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SUBJECT: Italian Naval personnel in SARDINIA.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A. C. (M.M.I.A.) 29/27
C/3
7 Dec 44

To : Ministry of War.

Copy to: Flag Officer Liaison, Italy } POLITO L.312/2 of 28 Nov
AFHQ, MG AAI } to AAI refers.
Senior NBIA LO, SARDINIA.

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

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

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

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

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Major General
Military Mission to the Italian Army

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Rail transport requested for 450 other ranks reinforcements for CREMONA Div TRANO to ORTONA ready now

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from Britain.

APO [illegible], U.S. Army
6 Dec 44

TO : APHQ for G-3 (Log)
CPHQ for G-3
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Com., S.H.A.E.

1. Following is position thru 2 Dec concerning Italian personnel recently arrived at TARANTO or NAPLES and RELEASED :

A. Received in ZI Ambkat Camp 11,753
Dispatched from Camp 6,248
Remaining in Camp 5,505

B. Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :

To Hospital 498
To PW Camp 3
Escape 482
Leave thru Control Depot 774
To Control Depot 876
Leave thru Port Person Co 80
Leave thru TRANS for ZI 1,092
Leave from APPROX for ZI 978
To TRANS for ZI 1,535
Sick leave 3
Various (CC-AR, ROF, Navy, Air Corps, Medical) 1,426

INTERNAL: G-1/2
G-4
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PW, Med, Lab
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G-2/S-2

for Major General
U.S.A.

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FROM MMIA

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TO WAR MINISTRY

INFO 52 Area for MMIA LO

SD 1866

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ONE (.) Understand you have selected 280 men ex BALKANS now at ST ANDREWS' Camp TARANTO as suitable for PICENO (.) Provision of 2,119 personnel ex this Camp for pack tpt coys vide MMIA letter SD/3 of 6 is first priority (.) When the 2,119 have been found this rft draft of 280 should join PICENO under arrangements to be made direct by you locally (.) Report completion to MMIA (.) TWO (.) You should continue to select suitable personnel for direct to Combat Groups in the future (.) Notify MMIA LO numbers chosen and destination required (.) MMIA will then authorise and arrange for onward movement.

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SUBJECT: Call-Ups from Sicily.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALCOM (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/15/1
5 December 1944.

TO : Ministry of War.

1. Reference letter MMIA SD/49 dated 4 Dec. 44.

2. Items of bedding, accommodation stores and individual equipment will be needed for Call-Ups in Sicily up to the following maximum quantities.

a. Blankets (or substitute) for 10,000 men at scale of 2 per man.

b. Individual messing equipment (mess tins, cups and forks) for 20,000 men.

c. Such items of accommodation stores, including cooking equipment, as may be required for each Reception Depot.

3. Blankets required for Phase 1 will be on hand at Reception Depots not later than 15 December 1944. They will be furnished on a loan basis, and retained in Reception Depots until the processing of Call-Ups is completed. Blankets or substitute bedding will not be taken from the Reception Depots by Call-Ups.

4. Initially 8,050 sets of individual messing equipment will be on hand at Reception Depots not later than 15 December 1944. The remaining 12,075 will be on hand not later than 3 January 1945. Call-Ups which are accepted for service will retain the necessary individual equipment issued to them at Reception Depots.

5. Such accommodation stores as are essential will be on hand at Reception Depots not later than 15 December 1944. All such items will be furnished on a loan basis and will be retained by the Reception Depots until the Call-Up is completed. They will not be taken from the Reception Depots by Call-Ups.

6. Upon the completion of the Call-Up periods, all blankets or substitute bedding, all accommodation stores, and all remaining individual messing equipment will be immediately returned to appropriate Stores and Clothing Depots.

7. All items are to be supplied from Italian Stocks. Will you please investigate your stock position and advise this Hq. when

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GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt.Col.
for Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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Distribution:

AFHQ G 3 Org (2)
AAI for SD (2)
3 District (4)
MMIA LO 3 District
3 District EASTERN Det (2)
PBS (2)
MMIA LO Sicily (2)
MMIA LO Naples
MMIA LO 54 Area
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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Training of Rfts for Italian Combat Gps

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tele:- FIELDCOT 75

2004/42/G(Trg)

4 Dec 44

AFHQ (5)

Copy to:- MGHA, DMT, A, Q, Q(AE), Q(Mov), RA, RE, X, HQ Int, ST, Med, Ord, REME, Pro

OBJECT

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NUMBERS TO BE TRAINED

4. The present authorised holding of rfts for Combat Gps is 10%. This figure represents a total of approx 5000 for five gps, which must cover personnel sick, in transit and not available for various reasons. The figure is taken for five Gps only as the present intention with regard to the sixth (PICENO) Gp makes it unlikely that this Gp will ever function in combat.

5. There will also remain approx 6000 men of the PICENO Gp after 5000 have been removed for use as Carabinieri.

6. It is essential that the ceiling cover for this sixth Gp should be retained as cover for the Trg Establishment and possible increases in the scale of authorised rfts.

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EXISTING COMBAT GP RFT DEPOT

7. This unit is at present located at TEANO but no permanent trg staff is included and it can therefore only be used as a holding unit or transit camp.

PROPOSED RFT TRG DEPOT

6. The proposed Trg Depot should be capable of carrying out Basic Military and Specialist trg for all arms represented in the Gps and their tail and should therefore contain sub units for each of these arms.

9. Permanent Staff

It is considered that in addition to the permanent staff of instructors a British supervisory staff of offrs will be essential - at least for several months.

10. Instructional Wings

It is considered that instructional wings for the following will be required at this Depot:-

(a) Inf Junior Ldrs.

(b) Weapon trg (for production of instructors).

(c) Regimental signallers Inf and Arty.

The organisation of these units and the number of men to be trained in each would presumably be decided on the recommendations of D.T.

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12. Dvr Trg

(a) There will be a requirement for a Driving School to cater for the numbers mentioned in para 2 of Appx 'A' to MMLA letter S/G/29/10A dated 18 Nov.

(b) As a short term policy for the reduction of the present very large deficiencies of dvrs MMLA have proposed the use of an Italian Gen Tpt Coy. It is considered that this should be converted into a permanent school for the provision of:-

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(i) The wastage for the Gps.

(ii) The needs of British ITI Service units outside the Gps.

TECH TRG OF TRADESMEN

12. Experience from the first Gps has shown that it is unlikely that a sufficient supply of tradesmen will be available. This HQ has already requested that the sources of supply and standards of skill should be investigated. It is considered that a School should be set up at or near the E and ME Trg Establishment for minimum basic trg. It is appreciated that three months at the very least is required for basic trg of a Motor Mech and four months for an Armourer Mech and that this basic trg has NOT before been undertaken in the theatre. The present deficiencies in tradesmen however make it essential for the operational efficiency of the Gps that some such organisation should be set up as a matter of urgency.

SERVICES UNITS OUTSIDE THE COMBAT FORCE

13. It is recommended that certain of the suggested Wings for Specialist Trg should also cater for the needs of Service Units outside the Combat Force. Such an arrangement would be of great value and would also have the advantage of economy in overheads.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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(c) A permanent Driving School should be established based on MMLA's proposal to use a General Tpt Coy. yes.

(d) A school for the basic tech trg of tradesmen should be set up. yes

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for Field-Marshal,
Commander-in-Chief.

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SUBJECT: Call-up in SICILY.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/49
4 Dec 44

Ministry of War.

1. The amendment of the programme for the call-up of the 1914-1924 classes in SICILY as proposed by Gen MARIOTTI has been agreed.

2. Please therefore arrange for the call-up to take place in phases as follows, each phase to cover the whole of the nine districts of the island.

Phase	Dates	Classes	Expected yield of effective army personnel
1	15 Dec to 22 Dec	1922 to 1924	8,000
2	3 Jan to 12 Jan	1914 to 1921 incl	12,000
3	15 Jan to 25 Jan		

3. The numbers which are expected to be enrolled in each district during each phase are :-

	Phase 1	Phase 2/3	Total
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ENNA	700	1,050	1,750
SIRACUSA	650	975	1,625
RAGUSA	700	1,050	1,750
PALERMO	1,500	2,250	3,750
AGRIGENTO	800	1,200	2,000
CALTANISSETTA	700	1,050	1,750
TRAPANI	800	1,200	2,000
TOTALS	8,050	12,075	20,125

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4. The allotment as between categories will be on the following basis:

Phase	ITI-ITI	US-ITI	BR-ITI	ICF
1	800	4,800	800	1,600
2	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
3	600	1,800	1,800	1,800
TOTAL	2,000	8,400	4,400	5,200
Depot Ltl HQ		NAPLES and BARI	ASTRONI	AFRAGOLA / TEANO

5. AFHQ have been requested to provide transport from MESSINA to depots on the mainland for personnel called up in Phase 1. The dates on which this transport is needed and the distribution to each destination are set out below.

Category	Destination	19 Dec	22 Dec	25 Dec
ITI-ITI	NAPLES and BARI	-	400	400
US -ITI	ASTRONI	800	3,000	1,000
BR -ITI	AFRAGOLA	800	-	-
ICF	TEANO	400	600	600
		2,000	4,000	2,000

The breakdown and further movement requirements for phases 2 and 3 will follow later.

6. Details of administration arrangements will be issued separately.

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Lt-Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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AAI for SD (2)
3 District (4)
MMIA LO 3 District
3 District EASTERN Det (2)
PRS (2)
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Rft Trg Dep TEANO

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SUBJECT: Provision of Manpower and Rft System for Italian Army

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 23

1605/50/36/G(SD1)

23 Nov 44

AFHQ (5)

Copy to: DMT, MMIA, A, Q, Q(AE), Q(Mov), G-4, RA, RE, X, ST, Med, Ord, REME, Pro

This letter mainly concerns BRITIS Service Units. — Combat Force requirements are dealt of in para 12. which needs comp. Carry on

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5 Dec

OBJECT

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(a) to examine the numbers of personnel required to complete the Italian Army to ceiling and to replace wastage.

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PROVISION OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED

2. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a statement which shows that there will be an average monthly requirement of 35,000 until end Feb and 7,800 per month thereafter.

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3. Until recently, the principal source of manpower to meet demands on the mainland has been the personnel in SARDINIA. Practically all those available have been shipped. In future, personnel can only be obtained by recall to the colours and recruiting.

ORGANISATION FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

4. The recommendations of AAI were embodied in para 18 of Appx A to 1605/50/46/G(SD1) of 25 Oct and were approved in AG 091-711/169 GCT-O dated [illegible]. The organisation for provision of replacement personnel is

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5. The establishments required for the US-ITI's are a matter for CG MTOUSA and are not considered further in this paper. The recommendations of AAI on the organisations required for the maintenance of BR-ITI's are as follows.

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BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOTS

6. The functions of these depots should be -

(a) reception, processing and kitting of personnel from call-up, hospital etc.

(b) basic military training of recruits.

(c) certain types of specialist training.

(d) despatch of reinforcements to units.

(e) selection of personnel for Combat Gps.

7. At the present time, three depots are required:-

(a) one near ANCONA to serve units in Op Zone.

(b) one near NAPLES where facilities already exist at AFRAGOLA.

(c) one near BARI where facilities exist at MINERVINO.

8. AAI is endeavouring to find covered accommodation for a depot of 6,000 near ANCONA. The size of the other depots is a matter for AFHQ to decide.

TRAINING

9. Since the majority of the intake will consist of personnel who have never served before, it is essential that the depots contain trg facilities to cover a month's basic military training. In addition the depots should include wings for semi-specialist training e.g. of drivers. Training of specialists of whom small numbers are required can best be carried out at central establishments, certain of which exist already, e.g. engineers, signals, ordnance.

SUPERVISORY STAFFS

10. To ensure that the depots are operated efficiently, it is essential that adequate British supervisory staffs are provided, capable of superintending training as well as the processing and despatch of reinforcements. Whether or not these staffs should form part of AMLA is a matter for AFHQ to decide. Supervision of training should be the responsibility of the General Staff of AAI for depots in the Op Zone and of AFHQ in the L of C area.

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THE COMBAT FORCE

12. BR-ITI Base Reinforcement Depots will be responsible for providing personnel for the Combat Force. These will be selected immediately after arrival and despatched to the Rft Training Depot, Italian Combat Force, the organisation for which has already been approved.

CONCLUSION

13. The maintenance of the existing Italian Army units and formation of

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my units to comply to the programme will depend on an efficient and comprehensive reinforcement organisation. In view of the fact that the only source of personnel in future will be call-up, this organisation should be set up as a matter of urgency.

14. At present, as a result of the lack of efficient organisation, personnel are arriving in units unclothed and without equipment, which in view of the shortage of clothing and equipment causes serious embarrassment.

It is essential that an organisation should be set up which will ensure that reinforcements arrive not only properly selected and trained but also fully clothed and equipped.

15. It is requested that:-

(a) the recommendations above should be approved as soon as possible,

(b) a detailed examination should be made by AFHQ of the organisation required for training reinforcements,

(c) MMLA should submit for approval WEs. of British and Italian staffs required for the Base Reinforcement Depot and the Italian staff required for the Transit Camp. Proposals affecting Depot and Camps in Op Zone should be referred to AAI for examination,

(d) the sites for the Reinforcement Depots should be selected and the necessary constructional work commenced now,

(e) a detailed procedure for demanding reinforcements and meeting demands should be worked out by AFHQ. This should include provision of machinery by which MMLA can obtain strength returns from units and depots. Priorities for distribution of reinforcements should be decided by AFHQ or AAI as appropriate. MMLA have already been requested to initiate the procedure for reinforcement of the Combat Gps.

for General
Commander in Chief.

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Appendix 'A' to
1605/50/36/G(SD1)
dated 2 Nov 44

ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS OF MANPOWER

Ceiling recommended at Appendix 'A' to my 1605/50/36/G(SD1) of 22 Aug less AA & CD and CC RR,	312,000
Strength on 23 Oct excl CC RR	263,900
Deficiency	48,100
Add Normal wastage at 2½% per month for Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb	31,200
Personnel entitled to demobilisation when PO VALLEY is occupied	60,000
Provision of personnel required to complete Army to ceiling by end Feb	139,300
Average provision required per month Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb	35,000 (approx)
Thereafter, assuming no further excessive demobilisation occurs, replacement required to meet wastage at 2½% per month on ceiling will be	7,800

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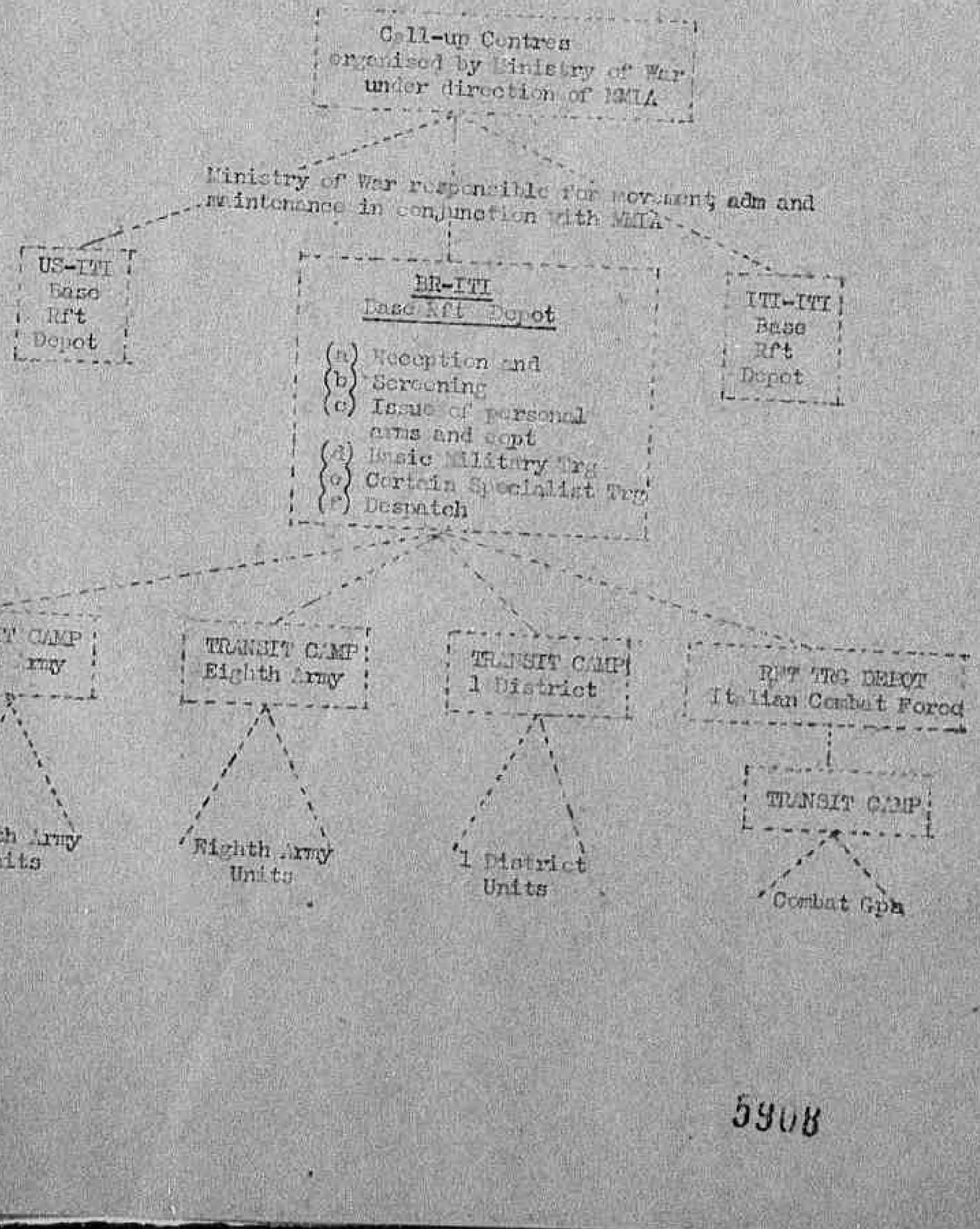
Appendix 'B' to
1605/50/36/G(SD1)
dated 23 Nov 44

DIAGRAM SHOWING RECOMMENDED METHOD OF PROVISION OF PERSONNEL



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MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin. 28/8/20

04752A

From : MMIA

To (For Action) 54 BLU

To (For Info)

SMRE

Ref No : SS 434

Security Classification SECRET
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MANTOVA to be made up to strength plus 5% reinforcements immediately (*)
Inform reinforcement depot at TRANO direct by quickest and securest means (*)
Numbers required by arms with copy to SMRE.

