) U/C. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) MATCHLESS (C) 4992212 (D) U/C (C) 159 (D) U/C. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) MATCHLESS (C) 4843635 (C) V. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) ARIEL (C) 5167188 (D) II. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) ARIEL (C) 5361875 (D) II. (A) MOTOR CYCLE SOLO (B) ARIEL (C) 4815344 (D) U/C. (A) 3 TON LORRY 4X2 GS (B) DODGE (C) 5309527 (D) II. (A) 3 TON LORRY 4 X 2 GS (B) DODGE (C) 5614451 (D) II. (A) 3 TON LORRY 4 X 2 GS (B) DODGE (C) 5685724 (D) II

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MEUP V LAEE NR 16 QVR 1
FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 241130A
TO OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
INFO DDOS 3 [REDACTED] DISTRICT +++ 53 BLU +++
NMIA ✓ +++ DIT AFHQ

20/27

QX GR-- BT
OS2/325 (.) ISSUE TO 3 DISTRICT FOR NO 4 ITALIAN COMBAT
GROUP (.) READ (A) ITEM (B) QTY (C) QCAED AUTHORITY (D) RELEASE
NUMBER (.)
(A) PIAT (B) 12 (C) 41/17 (D) A/42/59 (.)
(A) LMG BREN (B) 30 (C) 31/40 (D) A/29/104 (.)
UNIT COLLECTING
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SUBJECT: Equipment of FULGURE Division.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)

8/0/29/22 ✓

25 Nov 44

TO : G(AE).AFHQ.

Copy to: DET AFHQ.

The attached letter DMT/55/2/MT1 dated 20 Nov 44
is forwarded, as it is thought that it should have been sent
direct to you.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDON 427

..... 22 Nov 1944

ORD(B)

30/22

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. **IME Bron** Qty **30**

To whom released **III District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group**

Release No. C(AE) **31/40.**

Remarks

Special instructions

gm
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[Handwritten Signature]

Major,
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

III District
53 BIU
MIA
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

... 22 Nov ... 1944

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item: **P.I.A.T.** Qty **12**

To which released **III District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group**

Release No. Q(AE) **44/17**

Remarks

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Special Instructions

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For Major,
Lieutenant, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

III District
53 RM
MIA ✓
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SUBJECT: Security.

Land Forces Sub-Cor. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
3/6/29/22
20 Nov 44

TO : 3 District.

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Copy to: D.M.T.
53 E.U.

Reference your L/GSI of 9 Nov to DMT AFHQ, copy of which was forwarded to M.E.I.A.

1. This H.Q. is entirely in agreement with you on the necessity for good security training in the Combat Groups.
2. It would be helpful though, if you could report any specific instances of breaches of security, if possible with names of the offenders, so that effective action can be taken with the Italian Authorities.

WD
Major General
M.E.I.A.

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To:- Land Forces Sub Comm (MMIA) AC
and for info - 53 BLU

From:- MMIA LC, FOLGORS

18 Nov 44
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Subject - Reinforcements FOLGORS

1. Italian Ministry of War with their signal 861 of 9 ^{25/14} Nov 44 assigned to this gp 25 newly commissioned offr.
2. Ministry of War (Direzione Generale Sottufficiali e truppe) with letter 03/0006 of 3 Nov 44 assigned this gp 79 NCOs, at a time when gp was already 130 above WE str.
3. HQ FOLGORS asks me to express to you their opinion that this personnel should be sent direct to IRTD.

AQ

I agree. Action taken A/D

I. H. Philip
Capt.

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Subject: Return of Surplus Italian Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
S/AQ/9

20 Nov 44.

To : 53 BLU

Ref your Q1-17 dated 9/11/44.

1. It is realized that the Folgore Group will now not be able to return such equipment during November.
2. Will you please inform this HQ of the total amount of equipment you will have for return, then a plan can be worked out for its disposal.
3. The question of transport must be left in obeyance until nearer the date of return of this equipment, as it is hoped by that time Folgore Group will be in a position to help with its own transport.

DSLG/wk

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to Spec. Sec.

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Subject :- Beretta Automatics.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

M.M.I.A.

53 B.L.O.
Ref. 62 - 12
14 Nov. 44. *24*

8/Sec
19/11 *29/12*

1. Reference H.Q. Combat Gp FOLGORE Letter No. 1984/A.M. di prot dated 9 Nov. 44.

2. Although it is agreed that the Beretta Automatic No. 38 has certain advantages over the rifle No. 4 the supply of 9mm ammunition as against .303 presents difficulties to a British formation. If each Combat Gp introduces changes in the W.E. which are not adopted in all Gps these difficulties will increase. It is considered by this H.Q. that the supply problem of 9mm ammunition will outway any advantages the Beretta automatic has over the No. 4 rifle and it is therefore unlikely that a change in the W.E. will be considered by higher authority.

