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Ap. - Sept 1945

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Date 11/06 To: 2

231 BUR AREA FOR MAIL LG FOR SOLEY
88 AREA FOR MAIL LG
MAIL LG PLAN
MAIL LG GEN
MAIL LG THER
MAIL LG SARDINIA
217 AREA FOR 68 AREA LG FOR HAT
217 AREA FOR MAIL LG FOR THREE
COMMON PARKING FOR MAIL LG
THREE FOR MAIL LG
RENTAGE FOR MAIL LG FOR FUNDICE
RENTAGE FOR MAIL LG FOR BATT
STORAGE CITY AND FOR MAIL LG
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52 AREA FOR MAIL LG
US ARMY/AFS

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REF : ED 2991

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TO : ACHQ
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REF : SD 2901

U.N.C.L.A.S.C.I.P.I.E.D

THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR HAS ISSUED A CIRCULAR TO
 ITALIAN LOWER HQS THAT W.L.F. 15 OCT 45 " ITALIAN COMBAT
 GROUPS WILL BE DESIGNATED " ITALIAN INFANTRY " "
 IN A LETTER " F R Y U T I F D V I T " "

REACTING TO COUNCIL

AUTHENTICATED

L.M. [Signature]
J.C.R.

Internal: Warrel

Copy to: Executive Commission, AC

SP/AV

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LRCP V LANE NR 41
T MMIA
FROM AFHQ 221049Z
TO MMIA

G/TRE



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IMPORTANT

GR - BT
C 21303

UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR ATTENTION MAJ MEDLAM (.)
LT COL BUNBURY ARRIVES 1600 HRS FRIDAY (.) PLEASE ARRANGE
ACCOMMODATION C. MESS WHERE HE WILL REPORT

BT 221049 Z
SENT BMD BB

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+25

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21 September 1975.

The object of this instruction is to refine the method of:

- (a) Redistribution of winter clothing to B4-TTI Service Troops.
(b) Withdrawal, reconditioning and storage of summer clothing.

The scale of clothing to be held by Auxiliary Service Troops for the winter 1945/46 is:

Blouses, battle-dress	ea	1	1
Trousers, battle-dress	ea	1	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2	2
Undershirt, wool, or pullover (1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	2	2
Towel	ea	1	1
Cap, field	ea	1	1
Overcoat, or Mackinaw	ea	1	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs. authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1	1
Socks	pr	3	3
Arblets, or leggings (when required)	pr	1	1
Sewing kit (initial issue only)	ea	1	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	1	1
Packcarrier (when required)	ea	1	1
Canteen (when required)	ea	1	1
Mass kit (including fork, spoon, and can)	ea	1	1

(a) Sufficient quantities of battle dress have been moved under A.S.I.A. arrangements to Adm. Div. Sub-Depots whence issue will be made in the normal manner.

- (b) Winter clothing will be adopted on the basis decided by the Allied Formations are asked to Formations under whose command the A.M. Div. is placed.

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Undershirt, wool, or pullover	ea	2
(1 pullover equals 2 under-shirts, wool)	ea	1
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or Mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs. authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggings (when required)	pr	1
Sewing kit (initial issue only)	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter	ea	4
(1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	1
packcarrier (when required)	ea	1
Canteen (when required)	ea	1
Less kit (including fork, spoon, and cup)	ea	1

3. ISSUE OF B.D.

(a) Sufficient quantities of battle-dress have been moved under M.M.L.A. arrangements to A.M. Div. Sub-Depots whence issues will be made in the normal manner.

(b) Winter clothing will be adopted on the date decided by the Allied Formation under whose command the A.M. Div. is placed. Formations are asked to give the M.M.L.A. L.O. as early warning as possible of this date in order to allow clearance from Sub-Depots to Regimental H.Qs. etc.

4. ISSUE OF BLANKETS.

Blankets will be issued up to the scale of four per man (one comforter is equivalent to two blankets). Blankets will continue to be held on supply scale awaiting the order of the employing Formation, but the A.M. Div. Sub-Depot will hold the balance of winter scale for its entire strength.

5. WITHDRAWAL OF K.D. AND OTHER SHIRTS GARMENTS.

(a) All K.D. shirts and trousers will be withdrawn into the Sub-Depot. (Separate instructions to L.O. will follow concerning their subsequent disposal of these garments to Repair Depots).