Precedence DEFERRED.
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Authenticated .....

copy to Major GHARDY. (Int)

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SUBJECT: Reinforcement Depot

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/23/27
3 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

The British Liaison Officer with the Combat Reinforcement Depot at TERNO has reported that units of Combat Groups (particularly LEGNANO and FRIULI) are using the Depot as a means of disposing of men of bad conduct, low morale or poor physique whom they consider out of place with their units, or who may be awaiting trial by Court Martial.

This is not the proper function of a Reinforcement Depot and if permitted to continue will result in an impossible situation.

Will you therefore please issue orders to prevent this and ensure that the proper procedure is adopted. Please send a copy of your orders to MMIA so that RLO's may be informed of them.

W. Pidsley. Colonel
for. Major General
M. M. I. A.

AQ
No reply 23/1

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AFHQ for G3(Org) and MOV

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Further MEIA letter SD/49 of 29 (*) ONE (*) Phase 1 SICILY call up expected to produce 8000 effectives has been put fwd to period 15 to 22 Dec (*) TWO (*) These personnel assemble MESSINA and require to be lifted on to mainland destinations as follows (*) To ASTRONI for UK-ITI [redacted]4800 (*) To AVRAGOLA for UK-ITI 800 (*) To TRAPANI for ICF 1600 (*) To Italian M11 HQ NAPLES and BARI for onwarding as ITI-ITI rfts 800 (*) THREE (*) Personnel estimated ready for movement MESSINA and movement requested (*) 19 Dec dash 2000 (*) 22 Dec dash 4000 (*) 25 Dec dash 2800

Ministry of War

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IMMEDIATE
MEIA

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements - Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
2 S/G/29/27
December 1944

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The following methods will be used to keep Combat Groups up to strength pending the establishment of an adequate Reinforcement and Training Depot and the issuing of comprehensive and permanent instructions.

2. The present Reinforcement Depot will remain at TEANO until a more suitable location can be found; suggestions for this are now being considered. (copy attached for Ministry of War Only).

3. All reinforcements for Combat Groups will be held on the strength of the Reinforcement Depot and will not exceed 10% of the authorised strength of the Combat troops.

4. The Reinforcement Depot will be responsible for :-

(a) Testing and allocation of suitable personnel to appropriate units within the Depot, according to their territorial, physical, technical or personal qualifications.

(b) Documentation and administration in accordance with Italian Army regulations.

(c) Equipment and clothing, in accordance with scales approved for the Combat Force.

(d) Training in basic, combat or technical duties, in accordance with standards laid down by Allied Comds.

(e) Allocation to units in accordance with demands received.

5. Unit commanders will inform Group HQ weekly reinforcements required to replace the following :-

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5. Unit commanders will inform Group HQ weekly reinforcements required to replace the following :-

(a) Killed or died.

(b) Wounded or sick = after 15 days or as soon as evacuated from the Group Fd Hospital area.

(c) Missing or absent = after 15 days absence.

(d) Permanently posted away from unit.

Reinforcements are not to be demanded to replace men on courses or away on temporary duty or attachment.

6. Demands for reinforcements from units will be consolidated at Group HQ and sent weekly (on Saturdays) by quickest means to the Depot, copies being sent to SACMED and to the A.L.U. concerned. Special demands in the case of heavy casualties may be made at any time.

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7. The Depot Commander will normally supply the reinforcements demanded without further authority as far as he is able. If there are not enough available reinforcements he will apply (through his Liaison officer) to MMIA for a decision on priorities.

8. Movement of reinforcements from depot to units will be the responsibility of MMIA Liaison officers at the Depot, who will receive instructions on this matter from HQ M.M.I.A. Transit camps may be established in forward areas to facilitate this.

9. The number of reinforcements held in the depot will be shown each week on a statement to be sent by the Depot Commander to S.M.R.E. and to the Liaison Officer for forwarding to MMIA. This will form the basis for enlistment for further men and will show the numbers of reinforcements :-

(a) authorised

(b) present

(c) available for posting

(d) received during past week

(e) despatched during past week

It will be similar in form to that used by units and Group HQ for demanding reinforcements.

10. Establishment of the Depot is the responsibility of the Ministry of War after such consultations with M.M.I.A. regarding recalls, and calling up as are needed to maintain the authorised holding of reinforcements. In planning for this, consideration will be given to the anticipated wastage due to all causes, to returns from hospital absence, etc and to the yield of various districts, so that strength may be maintained without exceeding the authorised ceiling.

W. Dick

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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10. Redistribution of the Force is the responsibility of the Ministry of War after such consultations with M.E.I.A. regarding recalls, and calling up as are needed to maintain the authorised holding of reinforcements. In planning for this, consideration will be given to the anticipated wastage due to all causes, to returns from hospital absence, etc and to the needs of various districts, so that strength may be maintained without exceeding the authorised ceiling.

W. Platt

Major General
M.E.I.A.

Copies to:
MEIA LO (CRAIC)
50 ELU
51 ELU
52 ELU
53 ELU
54 ELU
AMEC (for G 1 [illegible])
AAI (for A Branch)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

APO 512

By Authority of
S.C.P.E.D., AFHQ
Initials: [illegible]/crp
Copy No: 15

30 November 1944

AFSD/922.1 (7)

SUBJECT: Priority List No. 7

TO : AC S.RDINL. (3 copies)

1. The following is Amendment No. 1 to this HQ AFSD/922.1 dated 10 Nov 44 to cover arrivals up to and including the cruiser MONTECUCCOLI berthing NAPLES on 15 Nov 44. No further advices have been received from you since this sailing.

(a) Amend serials to read: -

72	coln (c)	Dvrs for Italian Combat Groups
116	coln (b)	11
	coln (d)	3 tons
	coln (f)	[illegible]0 - M.I
	coln (g)	to rejoin parent unit
156	coln (a)	Four Italian SL crews
	coln (b)	36
	coln (c)	NIL
256	coln (c)	900
	coln (g)	to be shipped at rate of 120 every five days starting 24 Nov 44
410	coln (b)	580
411	coln (b)	1602

(b) Delete serial 415 - remains S.JOINL. until 15 Feb 45.

2. You are requested to state urgently the number of units still shown on list 7 which have in fact been shipped, and to notify this Hq immediately of any further amendments which should be made to this list, particularly with reference to paragraph 3 of the letter quoted above.

for DANIEL NOCE,
Major General, G. S. C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

COPIES TO:

HQ [illegible]I	10	Nav NAPLES	1
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MIL.)	6	G-1 (E)	1
HQ [illegible]G S.JOINL	2	G-3 (Ops)	1
[illegible]L.IO S.JOINL	2	G-3 (Org 2)	2
		G-3 (Org Foreign)	4

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[illegible]LLIO S.POINL.	2	G-3 (Org 2)	2
CG FIFTH [illegible]RY	5	G-3 (Org Foreign.)	4
EIGHTH [illegible]RY	3	G-4 (R)	1
FBS	3	G (Maint)	1
3 District	3	G (AL)	1
36 Area	1	G-4 (M & Tn)	3
FBS for NTLLIO	2	MAAF (Moves)	2
		Spares	10

RECEIPT

ASD/922.1(7) DATE: 5902

Received COPY NO: 15 of ASD/922.1(7) dated 30 November 1944.

SIGNED:

R.N:

SECTION:

Receipt and return to G-3 (Org...), AFHQ, Room 2064.

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SD 1243A

MIA

INFO

AFHQ SA Area for MIA 10, Combat Rft Depot TEAD, SA WY

W.P.

CONFIDENTIAL

SD 1873

Request you arrange movement FIRST 57 specialists ex Sacke
unite RAH to TEAD for Combat Sp Rfts (.) SECOND 373 specialists
ex AA units from RAH to RESERVES for DANVVA Sp

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SUBJECT :- RTD ICF

9n/27. 115

LO 'RTD ICF'
Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA)
c/o 52 BLU CMF
Ref LO 7/93

29 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

1. There is a considerable danger of Gruppi and others regarding the RTD ICF as the local "dustbin." Gruppi especially are sending to this depot :-

(a) Men awaiting court martial. FRIULI and 68 Regt (LEGNANO) are the principal offenders;

(b) Men whom they don't wish to keep but who are NOT over-strength, e.g., The other day CREMONA sent back 9 autisti 1 Capo RT of the Genio and then asked for replacements. FRIULI has in the past month sent to RTD ICF approx 600 and now say they are under strength.

2. In regard to (a) the RTD ICF has NOT the org nor the time to deal with the multitudinous forms and queries that are inseparable from court martial proceedings. Nor have they any knowledge of the cases concerned which causes a considerable increase in correspondence and time spent on these cases.

If all the Gruppi send such men to the RTD ICF a special legal depot will have to be set up to deal with them. But this is NOT a function of a RTD.

In many cases these men have been dispatched to other Gruppi before the charge sheet etc arrive and so the burden of the proceedings descends on the new Gruppo.

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3. With regard to (b) Gruppi obviously must keep men sent to them and not merely take the 'cream' of any batch of rft. The RTD ICF has no option but to send discards either back to Gruppo concerned or to another Gruppo.

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4. It is requested that :-

(a) The SMRE be asked to inform All Gruppi NOT to send men awaiting court martial to the RTD ICF nor to pick and choose from rfts sent to them;

(b) MMIA LOs be asked to encure that their Gruppi carry out the above instrs.

Done. letter of 2 Dec to be on this file WP

A M Fulcoi
Maj RA

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SUBJECT :- RTD ICF - Strength Return

29/27. 113

LO 'RTD ICF'
Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA)
c/o 52 BLU CMF
Ref LO 7/2/2

28 Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

Herewith RTC ICF Strength Return as at 25 Nov 44.

1. Att are :-

Appx 'A' - The Posted Strength, Parade Strength, and Ration Strength, [redacted]

Appx 'B' - Parade Strength of Non-Specialists and Specialists ORs in BLUE ink, Personnel available for posting in RED ink.

2. Would you please advise me if this return is in the form you require. If not, please forward specimen proformae.

Maj RA

Tell Maj Geladi when Pte comes on 4 Dec that this

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[redacted]

Maj RA

Done WP 4 Dec

Tell Maj Gelardi when he comes on 4 Dec that this return is OK pending the new "categorization" of specialists & tradesmen.

WD 3299

B.F. 4 Dec 0900 hrs.

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Situazione della forza, effettiva, presente e rela

Comando o Reparto	Dislocaz.	Effettivi		Assenti							
				Ricoverati in Ospedale		In Licenza		Assenti Arbitrari		In luogh di detenzion	
		Uff.	S. e Trup.	Uff.	S. e Trup.	Uff.	S. e Trup.	Uff.	S. e Trup.	Uff.	S. e T
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pl. Com. Rgt.le	P.M. 3400	40	93	4	7	8	4	-	-	-	-
I° Btg. Cpl. Ftr.	P.M. 3400	22	558	-	70	1	11	-	91	-	-
II Btg. Cpl. Ftr.	P.M. 3400	22	400	-	37	-	4	-	28	-	-
III Btg. Mitr. Cpl.	P.M. 3400	32	1180	-	57	-	4	-	50	-	-
Totale Rgt.		116	2231	4	171	9	23	-	169	-	-

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Appx 'A' to
LO 7/2/2 Dated
28 Nov 44

presente e vettovagliata dlle ore 24 del giorno 24 Novembre 1944 -

Assenti				Presenti							
Assenti		In luoghi di		Agg. o in Suss. presso altri		Del		Agg. o in Suss. di altri Corpi		Vettovagliata	
Arbitrari		detenzione		Corpi o Rep-		Reparto		o Reparti			
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
-	-	-	-	18	22	10	60	1	42	11	102
-	91	-	-		24	21	361	-	9	21	370
-	28	-	-	1	-	21	330	-	-	21	330
4	50	-	-	1	82	31	987	-	4	31	991
3	169	-	-	20	128	83	1738	1	55	84	1793

Note

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Appx 'B' to LC 7/2/2
Dated 28 Nov 44

SITUAZIONE DISPONIBILI distinti per arma - specialità e specializzazione alla data del 25/II/44

	Fanteria	Genio	Artiglieria	Sanità	Sussistenza	Artiti	Totale	Non Specializzati	SPECIALIZZATI: Aggiustatori meccan.	Autieri	Autieri meccanici	Artieri	Apparecch. telef.	Arteficieri	Armaioli	Capistazione R.T.	Carpentieri	Centralinisti	Conduttori-caldaie vap.	Disegnatori	Elettricisti	Falegnami	Fabbri	Marconisti	Meccanici	Minatori	Motociclisti	Motoristi	Radiotelegrafisti	Saldatori	Tornitori	Trattoristi	Special. Marcher.	TOTALE	TOTALE FORZA
SOTTUFF.	136	25	91	7	10	-	270	2	5	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	2	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	27	297
	36	10	40	4	4	-	94	2	5	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1	3	1	2	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	27	121
TRUPPA	563	220	420	82	85	-	1370	16	5	2	33	4	1	-	-	5	2	1	2	3	6	4	13	4	10	6	3	8	2	2	2	2	136	1496
	300	100	250	10	30	-	690	16	5	2	33	4	1	-	-	5	2	1	2	3	6	4	13	4	10	6	3	8	2	2	2	2	136	826
TOTALI	699	246	511	89	95	-	1649	18	10	2	35	4	1	1	2	5	3	1	2	4	9	5	15	4	10	9	3	12	2	2	2	2	163	1793
	336	110	290	14	34	-	784	18	10	2	35	4	1	1	2	5	3	1	2	4	9	5	15	4	10	9	3	12	2	2	2	2	163	947

A — Presenti : 1793-
B — Disponibili per l'impiego: 947=
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SUBJECT: ABRUZZI Call-up

29/27

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/53
30 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref MMIA SD/38 of 14 Nov.

1. Further arrangements for the recall of military personnel of 1914 to 1924 classes inclusive, in ABRUZZI are as detailed below.

2. INTAKE REQUIRED

TERAMO	1,500
CHIETI	1,500
SULMONA	1,500
AQUILA	1,500
TOTAL	6,000

3. DATE

The recall will start at each of the above recruiting centres on 1 Dec and will be completed by 15 Dec.

4. DESTINATIONS

Destination	For	Number	Found from
IESI	238 Div for HR-ITI	400	TERAMO
AREZZO	231 Div for HR-ITI	600	AQUILA
TRANI	HR-ITI	2,200	CHIETI and SULMONA
GUARD BNS	ITI-ITI	800	TERAMO and AQUILA
(Note- priority will be given to Guard Bns in forward areas)			
TEANO	Combat Group Rft	2,000	ALL CENTRES

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5. REINFORCEMENTS FOR COMBAT GROUPS

The following specialists required for combat Ops may be selected on a first priority at all recruiting centres.

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MT drivers and Mechanics

MT Operators and Mechanics

ALPINI

BERSAGLIERI

GRANATIERI

Cavalry

The balance of 2,000 rfts for Combat Ops will be non-specialists.

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5. ACCOMODATION

It has not been possible to establish a central receiving depot within the call-up area; therefore personnel awaiting transport by road or rail to their final destination will have to be accomodated at the recruiting centres.

7. ALLOCATION AND TRANSPORT

(a) In addition to the specialists detailed in para 3 (estimated approx 400) each recruiting centre will find 600 men for the combat groups. These men will be selected from the younger classes recalled. Men for Combat Groups will be retained until collected under arrangements to be made by the Combat Group Reinforcement Depot TRANI.

(b) Men for 226 Div will be found at TERAMO; men for 231 Div at AQUILA. These men will remain at the centres until the full number are assembled then they will be collected by FIFTH and EIGHTH Armies. MMLA will notify availability to AAI.

(c) All men recruited at CHIETI and SULMONA (other than specialists for the Gruppi) are destined for TRANI and will move by rail from ORTONA. Men from SULMONA will be concentrated at CHIETI for this purpose, and will be called forward from SULMONA under Italian arrangements as accomodation becomes available at CHIETI. Any men for TRANI from the other centres will be concentrated at CHIETI under Italian arrangements in the same way. AFHQ has been requested to arrange vehicle transportation from CHIETI to ORTONA and rail transportation from ORTONA to TRANI.

(d) ITL-1TI Category men for Guard Battalions etc will be found from those recruited at TERAMO and AQUILA and will be moved to forward areas under arrangements to be made by the Ministry of War.

8. REPORTS

Ministry of War will arrange for daily reports from each District as follows:-

(a) Total number of men reporting.

(b) Number of men exempted on medical grounds.

(c) Number exempted on other grounds.

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(e) Number enrolled, showing allotments for each destination.