In view of this it is important that training in the No. 4 rifle should not be allowed to deteriorate and that officers should encourage the men to become experts and have confidence in this weapon.

L. H. Marks.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

Agreed, there is no question of using the Beretta instead of a rifle but possible to replace the Sten which is not so good. *WP*

✓ We have already referred to AFHQ.

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H. Q. COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE.

TRANSLATION.

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1984/S.M. di prot.

9 Nov. 44.

For the information of 55 B.L.U.

The Regts 'NEERO' and 'SAN MARCO' hitherto totally armed with automatic Beretta 38, should be, because of the change taking place, partially armed with English rifle No. 4.

In consideration of the unfavourable influence that the provision would have on the mens' morale from whom would be withdrawn automatic weapons and substituted by rifles.

In consideration of the distribution in the Combat Group of a number of automatic weapons corresponding more or less to the number of armed personnel, according to the W.E. with No. 4 rifles.

I ^{therefore recommend} ~~therefore recommend~~ the authorizing the arming with automatic weapons Beretta 38 the soldiers of the Regts 'NEERO' and 'SAN MARCO' that should be armed with rifle No. 4.

(Signed) Gen. Brig. G. Morigi.

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SUBJECT: Security

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, GMP

Tel: 11667

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DCE/55/MT1

29/22

17/11

15 Nov 44

OO 53 BLU, GMP

Copy to: MMIA, GMP

17 Nov

The attached letter from 3 District is forwarded.

It is suggested that the necessity for security be impressed on POLCORPS Division.

Letter to 3 dist. Searching for information in _____ and asking for any specific instances which would help to make our actions more impressive

FMP/as

DP

WP

W. E. H. T. May
Brig.,
D. M. T.

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SUBJECT: Military Security -
Training of Italian GRUPPE

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
Ext 6
1/GSI

9 Nov 44

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AFHQ, DMT

1. It has been reported to this HQ that Italian troops of the FOLGORE Div undergoing training in the ALIFE Area (H2703) have little conception of security and will readily supply military information. It is stated that this applies equally to officers and ORs.

2. As this HQ is not responsible for the training of Italian GRUPPE the information is passed to you.

(Sgd) (TC TOWNSEND)
Capt., for Maj-Gen.,
Comd.

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A.P.S.

Tel No: VALJEAN 23.

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No. 2 ~~Commando~~ H.Q.

ORP/R6/LB/03/79.

~~C.M.F.~~

1 Nov 44

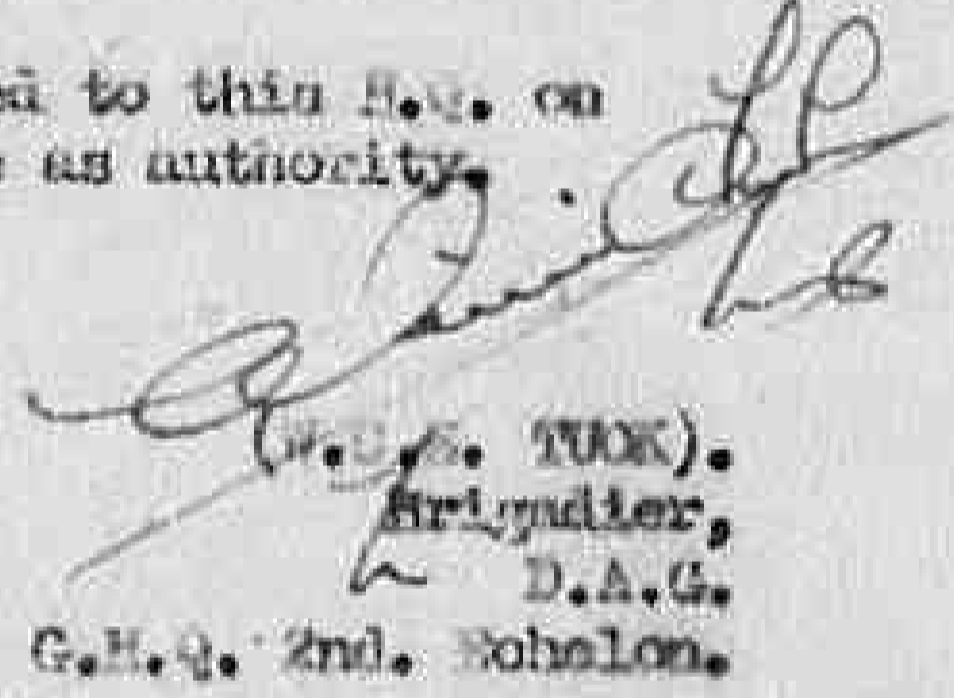
Subject:- POSTINGS.