(b) Drawers and vests cotton will be replaced by drawers and vests woolen and the cotton garments disposed of as in (a) above.

(c) The date by which these withdrawals will be completed will be notified by the M.M.L.A. L.O. with each A.M. Div. or the instructions of the Allied Formation.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 28

6. ITI-ITI UNITS.

Any Iti-Iti Units previously issued with British K.D. will return K.D. by the same procedure.

7. This Instruction is applicable to:

- (a) Iti-Iti Service Troops.
- (b) Any Iti-Iti Units (e.g. Guard Bns.) to whom a special issue of K.D. has been made.

It is NOT applicable to any other troops of the Italian Armed Forces.

8. The relevant Ministry of War Order is Number 22595 of September 18.

A.M. NEWELL
A.M. NEWELL, Major,
For Major General,
M.I.A.

AM/23.

EXCLUDED

Ministry of War
All AM/23s (2 copies)
53 HQ
54 HQ
55 HQ
56 HQ
57 HQ
58 HQ
59 HQ
60 HQ (ITAF)
603 HQ DAVENPORT
602 HQ GAVIN
2 Dln. HQ
3 Dln. HQ
Public Safety Sub Comm.
HQ Allied Com.

EXCLUDED Normal.

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LRKE V LAEE NR14 P P

T MEYT QVR2

FROM AFHQ 121612E

TO SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY CMF

INFO MMIA

GR-- BT

C18850

UNCLASSIFIED . MMIA FOR PA TO COMD . MAJ GEN CM LUND DRA WAR
OFFICE PLANS TO VISIT ~~SCHIEFFEL~~ SCHOOL AFTERNOON FRIDAY 14 SEP .
PLEASE SEND AUSTER TO MARCIANISE 1400 HRS 14 SEP TO FLY DRA TO
CIVITAVECCHIA . CAR IS BEING SENT BY MMIA TO SCHOOL OF ARTY AT
1700 HRS TO TAKE HIM TO ROME WHERE HE WILL STAY NIGHT 14/15 SEP .
PLEASE ARRANGE AUSTER TO FLY HIM CIAMPINO TO MARCIANISE ON 15 SEP
AT TIME AS REQUESTED BY DRA . ACK .

BT 121612E

SENT NR14 1730 GW SSB K

R NR 14 1730 EAD AR K K

IMPORTANT

See
Joe's car going

N59/12

21/12

9/19/19

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IMPORTANT

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UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT : Reinforcements for Mine Clearance
Companies

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 110/19.
31 Aug 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference MMLA A 1258 of 23 August 45.

1. Reinforcements for Mine Clearance Companies are not now available from 23 Engineer Combat Bn. as this unit has been assigned another task.
2. 561, 562, 563 and 564 Mine Clearance Companies will therefore be brought up to W.E. with reinforcements from LRTC, CESANO. Selected personnel from surpluses with Administrative Divisions may, if necessary, be sent to CESANO for this purpose.
3. Reinforcements selected for this task, if not already trained, will be given a ten-day course at CESANO before posting.
4. Rail movement of these reinforcements will be requested by MMLA for the period 17-24 September. You are requested to inform MMLA of numbers and destinations before 6 September.
5. It is realised that this means a considerable delay before personnel are effectively employed with the companies. You will therefore instruct the local Adm Divs to post immediately any suitable men now at their disposal to these companies. Such postings will of course count against the numbers to be sent from LRTC, CESANO.
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6. Further reinforcements for the companies will be provided in the future from IRTC, CESANO. You will make arrangements for trained men always to be available to meet the wastage anticipated.

COPY TO : A.F.H.Q.

Local Govt Sub-Commission.

'F' BTLJ.

MMLA LO FIFTH ARMY.

MMLA LO N.W. ITALY. (3).

MMLA LO 1 DISTRICT.

MMLA LO FLORENCE.

/sl.

INTERNAL :

G(SD)

G(TRC)

SCORE.

'Q'

Major General, 3770
M.M.I.A.