(f) Numbers awaiting despatch for each destination.

(g) Numbers despatched to each destination. 5895

9. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Rations

Initial stock of rations, incl 2 days travel rations, has been ordered to be moved to the call-up centres.

(b) Household stores incl blankets

Will be provided under arrangements already made. Mess kits may accompany personnel when moved, all other household equipment incl blankets will remain at the call-up Centres.

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(c) **Final equipment**

Clothing and blankets to scale will be issued on arrival at final unit.

A. M. Gruenther
for Major General K. D.
M. M. I. A.

Distribution: AFHQ G-3 (Ops) (2)
AAI for SD (2)
3 Dist.
MMLA LO 3 Dist
3 Dist. Eastern Det
1 Dist
MMLA LO 1 Dist
MMLA LO FIFTH Army for Br Trps
MMLA LO EIGHTH Army
MMLA LO 13 CORPS
MMLA LO NAPLES

Internal: A/G (2)
Spec Sec
S.T.
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War Diary (2)
Capt. PACCINI

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MMLO IC MARINES

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SUBJECT: Specialists for Italian Combat Groups

29/27

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

TO : P.B.S.

Confirming conversation Col. LOMF - Lt. Col. INGLEDEW MMIA on 29 Nov 44.

1. P.B.S. will endeavour to find Italian Specialists as under for incorporation into the Combat Groups.

Motor Mech	500
Armament Fitters	300
Signallers Op	300
" Instr Mech	100
Elec. Mech	50
Eng. Specialists	100

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(a) Numbers of personnel involved

(b) State of clothing of parties involved.

3. In order to complete your files, attached are copies of this HQ letter SD/19 of 2 Nov to AFHQ and AFHQ letter AG 091.713/604 G-0 of 21 Nov in reply.

Lt. Col

Major General

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

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A/G
Spec Sec. } without Appx.

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Ministry of War
S.M., SE M.U for
MMIA 140

SS 426

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference your 9736/Sob of 30 November (.) Reinforcements as demanded by Commander OBSCURA Group may be supplied from 2ND ITF TEAM immediately (.) Understand number will be up to 1,000 (.) Demand movement through MMIA.

Io go to ORTONA
for ASCOLI.

W.P.

PRECEDENCE - IMMEDIATE to SAME (by hand to Col CHAVARIN)

IMPORTANT to others

C.C. SI MIN
(by hand)
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MMIA

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MINISTRY OF WAR

52 BLU FOR MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT AFHQ FOR G3(ORG) RPTD G(AE)
54 BLU RPTD MMIA LO

SS 422

CONFIDENTIAL

2000 men may be expected to report to PTD ICF from ABRUZZI call up between Dec 5 and Dec 20 (.) Essential therefore that MANTOVA be made ~~OT~~ UP earliest to WE plus 5 per cent from reinforcements at present in depot (.) Our SS 409 of 27 November not to all refers (.) 1000 shelter halves will be available in addition to present tentage

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G(SD)
A/G
S/T

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Major

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MESSAGE FORM.

Inc O 188

From : MEXICO

Date Time of Origin.

29 A 20/21

To(For Action) 52 MEX.

Ref No 38 421

RESTRICTED.

FOR MEXICO 20 (*)

YOUR AG 516 REPEATED RETURN OF NEWSPAPERMEN TO POLL AGREED

IMPORTANT.

Authenticated

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SUBJECT: Call-up in SICILY

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/49
29 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War

1. Your revised plan for the call-up of the 1914 - 1924 classes in SICILY to take place during December and January is approved. This confirms verbal approval already given to your C.A. office.

2. Please arrange for the call-up to take place according to this revised plan in two phases each covering the whole of the nine districts in the island. Each phase should produce 10,000 effectives for the Italian Army. The first phase will be from 20 Dec to 2 Jan and the second phase 10 Jan to 23 Jan.

3. (a) Transport from outlying areas to the district offices will be an Italian responsibility. It is unlikely that Allied vehicles can be made available for this purpose, and the Italian HQs and formations in the island will have to loan the maximum number of their vehicles during the period of the call-up.

(b) Transport from districts to port (MESSINA) will be an Allied responsibility and will be effected by rail. Further information on this subject will be supplied later.

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L.M. Ingleden. Lt-Col
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

DISTRIBUTION: AFHQ (2) G-3 (Org)
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3 DUPLICATE

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ARMY FORM O 2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 1219

Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
			29/27 - 1106

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FROM (A) Originator: 52 BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 28/1900

OFFICE DATE STAMP — 8/Sec 29/11

For Action: M MIA LO 102

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No. AG 515 RESTRICTED Ref your SS 401 of 26 "O" May these requirements be returned to requirements pool and NOT remain backlogged for PICENO

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS	IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER	ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY	Time THI or TOR	System	Op.
Signed	Signed ROGO	IMPORTANT	Time Sent 5883		

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29/21 101

NMCA

AMSG

AAI, PUB SAFETY SUB-COM

SS 18025

Ref your FX 57214 of 24 (.) Agree to loan of personnel from PICEMD to reinforce CG RS but consider that minimum two months will be required between return of personnel and readiness of Op for moving fwd (.) For AAI (.) Understand this is acceptable

A/S
Spec Rec

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Repatriation from BALKANS

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(MMIA)
TS/G/31
27 Nov 44

AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
G-5
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Com A.C.

Att at Appx "A" is position as at 24 Nov regarding Italian personnel recently arrived at TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS.

L. M. Ingledew, Lt-Col
for Major General
M M I A

ABC

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Air Forces Sub Com A.C.

Internal:- 2 i.c.
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Appx "A" to MMIA
letter TEG/31 of 2 Nov 44

ST ANDREW'S CAMP - TARANTO

	Offrs	O.R's	Total
Arrivals 10 Nov to 23 Nov (incl.)	153	9236	9389
Disposals	56	3466	3522
Camp Strength as at 23 Nov	97	5770	5867

Personnel despatched from the Camp have been allotted as follows:-

	Offrs	O. R's
Demobilised	17	169
Navy		390
Air Force		239
Hospital	13	402
Combat Depots { TRANO / PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE		1123
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ASTRONI for US-ITI		14	
Leave then ASTRONI for US-ITI	6	214	
Local leave		29	3885
CC.RR		151	
GG.FF		74	
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Ministry of War

54 MLU. MMIA TO 52 MLU

SS 409

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On arrival in SAN GIORGIO area MANTOVA Group will be made up to W.E. plus 5% from personnel now in Reinforcements Depot TERNO (.) Requests for personnel will be made by Group Comdr and will include specialists ens but if these are not available units will be made up to strength with untrained men (.) Copy of such requests will be sent to SMME with extra copy to be passed by SMME to MMIA

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G (SD)
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& AE ✓

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FMLA MAIN LO 52 RLV
207 SUB AREA for GELARDI

SS 401

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference MMIA SD 1837 of 24 Nov (.) Dispatch of 150 reinforcements for PICENO is delayed until destiny of PICENO decided

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LROF V LAEE NR 14

QVR 1

FROM LAEE 252043A

TO MMIA

INFO 204 SUB AREA + 54 AREA

GR 55 BT

FX58090 RESTRICTED

DOBBS BASH GRAHAM SPOKE REFERENCE YOUR ~~SUGAR DOG ONE EIGHT~~ ~~THREE SEVEN~~ OF ~~TWO FOUR~~ X FOR INFORMATION ~~TWO ZERO FOUR~~ SUB AREA FOR GELARDI CHA ~~FIVE FOUR~~ AREA FOR MMIALO SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT ~~PLANT NINE TWO THREE POINT FIVE~~ X WILL POSPONE MOVE ~~ONE FIVE ZERO~~ REINFORCEMENTS FOR PICENO UNTILE ROLE DIECIDED BT 252043A

SENT NR 14 26/0346A DK EB K

RD 0341 BVH NR 14

TIS PSE TIC PSK

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MESSAGE FORM

Call | Brl. No. | Priority

Transmission Instructions

Routine No. 40/25

29/27 5 B 2 150

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FROM (A) Originator: 50 BLL

Date-Time of Origin: 251000A

For Action

MMIA 94 SUBAREA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

—Message Instructions— | —OR—

Originator's No. GS 92

Suggests all matters referring to Transit Camp be handled over 3881 to SH BLL forthwith

P S-4, E, L-4 10M 6-18/43

This Message may be sent as written by any means [EXCEPT] Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

Time	System	Op.
TH or TOR		
2 5 1 2 5 0 A		
Time cleared		

SUBJECT :- RTD ICF

20/27 2799

Major-Dobbs.
I agree with this report entirely. Please take up with AFHQ. G.SD & QAE when on visit on 3 Dec WP

SD 28/11

LO RTD ICF
Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(MMIA)
c/o 52 BLU CMF
Ref LO 7/77

23Nov 44

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

1. The RTD ICF is now situated at TEANO NO694. It can accomodate up to 2000 all ranks under canvas. The limiting factor is tentage.

2. Strength of RTD ICF on 22 Nov 44 was 1977 all ranks. This included 548 re-patriates ex GREECE and BALKANS but NOT 5% FRIULI and CREMONA.

3. No further rft can be accepted by RTD ICF unless they :-

(a) take place of personnel posted away;

(b) arrive with tentage,

my AG 517 of 21 and AG 5170 of 22 Nov refer.

4. Personnel ex GREECE and BALKANS were sent from TARANTO without having been screened. They include personnel who should be "congedati" for various reasons. All are entitled to 30 days leave even if re-employable.

Ask G.SD to present a recurrence WP

The RTD ICF is NOT organised to screen these men. Surely this should be done at the port of disembarkation.

Yes.

May it be pointed out strongly to SMRE that the RTD ICF is NOT a transit camp nor screening agency otherwise there is a serious danger of it being swamped out by re-patriates, the vast majority of whom may NOT be acceptable for the ICF. If this occurs the already extremely difficult position of the RTD ICF will

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If it is necessary for these men to be sent to TEANO I suggest that a Transit Camp be attached to the RTD ICF to receive, house and screen them. But this Transit Camp must be properly equipped with Clothing, Tentage, Office and House-keeping Materials and vehicles repeat vehicles before any men can be accepted.

I understand that the RTD ICF have also been warned to expect personnel ex FRANCE of whom 1400 are reputed to be at AVERSA.

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TRANSPORT

5. The transport position remains 'critical'. Even the 3 x 3 Tonners Class V have NOT yet materialised. I have borrowed two Italian vehicles from the LEGNANO but one was yesterday involved in an accident, and is now a write off.

ask QAE. It is essential that this RTD be given the vehicles allowed on its WE (which is NOT over-generous) if we are going to expect it to maintain itself.

Proper arrangements must also be made for the mechanical maintenance of these vehicles, i.e., workshop facilities. At the present REME 3 DISTRICT are NOT playing. With the LEGNANO moving the RTD ICF cannot use any Gruppo Workshop.

G 1098

6. Has a G 1098 been approved for this unit ? At present the RTD ICF hold only accomodation stores and tentage, all of which has to be returned to 207 Sub-Area when the unit moves to a new location.

ask QAE

If G 1098/1000 is applicable please send two copies immediately.

I am also informed that until the WE is approved, stores can NOT be demanded for the G 1098. When will the WE be authorised ?

INTERPRETERS

7. There are NO interpreters on the WE. It is essential that there be at least two interpreters on the HQ Staff of the RTD ICF.

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COMMUNICATION

8. Telephone from VAIRANO Exchange should be through in three or four days.

The WE does NOT provide for any telephone operators either on RTD HQ or on Bn HQs.

I submit it is essential to have line comm between :-

(a) HQ RTD ICF and,

(i) Higher Fmns both English and Italian,

(ii) Railhead,

(iii) Bn HQs.

(b) Bn HQ and Coy HQs.

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6. (Contd)

Innumerable questions arise concerning the arrival, equipping and departure of large numbers of men, make telephone comm between all the above essential if any degree of efficiency is to be aimed at.

It is NOT practicable to draw this personnel from rft passing through the depot as Exchange Operators must be fully conversant with the various offices etc and should not be changed frequently.

It is suggested that following sig personnel be authorised :-

HQ RTD ICF	-	1 NCO IC Sigs 4 Exchange Operators + 3 Linemen
HQ Bn each	-	1 NCO IC Sigs 4 Exchange Operators +
Total	-	4 NCOs IC Sigs 16 Exchange Operators 3 Linemen

\+ 24 hour service is essential as men arrive at all times of the day and night.

GRINDERY

9. May an issue of Grindery and Boot repair tools be authorised on the basis of one Boot repairer per Bn ?

There is no Boot repairer on the WE so either :-

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LROF V LRLC NR 44 QVR2

FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO 2415000

TO 50 BLU

MMIA

QQX GR45 BT

AG5172. RESTRICTED. YOUR GS406 OF 4 XXX OF 24 NOT UNDERTXXX UNDERSTOOD. RTDICF CANNOT ACCEPT 5 PERCENT OF FRIULI OWING TO LACK OF TENTAGE. SO PRESUME YOU ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO MOVE THIS PERSONNEL FWD DIRECT TO YOUR NEW AREA AND THAT THEY WILL N O T RPT N O T COME TO T E A M O

BT THI 241500

CAS JB 250720A BB

RECD 44 0720 REB AR K

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FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO 241500

TO 50 BLU

MMIA

AG 5172 RESTRICTED

Your GS 406 of 24 NOT understood (.) RTDICF cannot accept 5 percent of FRIULI owing to lack of tentage (.) So presume you are making arrangements to move this personnel fwd direct to your new area and that they will NOT rpt NOT come to TEANO

cgl

FROM M.M.I.A.

TO MINISTRY OF WAR
207 Sub Area for GELARDI
50 B L U
51 B L U

INFO AFHQ
AAI
MOVWIT

SS 395

25 1605 A

SECRET

Reference our SS 387 of 23 November subject 5% reinforcements (.) FRIULI and CREMONA will be made up in new area to W.E. plus 5%, and 10% for Engineer Units EXCL Signals (.) Deficiencies by arms and by specialists will be reported earliest by BLUs to Reinforcements Depot TEANO info AMIA who will inform SAIRE (.) Depot will make up all deficiencies it can (.) Depot commander will be responsible for selection of personnel (.) As far as possible reinforcements already earmarked for a certain formation will not be attached to another (.) AMIA LO at Depot will arrange onward movement through Delegazione Trasporti for numbers under 50, and this HQ for larger parties (.) For AFHQ and AAI (.) Future methods of communication Groups to Depot to SAIRE now under consideration (.) Recommendations follow.

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INTERNAL:
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ARMY FORM C 2186 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 18/25

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
		OP	Cipher Secret

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 51 BL CI — Date-Time of Origin: 24/700A

OFFICE DATE STAMP 24 27 SS1 S1Sec

For Action

TO: MMA

(W) For information (INFO): AFHQ AAI (93)

—Message Instructions— 25/11 —OR—

Originator's No. C3

Your SS 387 of 23rd 0 5% Yo will accompany O Presnt movement arrangements adequate to cater for them.

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

Signed

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

Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY: Immediate

	Time	System	Cp.
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Time cleared			

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MEA

AFHQ

MINISTRY OF WAR, Rq 204 MUB AREA for
GELANOI, 54 AREA for MEA 10

SD 1637

RESTRICTED

Request Frail transport for 150 Other Ranks
Reinforcements for PICENO Div from TRAPANI to
MARTINA FRANCA (.) Ready now

G 3 Org Planned 2 ... Nov
To be delayed until clearing
of PICENO troops

RUV
SUSC SEC

IMPORTANT

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No 4824

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
C			Cipher Secret 94

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 50 BLU — Date-Time of Origin: 240940A

— Office Date Stamp —

For Action

TO MMIA

(W) For information (INFO)

AFHQ AAI 207 sub-area for BERALDA

—Message Instructions— | —OR

Originator's No G5406 SECRET Your SS 387 dtd 230 with the exception of forty personnel five percent reinforcements have already been absorbed by this GRUPPO Suggest remainder are moved forward as normal rifle would be if GRUPPO were in the line NOT possible to lift any more in present move

This Message may be sent as written by any means except Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher	Originator's Instructions, Degree of Priority
Secrecy	Signed	Immediate

872 THU or TOR 2413 10A Time cleared

System Op.

P.S.&L./2/20,000 W.P./Pad 100/2-44

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Date Time of Origin.

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From MEA.

To 5G MLU 8G MLU

To (Info) AFHQ AAI Ministry of War
207 Sub Area for SILANI

29/37

SS 387

SECRET

In view training and present strength 8% reinforcements now with Groups will accompany on move (*) If present move tables do not permit of this they should be left in present area and request made to AFHQ for move by rail (*) signal your action.

Precedence (IMMEDIATE to MLUs.
IMMEDIATE to others.

Authenticated

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LHOF V LHLC SEL 66 IMPORTANT

FROM MMIALO LEGNANO

TO MMIA ROME 221705

GRK GR46

AG5170 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF MY AG517 OF 21 (.)

STRENGTH RTD ICF 1977 (.) 5 PERCENT F R I U L I ARRIVING WITH

N O RPT N O BIVVIES (.) REQUEST EITHER F R I U L I AND

AND C R E M O N A PERSONNEL ARRIVE WITH BIVVIES OR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

1000 TELI DA TENDA OR BIVVIES (.) AFHQ HAVE N O T YET AUTHORISED

RELEASE OF BIVVIES.

BT 221720 A

CCH READ NO BIVVIES ARRIVE WITH BIVVIES

AND TENDA OR BIVVIES PASE ON

BIVVIES NOT CIVVIES IN ERGK CASE

NR GS REED 222030A PJB REC

No personnel being
sent by EMIVLI and EPIROM
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Translation. Secret.