FAL/31856. Dvr. SEUGS, N. - R.A.S.G.

The a/n soldier, at present attached to H.Q. Field Security, will be posted to 53 British Liaison Unit.

Relevant casualty will be reported to this H.Q. on A.P. W.3011A, quoting this letter reference as authority.

C.M.F.
HQA/AHL



(W. G. TUCK).
Brigadier,
D.A.G.
G.H.Q. 2nd. Echelon.

Copy to:- ~~H.Q. Field Security.~~
O.C. 53 British Liaison Unit.
G1(Br) A.F.H.Q. (Your OR/2291/G-1(Br) dated 5 Oct 44 refers)
G-2 (Org) A.F.H.Q. (Br).
O.C. 33 Military Mission. ✓
HQA/AHL ✓

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Subject: Release of Transport to Combat Group Fulgor

33 S.I.U.

Ref. 46-1

25 Oct. 44

(S) (M) (U)

1st AMB.
1st MAIA ✓
1st 3 District
G.I.

M.M.I.A.	Spec Sec
FILE REF	129/22
Date Recd	30/10/44

1. Ref para 2(a) of (S) (M) (U) Instr No. 3 19 Sep 44.
2. May this be informed when the release of the maintenance scale of tpt for the Combat Group Fulgor will be made.
3. It is requested that this be done as soon as possible. The tpt the Combat Group hold at present is in a very poor condition and not adequate to maintain the group, collect training stores etc., and be used for training purposes. Certain tpt is to be released to 1st AMB and a sub-allotment made to this Combat Group. No date here has arrived and it is understood that the possibility of its arrival in the immediate future is doubtful. It is considered that if this maintenance scale of tpt be released it could be used by the more efficient Italian driver personnel on, for example, maintenance of the group and collection of stores while the tpt the Group now holds would then be available for training purposes.

L. A. V. ...

1st. Col.

G.I.

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M.M.I.A. 8/22
FINREF 29 22
Date Recd 28/10/44

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FRARDON 427

.....1944

26 October

~~QID (P)~~

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undementioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.	Qty
Sights Dial No. 9	8

To whom released

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

Release No. Q(AE)

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Remarks

Issued for Training.

Special Instructions

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Major,
for Brigadier, Q(AE).

Handwritten initials

Copy to :-

No. 3 District.
M.M.I.A. ✓
D.M.F.
52 B.L.U.

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Subject: - Withdrawal of Italian Army Vehicles
in Possession of Gruppi di Combattimento.

SI/30/T

26 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME,
tel: Rome 489001 EXT 526.

To: DACME 53 RLJ.

Copy: MEIA 10, Naples.
A/O MEIA.

Spec. Sec. MEIA. ←

1. This HQ is actively concerned to withdraw Italian Army vehicles in possession of Folgore Div as soon as a sufficient number of British W.D. vehicles have been provided.
2. The present intention is that Italian Army vehicles from Folgore Div will be withdrawn to 10 Artieri Regt, Naples.
3. In order that suitable dispositions may be made, please advise this HQ when the vehicles can be withdrawn, the number of vehicles concerned, and whether Folgore Div will be able to provide all or part of the drivers for the journey to 10 Artieri Regt, Naples.
4. I am directed further to state that under no circumstances must those Italian Vehicles be retained in the possession of the Division at the date when they move away from the training area.

J. M. Bray
(P.O. PAPIREAU).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADWFM MEIA.

OGP/JMD

Copy to: - File SI/22/T.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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..... 1944

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RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item **2,2,2,2** Qty **2500.**

To whom released **No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group.**

Release No. **Q(AE) 50/50**

Remarks **To replace similar quantity issued to No. 2 Group as training stocks and now being retained.**

Special Instructions

[Signature]
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[Signature]

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

~~No. 3 District.~~
53 B.A.E.
R.A.I.A.
S.A.T.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427
19 Feb.
..... 1944

~~CID(B)~~

RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item **Rifles No. 4** Qty **4500.**

To whom released **No. 3 District for No. 4 Italian Combat Group.**

Release No. **Q(AE) 25/16**

Remarks **To replace similar quantity issued to No. 2 Group as training scale and now being retained.**

Special Instructions

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Major,
For
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to: **No. 3 District,**
55 P.L.U.
A.S.I.A. ✓
D.S.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH
TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427
.....1944

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RELEASE NOTE

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item 1,000,000 rounds 4000

To whom released Mr. J. Mitchell for Mr. J. Bullis of the Group

Release No. 4000 31/12

Remarks No further action pending issued to Mr. J. Bullis on training needs and are being reviewed.

Special Instructions

Handwritten initials

Handwritten signature: Ruben

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :- Mr. J. Mitchell
Mr. J. Bullis
Mr. J. Bullis ✓
Mr. J. Bullis

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