Copy

TIME OF ORIGIN
1755^B

TO : Fifth Army for MMIA LO

INFO : MEDIA LO MILAN DISTONE for MILA LO

REF. A 1258 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOLLOWING ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COYS
HAVE DEFICIENCIES AS QUOTED (.) 561 COY GENOA, 36 (.) 562 COY
BOLOGNA, 33 (.) 563 COY BOLOGNA, 96 (.) 564 COY PE -
SCARA, 60 (.) FILL THESE DEFICIENCIES WITH SUITABLE PERSONNEL FROM
23 ENGR BN ON THEIR RELEASE APPROX 1 SEPT (.) ARRANGE DIRECT MOVEMENT
WITH LO CONCERNED EARLIEST

PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

W. H. McCall. Loc. 5.

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
LOCAL GOVT SUB COMM. (for MAJOR WEEKS)
G (SD)
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PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

: W. H. C. L. S.

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
LOCAL GOVT SUB COMM. (for MAJOR WEEKS)
G (SD)
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File A/10/19

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3709

SUBJECT: Internal Security Bdes.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/56/2

1 Sep 45

TO : C. OF S.

INFO : A (Three) Q (Four)
RE OF
X REVE
MED WELFARE

MINISTRY OF WAR (Four)

1. Ref this HQ letter SD/56/2 of 25 Aug 45, herewith for information schedule at Appx 'A' showing:-

(a) WL., location and command of the 27 Guard Battalions now existing.

(b) Guard Battalions now under command SMRE and to which Terr. I.S. Bde each is allotted.

(c) Proposed source of personnel for each Terr. I.S. Bde HQ.

2. Proposed source of personnel for each of the three Guard Battalions remaining to be formed to complete 10 Bdes each of 3 Battalions.

1. Ref this HQ letter SD/56/2 of 25 Aug 45, herewith for information schedule at Appx 'A' showing:-

(a) WE., location and command of the 27 Guard Battalions now existing.

(b) Guard Battalions now under command SMRE and to which Terr. I.S. Bde each is allotted.

(c) Proposed source of personnel for each Terr. I.S. Bde HQ.

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Copy to: G1
G2 (SD)
G2 (WE)
OREAT

JW

John L. 3708
Lt Col,
GS.

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MEMO TO DESK 123333

FROM DUE 36 ARMA 111740Z

TO MMIA

25H FT

11/7/87 UNCLASSIFIED . VISIT TO LUCE . MEDIAN SHOULD REPORT UNT

WATERS AFTERNOON 20 AUG . LETTER XXXX FOLLOWS .

BT 111740Z

AS

SENT 123333 0900 HRT R

DE 0955 PM WK

130930

9/9/45

Land Issues

G/119

Num/12
(15)

M.M.I.A.
21/12
SIGNALS

LB1

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6/10/45 (14)

Subject:-- Recovery Italian Army Vehicles.

1st Lt. Morris Sub Commission A.C.
(W. H. I. A.)
RCE.

2/5/40

21 JULY 1945.

To:-- All U.S. I.A. I. Co.

The following copy of A.F.H.C. Signal EX 26569 dated 22 July 45 is forwarded for your information.

W. H. I. A.
R.A. CUMMIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
H. H. I. A.

PH/Com

Internal Distribution:--

NORMAL

FROM : A.F.H.C.
TO : SIVT ARMY PLACER ARMY
DISTRICT DIST'G FIS
INFO : ARCOM JEMIA
REF : EX 26569

DATE/1113
2211/13B

RECEIVED.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY THIS IS AS FOLLOWS DIRECTIVE AG306.3/163 LOC-0
DATED 22 JUNE PARAGRAPH 9% AND 94 3 ALL ITALIAN VEHICLES NOW IN VEHICLE PARKS
AND PARKING REPAIR WILL BE LINED OVER AS FOLLOWS - MILITARY VEHICLES TO 1111A

Internal Distribution:-

NORMAL

FROM : A.E.N.O.