Ref. - 304 I/C.A.
Date:- 21st Nov. 44.

From:- III of IV.
To:- III/IV/A

Subject:- Reserves for Combat. Groups.

1) According to instructions contained in letter S/G/29/27 dated 13th inst., all men surplus to the W/E of the Combat. Groups "Friuli" "Cremona" and who have been trained with the Groups, (5% Reserve) must be transfered to the R.T.O.I.C.F. when the Groups move north.

2) Since Friuli & Cremona will move in the near future north, not for fighting immediately onto action, but to continue the training in another zone, I suggest that the transfer of the surplus to W/E men be carried out when the Groups go into action. This suggestion is made in adherence to your instructions, ref. TS/G/29 dated 26/4/44. appendix 'E'.

3) The prospected solution has the following advantage:-
— a better training for the reserves who will continue the same exercises, started and followed.
— a more perfect understanding of the personnel with their respective units.
— a possibility to send into action, when ordered, of a 100% of W/E.
— would not affect the actual cassi in R.T.O.I.C.F.

4) If it is true that the above suggestion will affect transport but on the other hand, ~~the compensation~~ in my opinion, it will be largely compensated.

5) In case you agree to the above, this can be carried out as well for the other Combat. Groups.

Yes - please.
W.P.

(Sgd.) Gen. C.B. Oxicin.

Sgt. Fabbri.

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SEGRETO 90

TU/ba. MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto S/Sec.

Prot. N° 304671/ C.A. Riservato
318-IV-3

Risposta al foglio del

Roma, 21 novembre 1944 22/11

Div. Sez. N°

OGGETTO: Complementi per gruppi di combattimento - Trasferimento

Complementi per Gruppi di Combattimento

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

1)- Giusta le istruzioni contenute nella lettera S/G/29/27 del 13 corr.il personale esuberante agli organici dei gruppi di combattimento "Friuli" e "Cremona",addestratosi coi gruppi stessi (5% - complementi), deve essere trasferito al "deposito addestramento complementi FF.II., di combattimento (R.T.D.I.C.F.)" all'atto dello spostamento a nord dei gruppi.

2)- Poichè "Friuli" e "Cremona" prossimamente si trasferiranno a nord non per essere impiegati immediatamente in linea,ma per continuare l'addestramento in altra zona,propongo che il passaggio del personale esuberante di ciascun gruppo al R.T.D.I.C.F. si attui quando i gruppi ultimato l'addestramento si sposteranno per entrare in linea. Questa proposta è aderente alle direttive comunicate da codesta L.F.S.C. A.C. con lettera TS/G/29 del 26.9.u.s.- appendice "E" .

3)- La soluzione sopra prospettata consente i seguenti vantaggi:
- migliore addestramento dei complementi,in quanto che esso continuerebbe a svolgersi nello stesso ambiente in cui è stato iniziato e seguito;
- più perfetto affiatamento del personale con i reparti di appartenenza;
- possibilità di trasferire i gruppi in linea, quando sarà disposto, al 100% dei loro organici;
- non aggraverebbe la crisi attuale della sistemazione del R.T.D.I.C.F.

4)- E' bensì vero che l'attuazione della presente proposta

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4)- E' bensì vero che l'attuazione della presente proposta avrebbe ripercussione sui trasporti, ma il lato negativo sarebbe largamente compensato, a mio modo di vedere, dai vantaggi di cui sopra.

5)- Tale provvedimento,ove condiviso da codesta L.F.S.C.-A.C. potrebbe essere applicato a suo tempo, anche nei riguardi degli altri gruppi di combattimento.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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LROF V LRLC NR34 QVB 1

FROM NMIA LO LEGNANO GRUPPO 21121

(1) HQ NMIA ROME

(2) RTD ICX (BY HAND)

GR92 BT

AG517. RESTRICTED.

REINFORCEMENTS NOW HELD BY DEPO T ARE APPROXIMATELY 1800 OWING TO ARRIVAL OFF 548 REPATRIATES FROM TARANTO APPROXIMATELY 900 EXPECTED EX F R I U L I AND C R E M O N A MAKING TOTAL OF 2700 . CAPACITY OF RTD ICF OWING TO LACK OF BIVOUACS IS 2000 . FOLLOWING REINFORCEMENTS EARMARKED BUT AWAITING TRANSPORT 150 TO P I C E N O 120 FOR F R I U L I 120 FOR DRIVERS COURSE B A R I 130 FOR F O L G O R E .

I AM EXPEDITING TRANSPORT FOR F O L G O R E AND F R I U L I REINFORCEMENTS . REQUEST RAIL OR ROAD TRANSPORT FOR P I C E N O REINFOREMENTS AND B A R I COURSE BE EXPEDITE AND DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPORTION OF REMAINING REINFORCEMENTS NOW HELD

BT

CAS JB 212(50A BB

RD NR (34) " D LON " 2150 KK

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EMIA

20 1130

50 EAU, 52 EAU Hq 207 Sub Area for GHQ AFPAC

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For MIA Le $(.) Ensure with GHQ AFPAC re Reinforcements Depot that arrangements for transfer of 5% reinforcements to depot on eve of troops sr complete.

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FROM MMIA

TO 64 GARRISON

12 Nov A

RPTD PRS FOR MMIA for THRUPP SENIOR

SD 1582

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MMIA LO with 52 BLU (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.)
THRUPP Senior reports only 650 out of 1100 CREMONA 1914 class
throwouts have reached AFRAGOLA (.) Request you state nos despatched
from your end

PRECEDENCE

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17/30 A

NMJA

54 AMFA

Ministry of War

SD 1203 SECRET

For NMIA LO (.) This HQ SD 1789 of 15 subject disbandment AA and CD will be amended as follows (.) Para One will read 665 personnel will be concentrated TRANI Camp earmarked for PICENO Div (.) Notify completion of conc to this HQ (.) Para Two will read Balance of 666 will join MANTOVA Div Sconcst (.) Notify this HQ when available and give location.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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From : MMIA 15173CA

To : MINISTRY OF WAR

Info : MMIA LO 54 APDA

SD 1799 SECRET

17 Nov

Ref this HQ letter G/3 of 3 Nov (para 1 (d)) subject disbandment AA and CD (*) 1931 specialists rits BA-ITIS will now be dealt with as follows (*) ONE (*) 665 personnel will join PICENO Div soonest (*) Notify this HQ when available and give location (*) TWO (*) Balance of 666 will be concentrated at TRANI Camp earmarked for MANTOVA Div (*) Notify completion to this HQ.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED S M INGLESBY Lt Col

Copy to: A/G
Sec Sec

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SECRET

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SUBJECT: Call-up in ABRUZZI

30/27

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/38
14 Nov 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

16 Nov

In reply to your undated letter ref 5091/Tr.

1. This confirms the authority already given verbally on 12 Nov to Lt. Col. TURRINI to proceed forthwith with the org. of the call-up in the ABRUZZI, which is to commence on 1 Dec. and be completed by 15 Dec.

2. The plans set out in the above letter are approved. It is understood that 10 trucks are being made available from SMRE MT Pool for collecting men from outlying districts and this is agreed. A further 8 vehicles will be found by this HQ. It is regretted that the full number contemplated in your plan cannot be spared. *

3. It is particularly requested that steps be taken to ensure that these vehicles are used solely for the purpose for which they are intended, and NOT for the transportation of unauthorized persons or stores. Each vehicle will be accompanied on all journeys by a member of the CC RR.

4. The target for ABRUZZI is 6,000 men and it is important that this figure is reached. Prompt and energetic action is needed to bring this about. It is pointed out that two weeks have already been taken up by the Ministry in working out the plans and it is requested that some quicker method be devised for the future.

5. This HQ will inform the War Ministry in due course as regards

(a) A central Depot to receive the recruits from the Districts. This is being negotiated with Higher Allied Authorities.

(b) Method of tpt from Districts to Depot, which is accepted as an Allied Commitment.

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L. M. Ingledew.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Lt-Col

Distribution: AFHQ (2) G-3 (Org)
AAI (2) for SD
3 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 3 DISTRICT
3 DIST. EASTERN DET.
1 DISTRICT
MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT
MMIA LO EIGHTH ARMY

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* ADST. Can you assure me this does NOT mean taking tpt from Groups particularly Legnano. This must NOT happen WPa.

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On present arrangements it will NOT happen

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MMIA

TO 54 ARSA

HFTD MINISTRY OF WAR

12 1100A

SD 1778 Security Classification

For MMIA LO (.) Ref your MF/92 of 5 (.) ONE (.) Ref para 5 (.) Request you confirm that with move of tps requested in our SD 1741 of 6 SD 1757 of 8 Oct and SD 1761 of 9 there are now NO rpt NO surplus Italian personnel in excess of the 10 permanent staff in 47 Inf Depot LECCE or its branches wherever located (.) TWO (.) If surplus does exist please state nos and request rail move for same to TRANI Depot (.) THREE (.) Confirm that wef 20 NOV all tps will have moved and only 10 rations will be issued

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AUTHENTICATED

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA 141745 A

TO : AFHQ

Info : 3 DISTRICT, RAAC, 50 BLU, 51 BLU, IRE, Ministry of War

SD 1784 CONFIDENTIAL

Reference your CR/1116/G-1 (Br)(Ser 0962) of 31 Oct (.) Personnel of 953 Engineer Workshop Section MOLFETTA and 954 Engineer Workshop Section ROME earmarked for 391 and 392 Italian Workshop Companies are now allotted to CREMONA and FRIULI Groups respectively (.) Assume therefore that your above formation order is cancelled and that instead of being organised on WE AI/3/1 / / by 3 District and RAAC this personnel will be included in Combat Group or Combat Group WE's (.) This amends MMIA SD/10 of 6 Nov (.) Please confirm (.) RAAC 48A1 of 10 Nov also refers

PRECEDENCE Routine

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SUBJECT: Disposal of Reinforcements
FEUDAL and CHELONA Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
8/G/29/27 ✓
13 Nov 44

Ministry of War.

Copy to: 50 M.U.
51 FSU.
MEIA 10 Reinforcements Regt.

1. When FEUDAL and CHELONA Groups move forward the personnel surplus to establishment who have been training with these Groups will be assigned to the Reinforcements Regt.

2. These trained reinforcements will be kept as liaisons and replacements of battle casualties and will not be used for making up deficiencies in Groups now forming.

3. Will you inform me in due course of the number of trained reinforcements, by arms, posted to the depot in this way.

W. Pidsley-Cloud
Major General
MEIA

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MR # Store 4013
FILE REF XG 110/D
DATE RECD 3 11 7

LIGHT LINE IN 17 (CLASSIFICATION)

FM. AREA HQ LEGNANO SF 030000Z

TO HQ NRMA ROME

GEN SR AF SF

ABIC (.) RESTRICTED FOR DOBBS (.) REF YOUR DO/I SF 01 A NF ABIC

SF DE (.) HAVE STOPPED MOVEMENT OF DOC MENTIONED IN ABOVE

MUST ARRIONG TO REDUCE NO. SERVICE IN RFI'S DEPOT 5858

(.) REQUEST REPLY SOONEST - NO. TO BE SENT TO A I R A T T A C H E

H A N I D V A AND THAT A I R T R A N S V A SUPPLY TRANSPORT.

DT

SENT NR 17 DJ 03/1453 B 16.

RECD NR 17 03/1445A JH MR K

Col Pisdley to discuss on visit 5 Nov

for RFI Depot

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FROM: MEDIA

TO: WAR MINISTRY

INFO: MEDIA 10 34 AREA
52 BLU FOR OSLAND1

09 12.00 A

SD 1761

RESTRICTED

Subject is 100 rfts for 510 Cd Bn, 70 ALPINI, 130 CONGEDANDI all at 47 Lab Depot LECCE (.) Request you ONE despatch the 100 rfts accmpt to 510 Cd Bn THO despatch the 70 ALPINI to Combat Force Rft Depot THREE demobilize the 130 CONGEDANDI (.) Report if THREE is impossible owing to having horses in GERMAN occupied ITALY.

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]

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

CONFIDENTIAL

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
G/3
5 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War

Copy to: MMIA LO 54 Area (2)

Ref: this H.Q. letter G/3/71 of 31 Oct 44.

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

(a) To MINERVINO Camp for BR-ITI Service units.....approx 500

(b) To Driving Courses BARI and CATANZARO (BR-ITIS for Combat Gps).....approx 300

(c) Specialists to Rft Depot for Combat Gps (BR-ITIS).....approx 300

(d) Non-specialists rfts (BR-ITIS) for Combat Gps direct to FOGGIA Div at new concentration area (FOGGIA - GERIGNOLA area now being reconnoitered).....approx 1,331

(e) Searchlight personnel to be reserved pending selection by MAAF (our G.602 of 8 Nov refers)

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

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

5856

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: A/Q
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FROM: MMLA

TO : 3 DISTRICT

Rptd: 93 CMC AFHQ

ST 1748

07 1735A

RESTRICTED

Ref your 17/11/9 of 4 Nov (.) Para 5 (.) This is matter for AFHQ decision (.) Para 6 (.) All young men from MONTEMARANO Bn have been transferred to newly formed ABRUZZI Bn being the third Alpine Bn in LEGNANO Gruppo (.) Para 7 (.) MMLA Offr and reps of PICENO will recce suitable loca in BARI - CERIGNOLA area as requested

PRECED NCR ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED [signature] Capt.

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FROM MIA 06 18 50 A

TO AFHQ

INFO [illegible] 54 AMSA
[illegible] MIA LO

7 NW

RD 1743

RESTRICTED

Full spt requested for following (*) A equals ET personnel B equals Books Operating Copys rfbs C equals Engineer rfbs (*) FIRST (*) From 47 Repl depot NECCH (*) C130 B 377 A 55 (*) SECOND (*) From Military Districts (*) BARI, B 12 (*) BRINDISI, A 2 B 5 C 5 (*) NAPLES B 25 C 3 (*) TARANTO, A 5 B 27 C 5 (*) Destinations A to ALIEF mfc depot for combat groups B to be given by AFHQ C to Repl dpt Camp S MARIA CAPUA VETERE (*) ATC personnel no longer required personnel selected have been added to Books Op Cay rfbs (*) Despatch 2 signallers to FRANCAVILLA FONTANA to signals school

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S.TE.
ROR SIGS
NCW

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED Dobbs.

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G.S.I.

Info 2 i/c
A/G.

Ref your AD/30 of today.

1. Re Deficiencies — I agree.

2. Re Method of meeting Deficiencies.

Group A. — I agree.

Group B. — These units are required to be trained and equipped by end of Dec and should be up to strength NOW. We may therefore have to take men from Ticeno-Mantova. I don't think your call-ups will yield the numbers anticipated.

Group C. — Mantova Group is required by end Jan. Should therefore be up to strength by end of Nov I consider the question is serious and that AFHQ and AAI should be informed now, unless you have a reasonable expectation of getting some more men(approx 7,000) called up (or transferred) to Combat Forces by 1 Jan 45.

W.P.

7. Nov.

Refd File.

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MAC MESSAGE FORM

From : DMIA

To : 90 INF

RPT : CINC FOR DMIA
WAR MINISTRY

SD 1735

RESTRICTED

Ref our SD 1726 of 4 Nov (.) Now reported only 10 out of the 53 are suitable for combat (.) Please collect them

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FROM MELA

TO 50 BLO

05 Nov

RPTD AIG FOR EMIA
WAR MINISTRY

SD 1730 CONFIDENTIAL

Collect 21 signallers all tecunicians for FRIULI from AFRICOM Cmap (.) Signal RE for EMIA RTA of tpt (.) For TARGAP (.) Above are from serial 25 List A (.) Ltr AG 110 of 31 OCT refers

RELEASER Imp Brig

AUTHENTICATED DCMA

Internal Sigs Sec

&

File S/SD/30

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SECRET

ARMY FORM C 2186 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 4/4

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY — Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) Originator: MMIA LO FRIULI — Date-Time of Origin: 041200A

For Action: MMIA

to — (W) For information (INFO)

—Message Instructions— | —GR—

Originator's No. HF 32

SECRET

(Q) PICENO 152 ARTIERI Cov 3 Comp 1 Bn 336 Regt. 152 MC Coy ⊙ MANTOVA Para D 80 Offs and OR Wounded ⊙ Val 21 ARTIERI Cov ⊙ Bty MF 20 & 26 MF 25 & 29 Def MF 28 & 2nd Refers ⊙ (b) Accommodated in our Lines ⊙ Wounded Died of Wounds Buried in FRIULI (c) In view bad weather and Impassable roads evacuation of these wounded

No reinforcements sent here unless as Properly Organized Units

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority: IMPORTANT

Time: TOR 5850Z 210A

Time cleared

Signed

Signed

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FROM MGIA

TO 50 ELS

INFO ZEN FOR MGIA
WAR SECRETARY

SIGNAL NO 04 1700A
29/27

SD 1722 CONFIDENTIAL

Collect 53 drivers for FIELD from ARMORED Camp (.)

Signal Reg for MGIA HQ of tpt (.) For TRUCK (.)

Above are available from serial 30 List 2 at one 1000
GT Day NOT rpt NOT now being formed (.) Report use of
any of above unsuitable for combat

PERSONNEL Captain Carl

AUTHENTICATED Walter Stitt
Maj

Copy to: Spec Sec
File 600/42

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RESTRICTED

66.

29/27

SUBJECT:- Weekly Return of Italian Military assigned to Allied programme. Combat Ops & MI-ITIE

5 Nov

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(MMIA)
SD/50
3 Nov 44.

War Ministry (2)

1. It is requested that you collate and forward to this HQ by 1100 hrs each Saturday a return vide proforma at Appx 'A' attached showing the position for the week preceding i.e. the return due at 1100 hrs 18 Nov is required to show the figure for the period Sun 5 Nov to Sat 11 Nov inclusive, and so on.

2. The first return however, should be completed for the period 1 Oct to 31 Oct, the second from 1 Nov to 4 Nov and thereafter weekly vide para 1 above.

Lt-Col

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

JW

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Spec Sec

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Weekly Statement No showing nos of Italian military assigned to Allied programme, Combat Gps, and ITI-IT

Period covered Sun to Sat 44 inclusive To reach HQ

ASSIGNED TO

Serial	Source	US-ITIS			BR-ITIS				BR - ITIS			BR-ITIS	
		PIS	5 army	U.S. AAF	1 Dist	2 Dist	3 Dist	8 Army	Allied Commission	Br liner to 5 Army	RAAC		Combat Gps.
1	Re-call or Call-up.....region												
2	Depot surpluses												
3	194 throwouts etc ex Combat Gps												
4	SARDINIA												
5	Disbanded units												
6	CERRA & CERRETTI												
7	Italian Screening Agencies for patriots												
8	Suspected PW ex BALKANS etc												
9	etc												
10	etc												

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Appendix "A" to NNIA HQ letter SD/50 of 3 Nov 44.

military assigned to Allied programme, Combat Gps, and ITI-ITIS

inclusive

To reach HQ NNIA by 1100 hrs each Saturday

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ARMY FORM C.2123

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 61

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT	No. of Groups	Office Date Stamp
	20/537	GR.	

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO 50 BLU

FROM MMIH

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
55214	3	

Restricted to Yes units of Fortress SIGNAL to flying to (c) allotted MMIA 100 Rept of MANTOVA and PICENO are PICENO (b) their capabl and of immediately as accomodation receiving MANTOVA (a) what mov arrangements reinforcements groups.

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means
+ (Except)
( ) Wireless

Signature

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

Signature Mijs

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority
Important

Time of Origin 03 1820A

T.H.I.

T.O.R. 5626

+ Originator may delete "Except" and insert "including." (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

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MESSAGE FORM.

June 64
29/27.

Date Time of Origin.

From : [redacted]

To : 52 MEAF

To(For Info) : (1) 90 MEAF (2) 92 MEAF (3) 93 MEAF (4) [redacted]

163.

Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL.

Your A 2/1 of 2 Nov not to all (*) Policy regarding reinforcements is (*)
FIRST (*)
that Combat Groups should be maintained up to but not over strength plus
25% first reinforcements (*)
SECOND (*)
[redacted] to allot reinforcements from Depot to Groups in accordance with first
above (*)
THIRD (*)
Surplus in Groups to be sent either to Depot or to other Groups under orders
from [redacted] (*)
FOURTH (*)
When RAF Depot is established at TEANO about 6 Nov personnel there will be
given uniforms and personal equipment before being sent to Groups (*)
FIFTH (*)
Groups will demand deficiencies from [redacted] or notify surpluses weekly (*)
SIXTH (*)
Detailed instructions to all concerned now being worked out.

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Precedence ROUTINE.

Authenticated _____ (2)(3)(4) MEAF

WL 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 3/43 MP 218426-51-6734

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 63

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FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
51 BLU	021200A	D 3/11

For Action.

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions.	GR

Originator's No.

A2/1 CONFIDENTIAL

Reference General BROWNING'S verbal instruction during visit 29th Oct to return surplus personnel reinforcement repl ALIFEO 'S MRE Signal 845/MOS of 27th Oct states

One O NO room at depot to any more reinforcements O

Two O personnel already at depot awaiting transfer to be returned to divisions to ease accommodation problem O

Our reactions are,

1 O DO NOT APT NOT want any more reinforcements here because accommodation question already acute and clothing problem bound to arise O

2 O Considers essential to get unit strengths down to WE with minimum delay O

3 O To get still more reinforcements from

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Originator's No

A2/1 CONFIDENTIAL

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Two ⊙ Personnel already at depot coast, Adelaide to be returned to divisions to ease accommodation problem ⊙

Our reactions are,

1 ⊙ DO NOT get NOT want any more reinforcements - lose because overcrowded condition already acute and clothes problem bound to arise ⊙

2 ⊙ Consider essential to get unit strengths down to WE with minimum delay ⊙

3 ⊙ To get this mass reinforcements from depot will confuse units trying to organise personnel in accordance with WE ⊙ We suggest

1 ⊙ DO not NO further reinforcements from depot ⊙

2 ⊙ men at present with units and surplus to WE needed to reinforcement regt and hold at reduced strength 2 units in readiness for despatching to depot as soon as that unit can take them ⊙

3 ⊙ then no returned NOT to get NOT to be

recommenced by us. ⊙ Grateful your comments and advice

except WIRELESS.

Signed.

Signed. AD Cpl.

Signaler's Instructions. Degree of Priority.

IMMEDIATE

Time: THI or TOR 0221 OA

Time Cleared

Sysnum Op.

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5/6/29/27 62.

SUBJECT: Reinforcements

TO : G1

1. I suggest we work on the following basis:

(a) That the Combat Force requires 8,000 reinforcements to bring it up to strength in bodies.

(b) That it requires 2,000 specialists in addition in exchange for whom it could forego 2,000 of the above reinforcements.

(c) That between now and Jan 1 there will be a wastage of 5% (i.e. 3,000 men) due to absence without leave etc., especially in view of the fact that we shall lose many of the FICENO who have gone to be Carabinieri.

(d) This means that 11,000 reinforcements are required for the Combat Groups between now and Jan 1.

W. P. Darby
Lt Col
Spec. Sec.

3 Nov.

58:3

REINFORCEMENTS FOR COMBAT GROUPS

	Grandand lost.	W.E.	Present Strength	Deficiency	Surplus	Remarks
FRIULI	347	8906	9253	8906		
CREMONA	723	8906	11,329	8906		
				1600		
1/3 TAIL		1356		556	800	Deficiency includes complete GT Coy (232) and 1 Laundry, Bath Unit (66)
1/3 REINFTS		1900		~~2000~~ 1/20	100	400 at depot, remainder surplus for CREMONA
Sub-Total		21,068		20,368	700	
LEGNANO	1163	8906	8463	7500	1406	
FOLGORE	1834	8906	10334	8500	406	
1/3 TAIL		1104		504	600	Deficiency includes G.T. Coy, M.A.C. Platoon and 2 Laundry, Bath Units.
1/3 REINF'TS		1900		400	1500	
Sub-Total		20,816		16,904	3,312	
MANTOVA	534	8906	8034	7500	1406	
PICENO	294	8906	6294	8000	2906	
1/3 TAIL		901		501	400	
1/3 REINF'TS		1900		400	1500	1/3 of Depot Strength: 400
Sub-Total		20,613		14,401	5,212	
T O T A L		62,497		51,673	10,824	
Balance		208		11,027		

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Balance		203	11,027		
CEILING OF COMBAT FORCE		62,700	62,700		

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Breakdown of deficiency:

	All ranks
To bring groups up to strength	6000
Completely new units for tail	1800
To bring tail up to strength	200
To bring depot up to strength	3024
T O T A L	10,824

Total considered lost: 4.895

Nett deficiency 6000

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FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

02 1754 A

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CONFIDENTIAL

Pending approval of detailed RE for Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Depot and discussions regarding increases request immediate release of essential vehicles and stores to enable Depot to function (.) Essential to the build up of the force as well as to the morale of the 2000 personnel called up that the depot should be able to function (.) At present it is a dogs breakfast

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

for C. Pinkley

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L.. V LRLC NR46 --IMMEDIATE-- 0VR1

FROM NMIA LO LEGNANO 021150A
TO ~~CMIK ROME~~
INFO 64 SAN
GOX GRBS ST

37/2

MM A
FILE REF
Date Recd 2 Nov

A509 RESTRICTED.
FOR PIDSLEY. BATTALION RPTS DEPOT. GNF. HAVE ARRANGED FOR RPTS DEPOT TO MOVE TO TEANO NC594 NEXT WEEK. RAILHEAD IS SPARENISE. HQ'S OF REGIMENT AND BATTALION WILL BE IN BUILDINGS WITH TROOPS UNDER ~~CANVAS~~ CANVAS. POOL. AFHQ HAS NOT YET RELEASED ANY EQUIPMENT OR TRANSPORT NOR AUTHORIZED ISSUE OF ACCOMMODATION STORES OR GE MATERIAL FOR KITCHEN AND LATRINE STRUCTURES. APPRECIATE YOUG HELP IN EXPEDITING THESE SOONEST. REINFORCEMENTS STRENGTH IN DEPOT 1 NOV 1200.,APPROX 600 BEING DESPATCHED TO GRUPPI UNDER ORDERS FROM S M R L.
THI 1200
SENT NR46 OP 02/1630 WD BB GA
NR 46 RECD 021630A PJB BB

Inform AFHQ.
3 DIST.
SHAEF
5BLOS
Ref: msg rptd 1 2 Nov.

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FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ 02/100 A

RPTD MMIA LO 50 BLU
MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1706 CONFIDENTIAL

Rail tpt requested for 100 drivers to move from CATANZARO to BENEVENTO on 6 NOV (.) Movement urgently requested for that date (.) Personnel are for FRIULI DIV due to move during first half November

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED G Box Capt.

Copy to: Spec Sec
MOV

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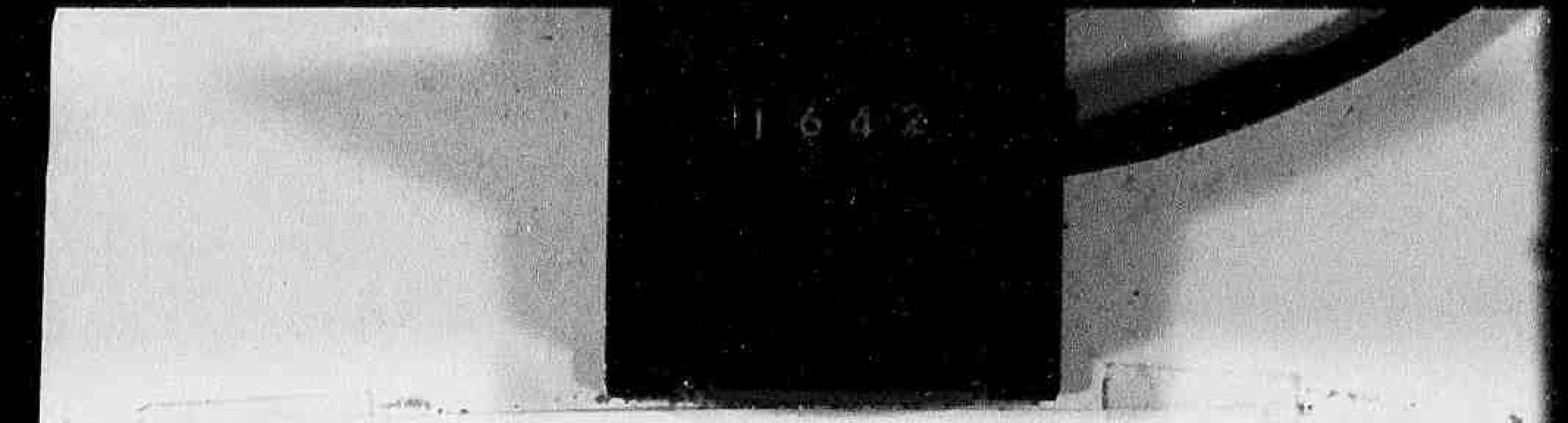

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FROF V LRLC NR 9 IMMEDIATE

FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO 310932

TO HQ. MMIA ROME

GR 25 BT

A508 (.) RESTRICTED. OUR RFT. DEP (.) STRENGTH OF RFT IS DEP.

30 OCT 1200 (.) REQUEST INSTRS. FOR DESPATCHING AS

A MANY AS POSSIBLE TO C R U P P I

BT

SENT NR 9 EJ 1345 B PIP K

RECD 9 1345 REB OP

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Subject :- Arrival of Rft. and units in area.

To : H.Q.,
M.M.I.A.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q 4 - 4
25 Oct. 44.

Ord.

1. The Caorle Bn of the San Marco Regt. has now arrived in this area, approximate strength 350 all ranks.

2. Owing to the condition in which they arrived their presence here is welcomed by no one and all that it has done is to further deteriorate the already grave administrative position of the Combat Group.

3. This Bn. arrived with no cooking equipment so they are now using sawed-off jerricans to cook their meals in. They have no water containers so that either they have to have a water cart permanently attached to them or they cannot retain enough water for ordinary drinking and cooking purposes. The answer is found at present by them using well water but for how long will that be medically sound?.

4. Their clothing was of the poorest condition and when the G1 of this H.Q. visited them immediately after their arrival some of them were in civilian clothes and more than one man marching in bare feet. Their blanket position is, as with the whole of the Combat Group on the average of one per man.

5. It is suspected that the reasoning followed by the units, depots, etc. from which these men and other rfts arrive, is that they're going to the British who have everything and they'll be all right.

6. Your H.Q. is fully conversant with the fallacy of this reasoning and though we will be able to provide "all things to all men" in time, that time is the unknown factor.

7. It is most strongly urged that all troops being sent to this Combat Group are adequately clothed and that all units come administratively self contained.

L. H. Marks.

Lt. Col.

G. S.

1. Major Beaumont is liaising up para 1 with Main Wan
2-7 Major Head to reply to 53 BLU & tell them to put in indents for "maintenance" of clothing & see they get it - also equipment.
Discuss if necessary with AQ to find out who is responsible & let me have the answer.
BF 2 nov.

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SUBJECT:- Rfte to SAN MARCO Rept. FOLGORE

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E

S/G/29/27

30 Oct 44

MMIA LO FOLGORE GROUP c/o 53 BLO

Ref your S/1 of 23 Oct.

Channel of comd on such a subject should be MMIA LO to HQ MMIA or BLO to 56 Area who will arrange for required information from Mov 3 Dist.

A communication of this nature should NOT be made direct to AFHQ.

ABC

Major General
M M I A

Internal copy to:- Spec Sec

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27 Oct 44

R/1

To:- MMIA

and for infm 53 BLU

From:- MMIA LO, FOLGORE.

Subject - Rfts for FOLGORE

1; Further to my letter of 11 Oct 44, regarding rfts — to this fmn during trg.

2. I attach translation copy of a letter from Comd NEMBO, which illustrates the necessity of a ms in str. Otherwise units will finish trg under WE — and not 5% over.

where?

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29 Oct 44

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From:- NEMBO Para Regt

To:- HQ FOLGORE

Subject - Progressive Loss in Strength of Units

1. The continuous losses which units are suffering by daily evacuations to hospital arouses grave concern, and I think it my duty to drww your attention to the phenomenon.
2. In the course of the last week we have evacuated about 100 men for the following chief causes - rheumatism - recurrent malaria - dental troubles - organic weaknesses.
3. I have already pointed out the causes of this high rate of hospitalisation, which will probably increase rather than decrease as winter comes with its humidity and rapid changes of temperature. And the climate of the GALORE Valley is not the most favourable.
4. I have also pointed out the measures which could be taken to check this tendecny, namely -
   (a) better nourishment
   (b) timely distribution of clothing
   (c) allotment of tentage to give better cover.
5. Though its capacities are limited, this HQ has done all in its power to improve the feeding of men. A regimental institute has been set in which we have sold this month 200 quintals of potatoes, 25 quintals of chestnuts, 10 quintals maize, 50 hectolitres of wine and other small items.
6. But there are certain necessities which this HQ cannot itself obtain -
   (a) boots - 15% of men have not serviceable boots.
   (b) clothing - 20% of men have only shorts.
   (c) tentage - all men cannot be billted and olive presses must now be evacuated.

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If possible, some provision against these necessities should be made, especially in view of the medical past which resulted from our long stay in Sardinia.

6. A great number of our tps are affected with malaria and should have not only hypernutrition but also suitable clothing and billets. The physical condition of about 10% of them is such that they should be hospitalised. At present many of the men, at their own wish because they do not wish to leave the unit, are being giving medical care here.

7. For such measures as are beyond our means I would ask your kind consideration.

Offr Comd NEMBO
(signed F. Ronco)

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29/27

FROM: MMIA.

TO : MMIA TO BE REP.

Rptd: MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1066

SD 1900 A

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Instruct Gl Italian Amb Cmr Rec to move immediately from PIEDMONTE to ROME using Route 7 and travelling in two blocks of 10 vehs each (.) U.S. to report ahead to DIRECTOR SANITA WAR MINISTRY ROME for onward routing instructions (.) Signal MMIA REA of Amb Cmr Rec in ROME

PREPARING [illegible]

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]

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FROM: MAIA

TO : MAIA LO LEGNANO

Rptd: 52 MAU

3D 1664

RESTRICTED

Ref your 3D 19 of 26 Oct (.0 PAREN ROMK AREA _____ PAREN (.) AFHQ confirm that AVELLINO - BENEVENTO call up is NOT rpt NOT cancelled (.) Collection of personnel from AVELLINO and BENEVENTO for Combat Force Rft Depot must proceed as arranged (.) PIDDLEY visiting AFHQ 27 Oct regarding tentage and equipment for above Depot

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED

Copy to: Spec Sec

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23 Oct 4:
S/1

To:- AFHQ (G Nov)
and for infn MMIA, Rome
From:-MMIA LO, POLGORE c/o 53 BLU

Subject - Rfts to SAN MARCO Regt, POLGORE

1. SAN MARCO Marines Regt of this combat gp expects to receive, in rfts and men returning from course, some 750 men in the course of this week.
2. Men will be coming from MARIBARI, BARANTO.
3. As the move will presumably be arranged through you may we be advised when and where and in what numbers per gp they will arrive.
4. As these tps should begin trg forthwith it is hoped they will ome forw rd at once.