TO : FIFTH ARMY BRIGHT ARMY
DISTRICT DISTRICT HAS

INFO : AEGON 15-14

REF : EX 26569

RESUMED.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY THIS HEADQUARTERS DIRECTIVE AC386.3/163 LOC-9
DATED 22 JUNE PARAGRAPHS 9c AND 9d 3 ARE IN THE VEHICLES NOW IN THE TOLD PARKS
AND Awaiting Report Will Be FURNISHED OVER AS FOLLOWS - MILITARY VE TILES TO CHINA
COVERED TYPES TO ALLIED COMMISSION TO FURNISH

(2) ARRANGE THIS FOR COLLECTION WILL BE MADE INTERNALLY BETWEEN AD/ALIA AND
HEADQUARTERS CONTROLLING DATA (.) ADDITION IS DRAWN TO INSPECTIONS 3786
ALOVE SUGGESTED PERIODS (.)

(3) FOR ALICE (.) THIS AND THIS YEAR 1996 DATED 16 JULY (.) NOT POSSIBLE AS
PRESENT TO TURN OVER HANDED GROUND VEHICLES TENTH MILITARY NEEDS AND VEH (.)
JUNE 57 OF 19 JUNE CAS/528 OF 22 JUNE 1996

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REFERENCE :- Target Paper.

MMIA - 'G'	
FILE:	46
DATE:	11 JUN 45

(13)

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. E. P.

Ref EMT/B.2/452

11 Jun 45.

D E T.

LAND FORCES SUB COM (AC) MTA.

G 11/6

Further to your letter DMT/413/15/MT.2 of 6 June.

1. We shall be obliged if you will obtain for us 1,000 sheets of the paper size 26-in x 25-in, colour Grey.
2. For consignment instructions send either to ADOS Dump RAAC or by rail direct to this Centre.
3. Will you please advise us when different colours are available.

HW/aw

W. H. H. H.

Waj
GS

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

Fals

FROM : MMIA
TO : 56 BIL
REF : G/TRG/116

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

29 1720 B

(12)

RESTRICTED

FOR MAJOR MOORE RHE YOUR AG11 (.) JEEP 5663427 DVR BIGNAMI
LEFT ROME EN ROUTE SIENA 1300 HRS 27 MAY

Precedence ROUTINE

Authenticated

H. H. H. H.

Internal : File :
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Gms.
29/5

PROF V MBKI NR 3
FROM 56 B L U 292930B
TO MMIA

GR -- BT
AG11 (.) FOR MAJOR MEDLAM (.) PLEASE RETURN YOUR JEEP
IMMEDIATELY AS THIS IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR PURPOSE OF MOVING
TRAINING INCREMENT TO TAKE UP A NEW ROLE
BT
SENT NR 3 EJ 1218 AR K

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RD HUTTON NR3 1218 AZ TKS K

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Jeep 5663427 ~~1~~ ~~not~~ left

Roma en route Sierra

1300 30-May

DRIVER BIGNAMI

~~Request NEWBY F. Owens ds Medlans~~

~~Kik by Saf~~

SUBJECT : Trade Testing, Clerks (Infantry)

Land Forces Sub Com A.S.
(MMIA)

G/Trg/45

29 May 45

TO : 'G' Training Unit to Italian Army

The following reply has been received from the Chief Clerk, R.A.A.C.

1. " The information you require is to be found in "Army Tradesmen Regulations and Trade Tests 1943", pages 211 - 214.
2. In a theatre of operations the O.C. has power to publish a Part II Order stating that a man has been trade tested as a clerk, Class III. This Part II Order will be sufficient authority to support the increase in pay.
3. After a lapse of six months a similar casualty may be published mustering the man as a clerk, Class II. "

ht

Alf
Major General
M.M.I.A.

3762

MMIA-'G'
FILE: 14 MAY 45
DATE: 14 MAY 45

(C O P Y)

SUBJECT: Practice Firing in an Italian Ammunition
Dump at Carditello

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
NAPLES
G/4

7 May 1945

Headquarters Command, Allied Forces,
Attn: Major Turnbull

Copy to: Commanding General, Comando Territoriale Napoli
(reference your 2/2417/2 of 4 May)
Land Forces Sub Comm. A. C. (M. M. I. A.)

1. This office has received the following complaint from the Naples
Territorial Hq:-

On 24 and 25 April unidentified Allied units conducted machine
gun practice against a butt in the area of the Italian Ammunition Dump
at Carditello (Map ref. N1576). On previous occasions WTSFF have fired
in this area, once setting on fire a hut containing powder and mortar
bombs, and various other Allied personnel have entered or driven trucks
into the dump apparently without authority.