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Reply. Ref from on sub in subject
"Chand of cond" should be MMIA to HQ
to MMIA or BLU to 56 area who will
arrge for reqd infomation from Nov 3 D.F.
a comunication of this nature should not be
made direct to AFHQ.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R C E
S/C/29/27
27 October 1944

TO : MMIA LO. FOLGORE.

Reference your G/2 of 20 October.

1. You will appreciate that in deciding on the number of reinforcements which can be attached for training to each Group we are absolutely bound by the ceiling of reinforcements that has been laid down, i.e. 57,000 or 10% of the total strength of the Combat Force. It is therefore impossible to agree to your proposal that the proportion of reinforcements attached should be increased.

2. Copy of S/C/29/10 of 11 September is enclosed for the ELU.

Major General
M M I A

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25/100 A

RAAF MESSAGE FORM

FROM MEA

TO 64 GARRISON

INFO WAR MINISTRY

201678

RESTRICTED

For MEA to GARRISON (*) PARIS ZONE AREA COMMAND _____ PARIS (*) FIRST (*) Ref our 201640 of 20 (*) 140 personnel awaiting collection from MOOSEMOOR (*) SECOND (*) Ref Appx "A" to MEA letter 20/44 of 12 (*) Maintain contact with AVELLINO and BENEVENTO recruiting centres and send transport to collect personnel of serials 10 and 11 as necessary (*) THIRD (*) ALL ppt ALL personnel in FIRST and SECOND above are for Combat Force Rft Depot ALIFE

DRAUGHTSMAN [illegible]

SECTION [illegible]

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]

Internal copy:

Area Sec

collection from [redacted] (*) [redacted] (*) Ref Appx "A" to [redacted] letter 33/44 of 12 (*) Maintain contact with [redacted] and [redacted] recruiting centres and send transport to collect personnel of serials 10 and 11 as necessary (*) THIRD (*) ALL rpt ALL personnel in FIRST and SECOND above are for Combat Force RAF Depot ALIPS

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FROM MAIA

TO AGO SARDINIA

INFO AFHQ G-3 ops
SD AAI
AGO

SD 1680

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION Restricted

FOR SIMONDS (.) PARAS NOW AREA _____ PARAS (.) Form free personnel destined for mainland one bn inf on approx following WE (.) HQ 15 all ranks under Lt Col (.) Five Coys under Capt each of three pls of 30 all ranks and Coy HQ 10 all ranks (.) On completion report to C.O. Region Cagliari for temp duty with CC/S until 31 Dec (.) No personal arms and equip to accompany (.) Documentation through mil channels as before (.) On completion of duty unit will be placed on Shipping List 7 ~~and completion of movement~~ (.) These are XTI-ITI (.) Adds to authorised strength of garrison (.) Remain in Italian outer uniform (.) Advise quantity and item of Italian and Allied clothing necessary to equip to scale (.) All available Italian items will be utilised

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED L.M. Engleden
Lt Col

Intorandi A/G
Ops Doc

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20 Oct 44

G/2

To:- MMIA, Rome and for infm 53 BLU

From:- MMIA LO, FOLGORE

Subject - Reinforcements

1. With ref to SMRE circular to combat gps No 1100 prot ADD/RD of 11 Oct 44, copy of which was sent to you.
2. This circular lays down that 5% of combat gp str will train with combat gps as rfts. After trg period, when the combat gp goes into ops, they will be returned to RU. At RU another 5% of gp str will be trained.
3. This HQ considers that their cas during trg will be 10-15% of total str because :-
   (a) in every trg period a number of men are lost through sickness, accident and physical unfitness.
   (b) some loss through rheumatism, pleurisy, etc is to be expected because of insufficient clothing, tentage, etc.
   (c) some of the recruits sent them are underfed and though rations may suffice to keep up a man's strength they will not build him up in a period of intensive trg.
4. If therefore FOLGORE is to send back to RU at end of trg period 5% of total str they should begin trg with at least 15% over str.
5. If they begin trg only 5% over WE str the RU must be able to send up rfts during trg to the extent of some 1000 men, and the trg of these men would be done more efficiently by the combat gp from the outset.

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6. In order that Folgore may complete trg up to str and with 5% of its str in trained men to return to RU, Chief of Staff FOLGORE asks that they be authorised to begin trg with 10-15% over WE Str.

J. A. Hurley
Gpn

MMIA LO

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LYOF V LRLC NR52 IMPORTANT

FROM MMIA LO LE MIGNANO 221430A

TO MMIA ROME FOR SME// SMRE

QQX GPS 36 BT

A/504. FOLLOWING MESSAGS FROM REINFORCEMENTS REGIMENTAL HQ IS PASSED FOR ACTION. IT IS COMMUCICATED THAT IN THIS REGIMENT THERE ARE THE FOLLOWING SPECIALISTS. CAR DRIVERS 22. MOTOR CYCLISTS 3. WIRELESS OPERATORS 1. TELEGRAPH OPERATORS 4.

THI ------

SENT NR52 23/0120, WB BB

RECD NR 52 23/0125A JN AR K

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FROM MMIA LO MIGNANO 221430 A

TO MMIA ROME FOR SIRE

Copy To - "G" 23/10

N/504

Following message from reinforcements Regimental HQ is passed for action (.) It is communicated that in this Regiment there are the following specialists (.) Car drivers 22 (.) Meter cyclists 3 (.) Wireless operators 1 (.) Telegraph operators 4

IMPORTANT

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MESSAGE FORM.

Free 43.

From : MMIA

Date - Time 27.

To (for action) : MAAF

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To (for info) : Ministry of War.

US 221

RESTRICTED

For BUTLER (.) Naval ROME Area _____ Naval (.) 40 Searchlight specialists have arrived NAPLES from SARDINIA (.) Now attached Command MMIO NAPLES (.) Please inform Col DALRYMPLE if these are required for Airfields and signal

MMIA

Precedence: IMPORTANT

Authenticating Officer _____

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Spec Sec.

FROM: MMIA

TO : AMEMB 22/445 A

Rptd: 64 GARRISON for 53 ALU

SD 1655 CONFIDENTIAL

Rail Tpt requested for 300 ORs from SAN MARCO Regt to move from ALEZIO (GALLIPOLI) to AMOROSI (BENEVENTO) for Combat Group (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN (.) Ready to move 22 Oct

PRECEDENCE IMPERATIVE

AUTHENTICATED C.B. Fox Col AF

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FROM MMIA

TO WAR MINISTRY 201200 A

RPTD PRS
8 Army and MMIA LO Rear 8 Army
5 Army and MMIA LO 5 Army
MMIA LO GELARDI c/o 64 Garrison

SD 1640

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Call-up a uthorised by MMIA letter SD/38 of 4 OCT is extended to 1600 hrs 28 OCT 44 after which hour NO rpt NO further personnel will be enrolled (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.) Present transport arrangements continue (.) Other concerned addressees being informed by letter

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"RAAC MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

To DISTONE

For Info AAI
MMIA LO DISTONE
MMIA LO 50 ELU
WAR MINISTRY

SD1630

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref AAI SD1171 of 16 OCT NOT to all stating 1 Bn 336 Regt 600 all ranks will move from AREZZO to BENEVENTO for SAN GIORGIO on or after 23 Oct (.) PAREN ROME AREA PAREN (.) Request you instruct bn to send adv party 1 offr 3 or's to report forthwith to Maj FIELDMAN MMIA LO 50 ELU at SAN GIORGIO M77

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FROM: MMIA

TO : WAR MINISTRY

Rptd: 50 ELU
51 ELU
52 ELU
53 ELU

SD 1627 CONFIDENTIAL

ALL rpt ALL rfts for combat gps will, unless otherwise directed by this HQ, be sent to Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Depot near ALIFE (.) PAREN ROME AREA ____ PAREN (.) Rfts will NOT rpt NOT be sent direct from providing source to any combat gp or to any unit of any combat gp (.) Acknowledge

PRECEDENCE Routine

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(Pads of 100.)

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 316/1

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN / OUT	No. of Groups GR.	Office Date Stamp
	CIPHER SECT P	MAIA 51 Sec	28/1.3

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO MAIA

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
51 BLU	A 1/7	17/0004	—

SMRE continue to send reinforcing personnel from FROSINONE and CERRETI to GRUPPO CREMONA please tell SMRE to stop this ⊙ GRUPPO has requested SMRE direct

Tactical Orders: ~~Full SMRE all~~

DTG 17/0004Z

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS { except / WIRELESS }

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

Originator's instructions Degree of priority Important

Time of origin 2225

Signed [redacted]

Noted

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

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T.H.I. M/

T.O.R.

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

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FM: MILLA

TO: AFEC

INFO: CINCPAC
COMSEVENTH
Manila

SD 1616

RESTRICTED

Mail typ requested to move 21 offs 28 MOS's from SANTINA FRIEDA and 21 offs 23 MOS's from CORREGIDOR both to CERRETO SAGRITA E 4796 to attend Artillery Course (.) PAREN NEW AREA_____PAREN (.) Turnaround to arrive by 20 OCT

IMMEDIATE

PRECEDENCE: [redacted]

AUTHENTICATED: GRBox CofS

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15/1100 A

FROM MMIA

TO WAR MINISTRY

RPTD AFHQ
MAIN AAI
DISTRIBEE
MMIA LO DISTRIBEE
PMS
PBS FOR MMIA
MMIA LO 54 AREA

SD 1601

SECRET

Ref my letter SD 44 of Oct 12 Subject Italian callup Appendix A (.)
PAREN NONE AREA PAREN (.) Postpone date of commencement
to Oct 25 RPT 25

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SUBJECT: Rfts for FOLGORE Combat Gp

CONFIDENTIAL

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
S/SD/30
14 Oct 44

Liaison Officer
Military Mission Italian Army
53 SLU c/o 64 Garrison

Ref your letter of 11 Oct 44, subject as above.

1. It is agreed that rfts for the FOLGORE combat gp should be taken as far as possible from its own type of personnel.

2. It is not, however, possible to establish a seperate FOLGORE rft bn at the Italian Combat Force Rft and Trg Depot. Comd. of the Depot has been instructed by this H.Q. to hold at FOLGORE rfts specifically for the FOLGORE Gp., and it is considered that this will serve the purpose sufficiently.

Lt-Col
Major General
M M I A

Copy to: A/G
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SUBJECT: Reinforcements for FOLGORE Combat Group

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. S/SD/30
14 Oct 44

TO : WAR MINISTRY

1. Herewith copy of this HQ letter S/SD/30 of 14 Oct 44. It is requested that you instruct the Comd of Italian Combat Force Reinforcement and Training Depot to comply.

Maj Gen
M M I A

Copy to: A/C
Spec Sec

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SUBJECT:- Recall to ITALIAN Army of ITALIAN Military of 1914 to 1924 classes in CALABRIA, CAMPANIA, FOGGIANO, PUGLIA and LUCANIA

Military Mission Italian Army
R C M E
SD/44

12 Oct 44

5/8/20/17.

War Ministry (2)

Copy to:- G3(Org) AFHQ (2)
SD AAI (2)
3 Dist
MMIA LO 3 Dist
PBS
PBS for MMIA LO
MMIA LO 54 Area

WP

1. ITALIAN War Ministry is authorised to recall to the ITALIAN Army ITALIAN military of 1914 to 1924 classes inclusive, in the Regions of CALABRIA, CAMPANIA, FOGGIANO, PUGLIA and LUCANIA, as per Appx "A" attached.

REPORTS

2. Numbers of daily intakes at each recruiting centre will be reported daily to this HQ as expeditiously as possible. Numbers who report, but who are not accepted as being exempt under the various provisions of the recall, will also be notified to this HQ.

ESCORTS

3. War Ministry will arrange for escorts on the basis of 5 Carabinieri for each 100 men moved.

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

4. Recalled personnel will be given uniforms on arrival at the Allied unit to which they are assigned.

The following items of individual eqpt will be issued on arrival at recruiting centres, and will be withdrawn on despatch of personnel to receiving units :-

Blankets

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PBS for MMIA LO
MMIA LO 54 Area

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Blankets	-	1	per man
Mosstin	-	1	per man
Fork	-	1	per man
Spoon	-	1	per man
Water bottle	-	1	" " if available.

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RATIONS
5. The War Ministry will arrange for sufficient rations, plus travel rations, to be available at the recruiting centres shown in Appx "A".

L. M. Lee Seden. Lt-Col
for Major General
M M I A

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Re-call of 194 - 24 Classes

Serial	Region	Recruiting Centre	Total re-call authorised	Target daily intake	Duration of recall	Receiving unit	Movement from r centre to recei
1	CALABRIA	CATANZARO		10	From 20	ASTRONI (BAGNOLI Sta) Camp for P.B.S.	Personnel will c at CATANZARO und arrangements. R rail tpt to BAG made after last
2		COSENZA		10		" " " "	
3		REGGIO C.		10			
4	PUGLIA & LUCANIA	BARI	500	10	to 26 Oct	MINERVINO Camp for 3 District	Under arrangemen APULIA
5		BARLETTA		10		" " " " "	Pers will concen
6		LECCE		10		" " " " "	47 Inf Depot LEC
7		POTENZA		10		" " " 2 " "	War Min arrangem
8		TARANTO		10			Dist will collec
9		CAMPOBASSO		10	44	Italian Combat Forces Rft Trg Depot (Nr ALIFE) for Combat Gps	Combat gps will collect
10	CAMPANIA	AVELLINO	10000	120	From 20 Oct to 2 Nov 44	P.B.S.	PBS will send tpt
11		BENEVENTO		120		"	" " " "
12		AVERSA		120		"	" " " "
13		CASERTA		120		"	" " " "
14		NAPOLI		120		"	" " " "
15		NOLA		120		"	" " " "
16		SALERNO		120		"	" " " "
17	FOGGIANO	FOGGIA	5000	800	From 20 to 28 Oct 44	MINERVINO Camp for MMIA List 2	By rail

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Appx "A" to Mila letter SB/44 dated 13 Oct 44

Re-call of 1914 - 24 Classes

	Target daily intake	Duration of recall	Receiving unit	Movement from recruiting centre to receiving unit	R E M A R K S
	10 10 10	From 20	ASTRONI (BAGNOLI Sta) Camp for P.B.S. " " " " "	Personnel will concentrate at CATANZARO under War Min arrangements. Request for rail tpt to BAGNOLI will be made after last intake	As replacements for demobilisable personnel " " " " " "
	10 10 10 10 10	to 26 Oct	MINERVINO Camp for 3 District " " " " " " " " " 2 " "	Under arrangements Mil HQ APULIA Pers will concentrate at 47 Inf Depot LECCE under War Min arrangements. 3 Dist will collect from LECCE	" "
	10	44	Italian Combat Forces Rft Trg Depot (Nr ALIFE) for Combat Gps	Combat gps will send tpt to collect	Rfts for Combat Gps
	120 120 120 120 120 120	From 20 Oct to 2 Nov 44	I.B.S. " " " "	PBC will send tpt to collect " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " As replacements for demobilisable personnel, balance as rfts " " " " " " " " " " " "
	800	From 20 to 28 Oct 44	MINERVINO Camp for MMIA List 2	By rail	MMIA have applied for rail tpt. Pers of this serial will be screened by MMIA LO 5A Area, to whom separate instructions are being sent. MMIA will assign pers against List 2 serials and make the necessary tpt arrangements from MINERVINO to units to which pers are assigned.

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FROM: AMIA

TO : AMIA 10 SS SLU

12/15/10 A

Info: War Ministry (5) Please hold } By hand.
Copy to Colo. Mil. Terr. di ROMA
3 District
PBO for AMIA 10

SD 1583

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref our SD 1552 of 6 Oct (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) Complete rpt Complete call-up of FROSINONE up to inclusive intake 16 OCT will be sent to combat zone (.) Request you therefore continue to send motor transport until all personnel cleared from recruiting centre (.) For 3 Dist (.) Compensation to you for this re assignment of personnel will be made in next call-up of Italian Military

PRECEDENCE Immediate (1)
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QUY
FROM 1 CONT G A I 031900 A
TO 15 PO SIGS
INFO AFHQ G 3 ORG DESTROYED UNCLA
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RESTRICTED (.) ACK SIG IF WILL MOVE FORTHWITH BY AIR UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM UNDER COMD 15 PO SIGS AT G I E N A TO UNDER COMD 3 DIST AT PIEDMONTE DALIFE FOR DUTIES WITH G DLU(.)

ON ARRIVAL TO REPORT TO CAPT G O U L S - A D A M S

BT 1212

CCNR PA CAPT GOULD III GOULD ADAMS .

SENT WD 7565 IP 031220 A
RCD 03/2022A NRA KH

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1600 A

FROM AMLA

TO AMLA

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Authority for Mail typ requested for 16 offs 44 Ors to move from PICENO Div in APULIA and 16 off 44 Ors to move from MANTOVA Div in CALABRIA both to ROCCA PRIORIA for signals course (.) PARTN NOS AMLA_____PARTN (.) Personnel to arrive by 14 Oct (.)