2. Since the Carditello Dump contains large quantities of explosives
will you please investigate this matter, and in order to safeguard all on-
cerned, take steps to give it the same protection from unauthorized entry
by Allied personnel as an Allied ammunition dump.

s/s/ George D. Smith, Jr.
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col. Infantry
Senior L/O

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MMIA- <i>CE</i>
FILE: <i>9/TRA/45</i>
DATE: <i>25 APR</i>

SUBJECT : Roads PRTC ICF

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.
(M.H.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/5

24 April 45
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TO : F BLU
RTC ICF

Ref your QA/14/297 12 April.

RAAC have been requested to take all possible steps to improve the roads in the vicinity of the camp. Lack of bitumen has made it impossible to provide a surface in accordance with original specification.

It is presumed that you have insisted on a drastic speed limit being imposed on transport using these roads and banned ~~their~~ use to track vehicles.

Any orders issued on this subject should be most rigourously enforced.

Copy to : G (T) MMIA ✓
SORE II MMIA

RACurtis

R.A.CURTIES Lt.Col.
for Major General
MMIA

RAC/lm

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MMIA. 3/24
FILE: G/776/152
DATE: APR 1945

SUBJECT:- Gymkhana

"G" Training Unit to the Italian Army.
O.N.F.

BTU/A/D6,4

APR. 45

REC 105.
Lt. Col. L. J. HICKMAN R.A. O.D.E.
1st LTU
BTU C/O L. J. H.
Major. LEMLEY
Major. KENNELLY
Capt. G. R. GUNTERST.
Capt. GOULD.

1. At a Committee Meeting held in BTU Office today, the following points were raised and decided upon.

- (a) General Vogel be asked to be President of the Gymkhana.
- (b) The Gymkhana be held on TUESDAY May, 1st. From 1400hrs. to approx. 1700hrs.
- (c) The Meeting to open to all ranks of the Centre, including teams from No. 3 Regiment, and GARIBALDI Regiment, and to include the following items:-

RUNNING RACES
INTER - BATTALION RELAY RACES.
OBSTACLE RACE.
SACK RACE.
TUG - OF - WAR.
MULE RACE FOR OFFICERS.
BAND RACE.
MOTOR CYCLE SLOW RACE.

All events to be short.

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- (d) In addition, various attractions to include:- Sideshows, Toto, Greasy Pole.
- (e) Prizes to be found from Welfare fund and proceeds of the Toto and sideshows.
- (f) Capt. Gould to select the site for the Meeting.
- (g) That immediate publication be given to the Gymkhana, in order that Units may be considering their entries as soon as fuller details are issued.

2. It is hoped to issue the programme and fuller details after the Committee Meeting on Tuesday Evening.

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HWA/tt.

MAJ.
 GS.

[Handwritten signature]

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Subject: Move of MINWA DIV.

935/14.

19 Apr 45.

The following details are passed to you for information :-

From: PRINCIPAL cite 381M

To: NEW HOME 56 DIV NEWITE

(Info) MAIN 8 ARMY DENTINE DENTWO NEWITE RANC 56 ARMA
59 ARMA 201 SUB ARMA 71 SUB ARMA ISLA NEW POLEINO
NEW ARMA 55 ARMA

MINWA - G/K

FILE: 9/5/15

DATE: 14 April

PX.62025.

S E C R E T

10/4

MOVE OF MINWA CORDONANT GROUP (.) REF SERIAL PX.61150 DATED 16 APRIL CONVOY
 Q/NA/20 MOVES FROM DENVERING TO ROME IN 2 VIAL FLIGHTS ON 19 APRIL (.) SCHEDULE
 DATED ROME NOW AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST FLIGHT RANG 63 VEHICLES (.) SECOND FLIGHT
 CIVILIAN 163 VEHICLES (.) THIS SECOND FLIGHT WILL MOVE IN FOUR NIGHT DATES
 EACH OF 40 VEHICLES (.) TIMING NOT ASSIGNED (.) CONVOY Q/NA/26 WITH GAS
 REQUIRED TO MOVE ON ^{APR} 21 IN CORDONANT (.) CONVOY NO Q/NA/41 75 VEHICLES WILL MOVE
 APRIL 23 IN TIMING SHOWN IN PX.53035 10 APRIL FOR RECEPTION CAMP FLIGHT.