Entraining stations to be obtained from Local ALLIED TROOPS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENT CYPHER

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FM: MEIA

TO AMIR

INFO 64 Garrison for 52 BLU
64 Garrison for 53 BLU

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Ref MEIA signal SD 1935 of 3 OCT (.) PARTY M-SK AREA_____PARTY (.)
Understand 300 S. MAJOR rifts cannot move before 15 OCT owing to other mil
movements (.) Request move takes place 15 OCT as above rifts required
urgently for op training

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED

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LROF V LRLC NR 35

FROM C BLU #101000

TO M M I A ROME

QQX GR 7 BT

A/3/14 (.) YOUR SS158 DATED 8 OCT (.)

A C K

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SENT NR 35 EJ 10/1425 B2 K

T/S RD 10/1425A CP AR K

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COPY SIGNAL MESSAGE (Col. Pidsley)

29/27. 24

From: MMIA

To: DISTWO - MMIA LO DISTWO - MMIA LO 52 AREA - FREEDOM QAE -
FREEDOM GEORGE FOUR ABLE

- -

AQ 1982 CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS ONE THOUSAND ITALIAN MILITARY ARRIVING TARANTO FROM BALKANS (.) PAREN ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) FIRST (.) PERSONNEL ARE BRITISH COMMITMENT FOR INCLUSION IN COMBAT GROUPS (.) THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT RECEIVE RATIONS PROVIDED FROM US SOURCES AND NOW IN ITALIAN ARMY DEPOTS (.) THEY WILL BE FULLY CLOTHED AND EQUIPPED UNDER GRUPPI ARRANGEMENTS WHEN THEY REPORT GRUPPI HFTS UNIT AND BECOME MEMBERS ITALIAN ARMY (.) ITALIAN CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE ISSUED (.) INTERIM ESSENTIAL CLOTHING EARMARKED FOR BRITISH IS IN BARI DEPOT AND AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE IF FREEDOM QAE RELEASE (.) SECOND (.) FOR FREEDOM QAE (.) REQUEST YOU SIGNAL RELEASE OF CLOTHING (.) THIRD (.) FOR DISTWO MMIA LO (.) REFER YOUR SIGNAL FX 98/061630 (.) YOU WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ISSUE ITALIAN EQUIPMENT OR RATIONS NOW IN ITALIAN DEPOTS (.) QUOTE HQ F AND L UNQUOTE HAVE NOT AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ORDERS TO ITALIAN INSTALLATIONS WHICH ARE NOT UNDER THEIR COMMAND.

Internal Dist:

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PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED L. BROWNING
Maj. Gen.

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MESSAGE FORM.

From : MMIA

To : 64 Garrison for C BLU
64 Garrison for D BLU

Date - Time

08 [illegible] A.

SS 158

Security Classification [illegible]

Formation of LEONARD and FOLKORE Groups have equal priority according to time schedule (.) Baron ROME Area _____Baron (.) Organisation and allotment of units and personnel is an Italian responsibility controlled by MMIA HQ (.) SMEA has been told to ensure fair allocation of available troops in accordance with approved order of battle and irrespective of former C.I.L. organisation (.) Request you keep a watching brief through MMIA LOs and inform MMIA HQ of any major irregularities you cannot correct mutually ok the SMEA spot (.) ADK

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER [illegible]

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M.M.I.A. FILE REF Date Recd 7/10

D/O AT MMIA
NAPLES
G-2

Dear: Col Pidsley,

On my last visit to Rome I submitted to you the problem of division of CIL resources between Folgore and Legnano.

As a consequence of your intervention with SMRE' we were allotted one work shop and one GTC, sufficient:

(1) For maintenance and training.
(2) To form a nucleus of mechanics and drivers on which we could build. This division left Legnano with the lion's share but satisfied our basic needs.

M ove of both units was to take place this morning but was stopped by Commander "C" BLU. I went to Legnano HQ and arranged that move should take place, but Commander "C" BLU stated his intention to approach AFHQ and fight it, on the grounds:

(1) That there are only enough specialists in both groups to form one.
(2) That absolute priority should be given to one of the groups.

It is my opinion that Folgore will be ready and trained on time, even with its present deadth of specialists. As Legnano is undoubtedly in a better position regarding specialists I see no reason why they should not overcome their difficulties. If they deprive us of our small share of CIL resources our handicap will be more than proportionally increased.

Yours faithfully,

T. N. Phillips

Col W Pidsley, DSO, MC.
MMIA, Rome.

5 Aug

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

316/29/27

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FROM: MMIA 061900 A

TO : MMIA LO 'C' BLU

Info: Ministry of War (2) (Please pass one copy to Cdo.Mil.Terr di RMA)
3 District
PBS for MMIA LO

SD 1552

RESTRICTED

Ref MMIA letter SD/38 of 4 OCT (.) Paren RME Area _____ Paren Owing to breakdown railway facilities all suitable pers recalled at FROSINONE will be sent to combat gps up to inclusive intake on 11 OCT (.) Request you send up to 8 (8) 3 ton lorries daily starting 7rpt 7 OCT to COMANDO DISTRETTO MILITARE FROSINONE to collect and convey to Combat Forces Rft Depot ALIFE 180 (180) pers daily (.) Thereafter suballotment to gps will be made by Depot Cond under your supervision (. If possible on 7 OCT send over 8 (8) lorries since two days intake 360 pers already there for collection

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PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

(Sgd)
AUTHENTICATED B.C. BUTTERWORTH, Major

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SUBJECT: Italian Troops in YUGOSLAVIA.

29/27 20.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
10/8/31
6 Sec 44

TO : AFHQ.

Copy to: AGS (further to MMLA letter 7m/8/31 of 4 Oct)
2 Dist MMLA LO 2 Dist
3 Dist Embassy of US

Ref Force 140 signed S(o) 14f of 2 Oct not to all.

1. This HQ will accept back into the Italian Army such members of the Garibaldi Div on Balkan Islands as are considered suitable.

2. Will you please authorize 3 List to arrange with Italian Mil HQ Apulia and Lucania (Bari) that after being registered and the necessary leave period completed these personnel report to Italian Combat Force Aft Depot 3 miles west of Altfa (22454) for enrollment into the Italian Combat Force.

3. Will the Italian Ministry of War please report Yes accepted to the Italian Combat Force Aft Depot. copy to this HQ.

S 7/10.

1 Maj Gen
M M I A

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FRO[illegible] MMIA

TO 64 Garrison for "O" BLU

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION_____

For MMIA LO (.) PAREN ROME AREA_____PAREN (.) Ref MMIA SD/38 of 4 Oct (.) Call up of reinforcements from FROSINONE (.) FIRST Signal daily arrivals at Rft depot ALIFE (.) SECOND You are responsible for ensuring smooth working from arrival of reinforcements at VAIRANO (.) THIRD Report any delinquencies on arrival immediately

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED D Eisenhower Major

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29/27.

FROM: MMIA

TO : MAIN AAI

Rpt : AFHQ - MED

SS 150

06/63/A

SECRET

Ref FOURTH para of AAI SD 1008 of 4 Oct (.) PAREN HOME AREA COMMAND _____ PAREN (.) Field Hospitals should be amended to read 230, 232, 429, and 519 (.) Not advisable to move numbers 470 and 866 at present (.)

PRECEDENCE Routine

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Cleared.

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FROM [redacted]

TO [redacted] AFHQ.

INFO "A" SEC
"B" SEC

CO 1854

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Mail ltr requested for 6% men to move from LANCE to [redacted] for combat groups(.) [redacted] PAGES(.)

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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Q. 3.

Good, but what happens next?

1. Does War Dept issue orders which groups they go to & what jobs they do. ? I should not think so

2. Can I do take any action? Yes please.

W.P.

We M of W are doing their best to find personnel for combat troops but I think the sorting out & fat squads after arrival under Lt Colonel must be done in Lt Colonel

W.P.

3/ork

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Reinforcement file S/6/Br/27 Seen WO 6/10

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Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E
SD/38

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Notes on Italian Call-up 5 Oct to 15 Oct Incl

1. M of W will report daily nos of personnel called up in (a) VITERBO
(b) FROSINONE
(c) LITTORIA
stating nos
(a) accepted and divided in Br and U.S.
(b) rejected, giving reasons
(c) remaining at call-up centres from previous day/days, divided into Br and US, still requiring to be moved.

2. Addressees are required to state nos of personnel who move each day to receiving fmns.

3. Please check
(a) accommodation arrangements at calling-up centre. .
(b) issue of blanket and mess-tin and water bottle at calling-up centre. Remainder eqpt will be issued on arrival receiving fmn.
(c) issue of rations before journey and for travel. ✓
(d) carabinieri escort for travel. ✓
(e) transport arrangements
(f) handing over arrangements on arrival receiving fmns.

4. It is particularly requested that this call-up should be conducted in a smooth and efficient manner and any "breakdowns" should be reported by phone to this office.

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L.M. Ingledew.
for Major General
M M I A

5 Oct 44

Distribution :- Lt Col G.H. MORIARTY - MMIA LO Rear EIGHTH Army
Maj R.C. VAN-KIRK - MMIA LO FIFTH Army
Col W.G. FIDSLEY for MMIA LO Gruppi
Maj J.P. WATSON for 3 District rep at FROSINONE
Col J.W. LOEFF for PBS rep at LITTORIA

Copy to:- PBS for MMIA (2) (incl copy for Maj THRUPP - AFRAC)
G 11(L) who will see SMRE complies with para 1
2 i/c
A/Q

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Subject:-Recall to ITALIAN Army of Italian Military of 1914 to 1924 Classes in LAZIO Region.

Military Mission
Italian Army
R O M E.
SD/38
4 Oct 44.

War Ministry (2) Please pass one copy to Cdo. Mil. Terr. di ROMA

Copy to:-AFHQ
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PBS for MMIA (2)
8th.Army and MMIA LO Rear 8th.Army.
5th.Army and MMIA LO Rear 5th.Army
Maj.THRUPP,MMIA LO att AFRAGOLA
from MMIA NAPLES Off.
3 District.
64 Garrison.
Maj.GELARDI, MMIA LO c/o 64 Garrison.

Confirming verbal instructions from Major BAUMAN.

1. Italian War Ministry is authorized to recall to the ITALIAN Army, ITALIAN military of 1914 to 1924 classes inclusive, in LAZIO region, as per Appendix "A" attached.

DAILY INTAKES.

2. Daily intakes at the three recruiting centres will start on 5 October 1944. Recall will be at the rate of one class per day to a total of eleven classes.

REPORTS.

3. Numbers of each daily intake at each recruiting centre will be reported daily to this HQ by quickest means. Numbers of personnel who report to each recruiting centre, but who are not accepted as being exempt under the various provisions of the recall, will also be notified to this HQ.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

4. All personnel of the recall will be

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REPORTS.

3. Numbers of each daily intake at each recruiting centre will be reported daily to this HQ by quickest means. Numbers of personnel who report to each recruiting centre, but who are not accepted as being exempt under the various provisions of the recall, will also be notified to this HQ.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

4. All personnel of the recall will be given uniforms on arrival at the Allied formation or unit to which they are assigned.

ESCORTS.

5. War Ministry will arrange for escorts on the basis of 5 Carabinieri for each 100 men moved.

RATIONS.

6. This HQ has authorized War Ministry to issue the correct number of rations needed, and to report issues to this H.Q. This HQ letter ST/62 of 28 Sep 44 gives additional details. The rations authorized in above letters include rations for recalled personnel, recruiting staffs, CC.RR escorts and travel rations.

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TRANSPORT.

7. At Appendix "B" is summary of Transport arrangements for disposal of personnel from the three recruiting centres. When it is known what daily numbers (as opposed to daily TARGET intake figures) are recruited at each centre, transport arrangements may require to be modified.

TAKING OVER BY ALLIED RECEIVING UNITS AND COMBAT GROUPS.

8. a) It is emphasized that the Allied receiving units responsibility for control, feeding, clothing (and screening on arrival at destination) starts at the recruiting centre. PBS and 3 District will send representatives to LITTORIA and FROSINONE recruiting centres respectively to supervise the dispatch by train of the personnel assigned to them.

b) Supervision of the 350 personnel estimated to arrive daily at VAIRANO for the combat groups will be carried out by META LO., Major GELARDI.

Above personnel on arrival VAIRANO will be instructed to report to VAIRANO Railhead Transit Camp for onward transmission to ITALIAN Combat Forces Reinforcement Training Depot, 3 miles west of ALIFE.

c) Travel rations will be issued by recruiting centres. See para 6.

d) META LOs. with 5 Army (Maj.VAN KIRK) and 8 Army (Lt.Col.MORIARTY) will be at VITERBO recruiting centre to co-ordinate taking over of personnel assigned to 5 and 8 Armies and transport arrangements.

for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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L A Z I O R E G I O N R E C A L L

Serial	Recruiting Centre	Nearest rly sta	Total call-up authorised	Target daily intake	Allied receiving unit	Movement to Allied receiving unit
1	VITERBO (A.4425)	CIVITA CASTELLANA (25 mi)	4000	(2000 (2000	200 200	5 ARMY 8 ARMY	5 ARMY send tpt to VITE Arrangements to be made MMIA LO with 8 ARMY
2	FROSINONE (G.4638)	FROSINONE	7000	(3500 (3500	350 350	Combat Com 3 District	Rail to VAIRANO Rail to AFFRACOLA
3	LITTORIA (G.0818)	STAZIONE DI LITTORIA	3000		300	P.B.3.	PBS send motor transport to LITTORIA

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LAZIO REGION RECALL

Appx 'A' to MMIA 1
SD/58 dated 4 Oct 44

Target daily intake	Allied receiving unit	Movement to Allied receiving unit	REMARKS
2000	5 ARMY	5 ARMY send tpt to VITERBO	As replacements for demobilisable personnel; balance as rfts
2000	8 ARMY	Arrangements to be made by MMIA IO with 8 ARMY	"
3500	Combat Gps	Rail to VAIRANO	
3500	3 District	Rail to AFRAGOLA	"
	300	P.E.S.	PHS send motor transport to VITORIA

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SUMMARY OF TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

VITERBO	
200 personnel daily for 5 ARMY	5 ARMY supply 8 trucks daily for period of call-up
200 personnel daily for 8 ARMY	Rail tpt arranged by MMLA TO 8 ARMY
FROSINONE	
350 pers daily for Combat Cps	MMLA will ask MOV for rail tpt for 350 pers daily from FROSINONE
350 pers daily for 3 Dist	MMLA will ask MOV for rail tpt for 350 pers daily from FROSINONE 6 - 11 Oct (see NOTE)
LITTORIA	
(300 personnel daily for PBS)	PBS supply 10 trucks daily for period of call-up

NOTE :- When average size of daily intake is seen, MMLA will make a second tpt request to MOV to co

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Appx 'B' to MMLA letter
3b/38 Catel 4 Oct 44

SUMMARY OF TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS

X supply 8 trucks daily for period of call-up

tpt arranged by MMLA LO 8 APMM

will ask MOV for rail tpt for 350 pers daily from FROSINONE to VAIRANO for period 6 - 11 Oct (see NOTE)

A will ask MOV for rail tpt for 350 pers daily from FROSINONE to NAPLES for AFRAGOLA for period 11 Oct (see NOTE)

supply 10 trucks daily for period of call-up

ntake is seen, MMLA will make a second tpt request to MOV to cover remaining period of call-up

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SUBJECT: Italian Troops in YUGOSLAVIA.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
T3/5/31
4 Oct 44

To : A.C.S.

1. Force 140 has reported that Balkan Air Force is arranging to evacuate approx 1000 Italian tps ex REPALLIBIA and ZANTE who wish to fight the Hun. Comd is APOLLONIA. Radio states that port will be notified later but it will probably be Taranto or Brindisi approx 15 Oct.

2. Will you please accept action on para 1 above as these personnel do NOT belong to Italian Army in Liberated Italy. M.M.I.A. will however accept into the Army such personnel as are considered suitable and it is suggested that you move to the East Coast one of the three rearward screening agencies which are under your control and at present working for the Patriot Branch.

3. Will you please inform this HQ of Nos of personnel found suitable together with loca when tpt arrangements will be made this end with a view to incorporating these volunteers into one of the Gruppo di Combattimento.

Lt-Col
Maj Gen
M M I A

Copy to: S 1/C
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I doubt whether G.O.C. will accept 1000 men in ONE Group. They will have to be broken up and used as required. W.P. Ming was alerted he said.

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MESSAGE FORM.

5/6/3-4/47

Date - Time of Origin.

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From:- MMIA

To:- AFHQ.

Rptd:- War Ministry FBS for MMIA DISTRIBUTION

SD I533 (.) Restricted(.) PAREN ROME AREA COMMAND _____ PAREN (.) Request rail tpt for FIRST 350 Italian Military from FROSINONE to VAIRANO daily from 6 to II Oct inclusive SECOND 350 Italian Military from FROSINONE to NAPLES for AFRAGOLA Camp daily from 6 to II Oct inclusive (.) Above pers are ITALIAN Army call-ups (.) Tpt urgently required (.) Regret short notice

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FROM MMIA

TO PBS FOR MMIA

INFO AFHQ for G3 OKG
AAI (2)
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WAR MINISTRY
PBS for MMIA

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SD 1533

CONFIDENTIAL

For THRUPP Senior (.) PAREN ROME AREA COMMAND _____ PAREN (.) Ref our SD 1519 of 1 Oct to AFHQ applying for rail tpt to move 1100 all ranks ex-CREMONA Div from BENEVENTO to AFRAGOLA (.) FIRST (.) On arrival above pers at AFRAGOLA request you screen them for suitable pers to fill MMIA priority list 2 Serials 15, 20, 25, bal of 30 (105 pers), 35, 36, 40, 45 & as much of 47A as possible (.) If suitably qualified pers NOT found for serial 15, 20, 40, 45 carry on allotting pers against serials 65 & 67A (.) Phone results of screening to ROME 478102 (.) MMIA will then confirm allotments against serials & issue disposal orders in conjunction with AAI (.) SECOND (.) AFHQ are issuing formation orders for the new units at serials 40 & 45 (.) If suitable pers found for these two serials they will remain frozen at AFRAGOLA pending further orders (.) THIRD (.) If serial 45 deleted from your priority list reinsert it

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ARMY FORM 0 (This Month)

MESSAGE FORM

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Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: MMIA LO c/o PBS

Date-Time of Origin: CB/1600

Cipher Date Stamp

For Action

"A" ELU c/o CMTC

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA

Message Instructions

MMIA | S/Sec 29/27

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Originator's No.

P048 RESTRICTED (.) for FIELDMAN (.) have 1 offr and 32 or Italian drivers of MM FRIULI Div ex Sardinia 26 Sep been collected by rd ?

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FROM MMIA LO C/O PBS Ø1/16ØØ
TO "A"BLU C/O CMTC
INFO MMIA
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ØØ46 RESTRICTED (.) FOR F I E L D M A N (.) HAVE 1 OFFR AND 32
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM AFHQ 291842A

TO MOVWIT
DISTHREE

INFORMN MAIN AAI
MAIA
PTB NAPLES

5/6/29/27.

FX 31950

Disposal by rail of Italian personnel ex SARDINIA in cruiser ABRUZZI due NAPLES 28 Sep is subject (*) Movement from NAPLES will be made by local services arranged by Movements WESTERN ITALY on dates to be agreed with 3 DIST (*) ONE (*) To BENEVENTO for SAN GIORGIO Rear Echelon CREMONA Div strength 12 offrs 160 other ranks (*) CREMONA specialists strength 23 offrs 472 other ranks (*) (TWO) (*) To PERSANO for BARRACAMENTE V & R Rfts strength 3 offrs 220 other ranks (*) THREE (*) To VAIRANO for PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE 230 Field Hospital strength 7 offrs 57 oth r ranks (*) 3 Dist ict are requested to arrange road lift for 127 Italian Forestry Coy to SANTA MARIA

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FROM NAVY

TO "C" BLU

INFO PBS for NAVY
WAR MINISTRY

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SD 1514

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Amend destination in our SD 1504 of 28 SEP to read ALIFE (.) PARIS NAVAL AREA COMMAND _____ PARIS (.)

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FROM MIA

TO "C" BLU

RPTD FBI for MIA
WAR MINISTRY

SD 1504

5/6/29/27.

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230 ITALIAN FD RECD FTA NAPLES 28 SEP is assigned to CRYPTI tail (.) PAREN
RSHR ARMA CORPARD _____ PAREN (.) It will move to FIRENZE on orders
AAI on or after 29 SEP (.) Consists 7 offrs 57 CRs 11 tons/equipt

after. Naples told by phone, also rec'd Naples by [illegible] Signal 10. RPH

PRECEDENCE Emergent.

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Now finally looked that 400 Italian Govt aid MARSHALL Last 7 Subjects Journal To will go to PRIME MIN PRIME And NEW MIN MAE to either 1307 1033 5 7 Days or BEHAVE (.) ABOUT JOHN ASKA CONSIDER PARIS (.) How have arranged the Show METRO to 5 CHOICE

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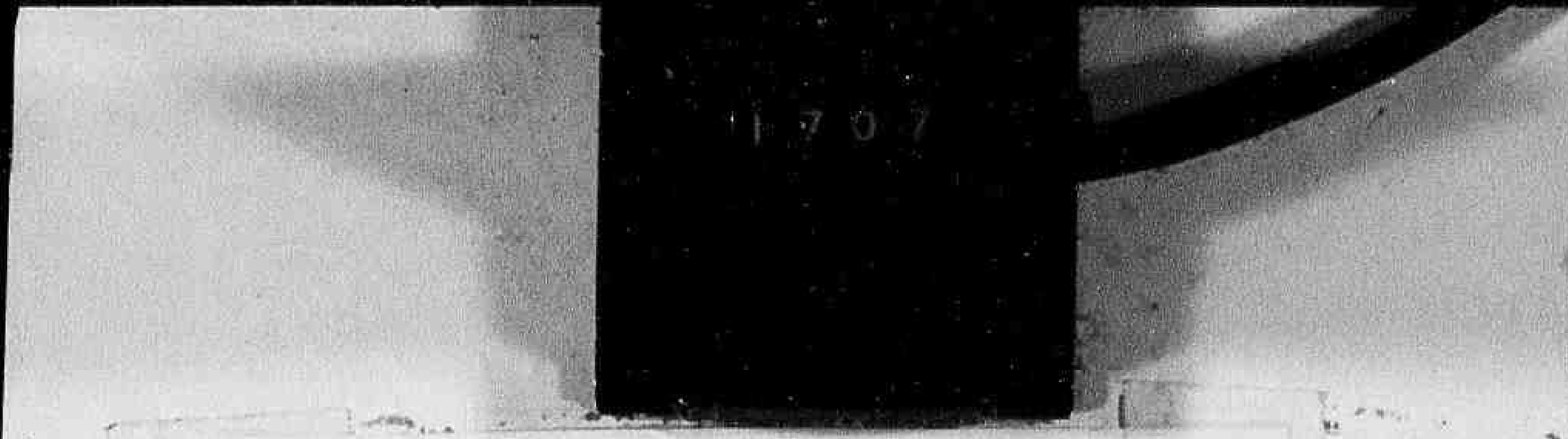

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ

Info : MMIA LO "C" BLU
MMIA LO "D" BLU

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ED 1474

CONFIDENTIAL

Rail tpt requested to move 15 offrs 220 ORs 10 tons material from ORTONA to CASERTA (.) Paren ROME Area _____ Paren Rfts for combat groups (.) Personnal all from ALPINI Rft detachment

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FROM: SICILY

TO : AFHQ

InCo: HQ SICILIAN BASE SECTION ACC for ALSERT SICILY LO
SICILY LO "A" DUKW
SICILY LO "B" DUKW

SL 1473 CONFIDENTIAL

Rail tpt requested to move 145 Arty Gp 7 Officers 129 Enl
5 tons baggage from SYRACUSE to BRINDISI (.) Paren ROAD Area
_____ Paren Personnel for FRIULI and CREMONA combat groups

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

SEGRETO
Urgente

Nº 6879/Ord. di prot. P.M.I5I, li 16 sett. I944

OGGETTO : Costituzione del "Reggimento di complementi per gruppi di combattimento".

All.: Formaz. 9ª Riconoscimento Regt. fgr. Combat Group

AL COMANDO DEL CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE P.M.I55

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Ufficio del Sottosegretario Ecc. Oxilia P.M.I5I
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE P.M.I5I
AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.PERS.UFFICIALI P.M.I5I
AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.LEV. SOTT. E TR. P.M.I5I
AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.DI ARTIGLIERIA P.M.I5I
AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.DEL GENIO P.M.I5I
AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.DEI SERV. DI COM.TO P.M.I5I
AL M.G. = DIREZ.GEN.DEI SERVIZI AMM.VI P.M.I5I
ALL'ISPETTORATO DI ARTIGLIERIA S E D E
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA P.M.II4
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II) - Verrà costituito in un primo tempo il nucleo permanente...

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II) - Verrà costituito in un primo tempo il nucleo permanente.

- Data di costituzione: 25 settembre p.v.-
- Centro di mobilitazione: Dep. 20° rgt.ftr. - Vibo Valentia.
- Ente incaricato della costituzione: comando del C.It.L.-
- Personale permanente:
  - comandante di reggimento: Col. DOMENICONI Italo;
  - rimanente personale: tratto da quello attualmente in servizio presso il "centro complementi del C.It.L." completato, ove occorra, con altro meno atto alle fatiche di guerra.

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- Materiali:
  - automotomezzi: forniti dagli A.A.;
  - didattici: quelli impiegati per l'addestramento dei gruppi di combattimento che affluiranno al reggimento complementi dopo l'addestramento stesso.
- Compiti dei comandi: essenzialmente disciplinari ed amministrativi.-

III) - Sotto la stessa data del 25 settembre p.v. verrà sciolto il "Centro complementi del C.It.L.-
- Ente incaricato dello scioglimento: comando del C.It.L.-
- Personale: il personale complementi (alpini e paracadutisti) rimarrà temporaneamente presso il reggimento in attesa di ulteriori disposizioni.-

IV) - Il reggimento sarà dislocato per ora nella parte occidentale della zona di Piedimonte d'Alife in località che sarà scelta a cura di codesto comando (prossima a stazione ferroviaria).
Potrà essere spostato in avanti allorché i gruppi stessi si trasferiranno in zona di operazioni.-

V) - I complementi che affluiranno al reggimento saranno addestrati all'impiego delle armi, degli automezzi e dell'equipaggiamento da appositi istruttori.
L'Ufficio Addestramento di questo S.M. emanerà, al riguardo, le disposizioni di competenza.-

VI) - Il comando del C.It.L. é pregato di :
- comunicare la località di dislocazione del reggimento;
- segnalare alle competenti direzioni generale del Ministero Guerra, e per conoscenza a questo S.M., il numero degli ufficiali e sottufficiali eventualmente occorrente per il comando di reggimento e i comandi di battaglione;
- trasmettere i dati prescritti per la spedizione dei provvedi-

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- trasmettere i dati prescritti per la sanzione dei provvedimenti di cui ai capi II e III.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
F.to: P.Berardi

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

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

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REGGIMENTO DI COMPLEMENTI PER GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO

N U C L E O P E R M A N E N T E

Comprende :

- 1 comando di rgt. di complementi per gr.di comb.
- 2 comandi di btg. di complementi ftr.
- 1 comando di btg. di complemonti misti.

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COMANDO DI REGGIMENTO DI COMPLEMENTI PER GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO

Comprende :

- il comandante e gli ufficiali del comando
- un plotone comando

COMANDANTE ED UFFICIALI DEL COMANDO

	Ufficiali
Comandante (colonnello)	1
Aiutante maggiore in 1^ (magg.o capitano)	1
Ufficiale di amministrazione (inf.)	1
Totale	3

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PLOTONE COMANDO

Comprende :

- il comandante
- una sq. maggiorità
- una sq. servizi
- un autocarreggio

	PERSONALE			AUTOMOTOMEZZI				
	Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Autovett.	Autoc.pes.	Autoc.legg.	Autobotti	Motocicli
Comandante (subalt.) (1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SQUADRA MAGGIORITA'								
Maresciallo di maggiorità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale portalettere	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale trombettiere	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Cap.magg.o cap.di maggiorità								
Scritturali dattilografi								
Militari per servizi vari (staff. ord. ecc.)	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2
Totale sq. maggiorità	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	2
SQUADRA SERVIZI								
Sottufficiali di contabilità (2)	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduato di contabilità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Graduato aiut. di sanità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (cuochi; cucin., ecc.)	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Totale sq. servizi	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	-
AUTOCARREGGIO								
Sottufficiale meccanico-motorista	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automobilisti	-	-	9	1	5	2	1	-
Militari per servizi vari	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Totale autocarreggio	-	1	13	1	5	2	1	-
TOTALE PLOTONE C.DO DI RGT.	1	7	35	1	5	2	1	2

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Maresciallo di maggiorità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale portalettere	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale trombettiere	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cap.magg.o cap.di maggiorità	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Scritturali dattilografi	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (staff. ord. ecc.)	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2
Totale sq. maggiorità	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	2
SQUADRA SERVIZI								
Sottufficiali di contabilità (2)	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graduato di contabilità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Graduato aiut. di sanità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (cuochi; cucin., ecc.)	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Totale sq. servizi	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	-
AUTOCARREGGIO								
Sottufficiale meccanico-motorista	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automobilisti	-	-	9	1	5	2	1	-
Militari per servizi vari	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Totale autocarreggio	-	1	13	1	5	2	1	-
TOTALE PLOTONE C.DO DI RGT.	1	7	35	1	5	2	1	2

(1) - E' anche addetto ai rifornimenti.
(2) - 1 per il plotone comando, 2 per l'amministrazione del reggimento.

AVVERTENZA : Il c;do di rgt.di cpl. é costituito da personale permanente. Il rimanente personale occorrente per il funzionamento del c.do viene tratto, temporaneamente, dai rep.di cpl.- Analogamente per i c.di di btg. cpl.-

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COMANDO DI BTG. DI COMPLEMENTI FANTERIA

Comprende :

- comandante
- plotone comando

	PERSONALE			AUTOMOTOMEZZI			
	Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Autovett.	Autoc.pes.	Autobotti	Motocicli
Comandante (ten.col.o magg.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
PLOTONE COMANDO							
- comandante (uff.sub.) (1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
- squadra comando (2)	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
- squadra servizi (3)	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
- autocarreggio (4)	-	1	6	1	1	1	2
Tot.comando di btg.di cpl.ftr.	2	3	18	1	1	1	2
Tot.2 comandi di btg.di cpl.ftr.	4	6	36	2	2	2	4

(1) - Ha anche mansioni di aiutante maggiore.
(2) - Un maresciallo di maggiorità, 1 graduato di maggiorità, 2 scritturali, 1 staffetta.
(3) - Un sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 cap.magg.o cap. di contabilità, 1 cap.magg. armaiolo, 1 graduato aiutante di sanità, 5 militari per servizi vari.
(4) - 1 sottufficiale meccanico-motorista, 3 automobilisti, 3 militari per servizi vari.-

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PLOTONE COMANDO

- comandante (uff.sub.) (1)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
- squadra comando (2)	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
- squadra servizi (3)	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
- autocarreggio (4)	-	1	6	1	1	1	2
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COMANDO DI BTG. DI COMPLEMENTI MISTI

Comprende :

- comandante e ufficiali del comando
- plotone comando

	PERSONALE			AUTOMOTOMEZZI			
	Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Autovett.	Autoc.pes	Autobotti	Motocicli
COMANDANTE E UFF.DEL COMANDO							
Comandante (ten.col.o magg.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ufficiali inf.per incarichi vari (1)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
PLOTONE COMANDO							
- comandante (uff.subalt.) (2)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
- squadra comando (3)	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
- squadra servizi (4)	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
- autocarreggio (5)	-	1	6	1	1	1	2
Tot.comando di btg.di cpl.misti	4	3	18	1	1	1	2

(1) - Di cui: uno di artiglieria, uno del genio.
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	Uff.	Sott.	Tr.	Aut.	Aut.	Aut.	Mot.
Comandante (ten.col.o magg.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ufficiali inf.per incarichi vari (1)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
PLOTONE COMANDO							
- comandante (uff.subalt.) (2)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
- squadra comando (3)	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
- squadra servizi (4)	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
- autocarreggio (5)	-	1	6	1	1	1	2
Tot.comando di btg.di cpl.misti	4	3	18	1	1	1	2

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RIEPILGO NUCLEO PERMANENTE DEL REGGIMENTO
DI COMPLEMENTI PER GRUPPI DI COMBATT.

	PERSONALE			AUTOMOTOMEZZI				
	Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Autovetture	Autoc'pes.	Autoc.lagg.	Autobotti	Motocicli
1 comando di rgt. di cpl.	4	7	35	1	5	2	1	2
2 comandi di btg. cpl. ftr.	4	6	36	2	2	-	2	4
1 comando di btg. cpl. misti	4	3	18	1	1	-	1	2
Tot. nucleo permanente	12	16	89	4	8	2	4	8

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	Uff.	Sott.	Tru.	Aut.	Aut.	Aut.	Aut.	Mot.
1 comando di rgt. di cpl.	4	7	35	1	5	2	1	2
2 comandi di btg. cpl. ftr.	4	6	36	2	2	-	2	4
1 comando di btg. cpl. misti	4	3	18	1	1	-	1	2
Tot. nucleo permanente	12	16	89	4	8	2	4	8

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SUBJECT:- Italian Combat Force - Training of Reinforcements

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
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Ministry of War

1. The maximum strength of the Italian Combat Force at present authorised is 57,000, of which approximately 54,000 are in the six combat groups and 3,000 in the ancilliary troops. To maintain this force, a reinforcement pool amounting to 10% of the total (i.e, an additional 5,700) will be allowed.

2. The actual strength of all officers and men appointed or posted to the force (including reinforcements and those absent on account of sickness or any other cause) is therefore 62,700.

3. The Reinforcement Depot is to be organised by you at once on the organisation of 12 officers and 105 men already approved, and established at the WEST end of the PIEDMONTE area in a position to be fixed by you. It will remain in this position while Groups are in the area and may move forward when Groups move into the combat area.

4. It is important that reinforcements are properly trained in the use of weapons, vehicles and equipment on the same lines as men in combat units. During the training period therefore, 5% of reinforcements in all arms will be attached to combat units for training and will be left behind in the Reinforcement Depot as each Group moves out of the area.

5. As soon as sufficient instructors have been trained in the use of British equipment you will ensure that adequate numbers are posted to the Reinforcement Depot (either on the permanent staff or as reinforcements) in the Depot.

6. By this means it will be ensured that no man leaves the Reinforcement Depot to join a combat unit in action until he is properly trained.

7. An administrative instruction on the method of dealing with sick, wounded or absentees from the Combat Groups and for obtaining reinforcements will be sent you later.

8. The means by which reinforcements are to be obtained will be notified from time to time.

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