To: C (1 copy & original)

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Training

Ufficio Trasporti

Float File.

W.A. Williams

For Capt. RA
 S/Capt. (M).
 (The Lord Astbury)
 Movement Liaison Officer.

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COPY OUTGOING SIGNAL

MMIA - 'G' - TRG
FILE: <u>9/25/44</u>
DATE: <u>19/4</u>

FROM: MMIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO: SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY (F BLU)
REF : SD 2605

Date Time
018 1420 B

SECRET

REF OUR SD 2585 OF 10 APR (.)
155 ARTILLERY REGT MANTOVA GP
NOW MOVE TO CIVITAVECCHIA
19 APR BY ROAD FOR SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY (.)
ONWARD MOVE TO RADDA 29 APR TO
REJOIN PARENT UNIT

PRECEDENCE ROUTINEAUTHENTICATED J L HANN. CAPT

Internal: G(TRG)
File : SD/44/1

jv 18 April 45

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any

Subject: Move of Mantova Div.-

933/13

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM : AFHQ signed SACRED

TO : MOV ROME 56 BLU (BENEVENTO) MOVNET

INFO : MAIN 8 ARMY DISTNO DISTONE MOVNET RAAC 56 AREA 59 AREA 201 SUB AREA 71 SUB AREA
MMIA MOV POLIGNO MOV AREZZO 55 AREA.

FX 61150. 16. SECRET.

Secret (.) REF FX 58036 DATED 10 APR PARA 5 AND FX 60697 DATED 15 APR (.)

- 1 (.) DESTINATION SECOND FLIGHT 19 APR NOW CIVITAVECCHIA (.)
- 2 (.) AMEND TIMING (.) DEPART 08164 200745 JOIN ROUTE 1 AT BR 0727672 200830
THENCE VIA ROUTE 1 TO CIVITAVECCHIA APR 201045 (.)
- 3 (.) CONVOY TO PROCEED IN THREE MARCHING UNITS OF 53 VEHICLES EACH AT INTERVALS 15
MINUTES (.)
- 4 (.) FORWARD MOVE TO RADDA AREA UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV ROME 29 APR TO REJOIN PARENT
UNIT (.)

Copies to : G (2)

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SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY (CIVITAVECCHIA)
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PENNSYLVANIA
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BY LA 50000 OF 06 MAY TO ALL (.) 1 2 3 AND 4
 BATTALIONS (REAR) 150 ITALIAN ARTY REGT OF N A H T O V A
 COMBAT GROUP CHEMISTS 1000 ALL BARRS 500 VEHICLES 32
 GUNS WILL MOVE IN SECOND FLIGHT 19TH APRIL BY ROAD TO
 NEW DESTINATION C I T I F A V E C C H I A FOR SCHOOL
 OF ARTILLERY (.) ADVANCE PARTY WILL REPORT TO COMMADEANT
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 R A D D A AREA UNDER ARMS/AMMUNITION MOVEMENT
 29TH APRIL TO REJOIN PARENT UNIT

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MY FA 55882 OF 06 OCT TO ALL (.) 1 2 3 AND 4
 BATTLELINE (EARTH) 155 ITALIAN ARMY REGT OF MANTOVA
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 NEW DERIVATION CIVILIAN VECCHIA FOR SCHOOL
 OF ARTILLERY (.) ADVANCE PARTY WILL REPORT TO COMMANDANT
 SCHOOL OF ARTILLERY 16TH APRIL (.) CHART MOVE TO
 RADD A AREA UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVEMENT
 19TH APRIL TO REJOIN FORMER UNIT

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SUBJECT :- ROAD

ROADS ALIGNED AREA OVERLAND

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The section of roads under report are as follows :-

(a) Section From Point Road to 100 1000 1000 to 100 1000 1000

The surface is rapidly disintegrating and there are
several filled in bomb craters which are very bad indeed.

(b) Section From 100 1000 1000 to 100 1000 1000

The surface has completely disintegrated and there are
very deep and extensive pot-holes. In particular the
section from 100 1000 1000 through the 100 1000 1000 is very
bad indeed.

(c) Section From 100 1000 1000 to 100 1000 1000

The surface particularly near 100 1000 1000 is rapidly
disintegrating and there are a number of pot-holes which are
increasing in depth and extent.

(d) Section From 100 1000 1000 to 100 1000 1000

This road is almost impassable. Parts of the original
surface remain and there are very deep depressions between
them. Pot-holes are increasing rapidly.

The surface is rapidly disintegrating and there are seven filled in bomb craters which are very bad indeed.

(b) Section from X Road MR 65087 to BRADDOCK VILLAGE MR 65087

The surface has completely disintegrated and there are very deep and extensive pot-holes. In particular the section from BRADDOCK Station through the ITO area is very bad indeed.

(c) Section from X Road MR 65087 to BRADDOCK VILLAGE MR 65087

The surface particularly near BRADDOCK is rapidly disintegrating and there are a number of pot-holes which are increasing in depth and extent.

(d) Section from BRADDOCK VILLAGE MR 65087 to BRADDOCK VILLAGE MR 65087

This road is almost impassable. Parts of the original surface remain and there are very deep depressions between them. Pot-holes are increasing rapidly.

(e) Section from BRADDOCK VILLAGE MR 65087 to BRADDOCK VILLAGE MR 65087

The surface has to a large extent disintegrated and the number of pot-holes is increasing rapidly.

2. The demands on all these roads are very heavy and all are essential for the operation of the ITO. In particular Section (a) is used by all traffic, Military, Contractors and Civilian, including to BRADDOCK. The AFV Training Centre on Lake Braddock, Braddock and Trevignier, at each of which there are considerable bodies of troops and where with the exception of the AFV Centre and Trevignier, large constructional contracts are in hand involving very heavy civilian heavy traffic. Section (b) is used by all traffic to BRADDOCK and as there is no alternative route all traffic for all purposes must use it. It is estimated that the average density is not less than 400 to 500 heavy vehicles in both directions each day. Section (c) has the most density of traffic as Section (a). Section (d) has less traffic, but in that its condition is so appalling, this short stretch is a vital source of danger. Section (e) is of less importance, but if taken in hand shortly, a great deal of expense and labour will be avoided.

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3. It is understood that contracts for Section (a) up (d) have been placed by the Air Radio Signal Section (Engineering Division). That for Section (b) is placed with Engineer Construction General and it is believed that the same firm is responsible for all the work.

Work has in fact started in Section (b) but with the exception of a desalting and completely useless attempt to patch the canyons on Section (a), no other work appears to be in hand. It is understood that none of these roads are closed as military roads, but if this is the case some clarification of the position appears to be required. As the contracts were placed by AIR it would appear that the responsibility for supervision lies with FM, CM. Is this the case? The contract was placed for a turnpike road and not a water borne surface.

4. It is understood that the work in Section (b) is proceeding very slowly. The Contractor states that this is due to:-

- (a) No contribution of transport,
- (b) The absence of bitumen.

With regard to (a). The Contractor informs us that it has been decided that no bitumen will be made available for this road and that it is to be a water borne surface. If this is in fact the case, may I suggest that the matter be reconsidered. In my opinion a top water borne dressing applied to the surface of what was originally a macadamized road will distribute loads within a few inches, even die and within a short time the whole road will be nothing more than a bed of loose metal. This will be even more disastrous to transport than the present surface and the whole of the expense involved in carrying out the work will be completely wasted.

5. If the responsibility does not lie with FM, CM may I urgently request that a senior PM Officer experienced in road construction should inspect the work so far completed in order that an authoritative ruling on the opinion I have expressed may be obtained.

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the case, may I suggest that the matter be re-considered. In my opinion a top water bound dressing applied to the surface of what was originally a macadamised road will deteriorate within a few weeks, even die and within a short time the whole road will be nothing more than a bed of loose material. This will be even more damaging to transport that the present surface and the whole of the expense involved in carrying out the work will be completely wasted.

5. If the responsibility does not lie with 104, may I urgently request that a senior Warrant Officer experienced in road construction should inspect the work so far completed in order that an authoritative ruling on the opinion I have expressed may be obtained.

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