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ST/18 8th. Mule + Park Tpr. Units  
opened Nov. 21, 1943. Closed May 7, 1945  
Nov 1943 - May 1945



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SUBJECT: Plan of ITI-ITI Vet Units (Cat 1C)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (LMIA)

SD/11/2

7 May 45

TO : Ministry of War

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Terr Vet Stations

1. Authority is given to form the above-mentioned Category 1(C) (Sec 5) units forthwith. --
2. They will be formed on WE 252/SRE/1 - 1 Offr, 2 ORs.
3. Please advise this HQ where the units will be formed and give estimated date for completion.

"S & T, MMIA.

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L.M. Ingledew.  
Major-General, It-CL  
MMIA.

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Subject: Veterinary & Remount Services

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Land Forces Sub Comm.

A.C. (MIA)

ROME

14/9/1974

5 May 45

Ministry of War,  
Direzione Veterinario e Ippica

1. The ceiling for the Vet. and Remount Services (Italian Administration Category I(C) in Order of Battle) has now been amended and fixed by MIA staff Branch as 462 all ranks. The detailed breakdown of W.E. (organico) strength is given at Appendix 'A'.

2. In order to provide the necessary personnel for the collection and salvage of equipment in Northern Italy without increasing the ceiling of 462, it has been agreed that 72 personnel will be found by utilising serials 34 and 35 (36 all ranks from each). On completion of above work these personnel will return to their parent unit or Reinforcement category.

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*W. C. Haggie*

Lieut-Col.  
A.D.M.S.  
Land Forces Sub Com. AC. (MMA)

/RDEG

Copies to: 'G' (2)  
'A'  
'Q' (Lt. Col. Rose)  
S/T

*W. C. Haggie*  
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## Appendix 'A'

## Category I (c) Section VETERINARY &amp; REMOUNT

## Ceiling 462

| Serial | Designation of Unit Title                     | No. | Location or Intended Location | W.B. No.  | W.B. Offrs. | Strength Orgs. | REMARKS |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|---------|
| (a)    | (b)                                           | (c) | (d)                           | (e)       | (f)         | (g)            | (h)     |
| 1      | Gen. Directorate Vet. & Remt. Ministry of War | -   | ROME                          | 3/SMB/4   | 44          | 9              |         |
| 2      | Vet. & Remt. Direct. Terr. H. & Co.           | 1   | TURIN                         |           | 2           | -              |         |
| 3      | ditto                                         | 2   | GENOA                         |           | 2           | -              |         |
| 4      | ditto                                         | 3   | MILAN                         |           | 2           | -              |         |
| 5      | ditto                                         | 4   | UDINE                         |           | 2           | -              |         |
| 6      | ditto                                         | 5   | BOLEGNO                       |           | 2           | -              |         |
| 7      | ditto                                         | 6   | BOLOGNA                       |           | 2           | -              |         |
| 8      | ditto                                         | 7   | FLORENCE                      | 13/SMB/4  | 2           | -              |         |
| 9      | ditto                                         | 8   | ROME                          | 14/SMB/4  | 2           | -              |         |
| 10     | ditto                                         | 9   | BARI                          | 12/SMB/4  | 2           | -              |         |
| 11     | ditto                                         | 10  | NAPLES                        | 14/SMB/4  | 2           | -              |         |
| 12     | ditto                                         | 11  | PALERMO                       | 13/SMB/4  | 2           | -              |         |
| 13     | Vet. Recs. Lab.                               |     | ROME                          | 250/SMB/4 | 3           | 3              |         |
| 14     | Vet. Research Lab.                            |     | BOLOGNA                       | 253/SMB/4 | 3           | 6              |         |
| 15     | Remt. Depot                                   | 21  | GROSSETTA                     | 251/SMB/4 | 8           | 34             |         |
| 16     | ditto                                         | 22  | PISTOIA                       | 251/SMB/4 | 8           | 34             |         |
| 17     | ditto                                         | 23  | PERUGIA                       | 251/SMB/4 | 8           | 34             |         |
| 18     | ditto                                         | 24  | SASSARI                       | 252/SMB/4 | 4           | 17             |         |
| 19     | ditto                                         | 25  | VERONA                        | 251/SMB/4 | 8           | 34             |         |
| 20     | ditto                                         | 26  | LIVORNO                       | 251/SMB/4 | 8           | 34             |         |
| 21     | Terr. Vet. Station                            | 1   | TURIN                         | 252/SMB/4 | 1           | 2              |         |
| 22     | ditto                                         | 2   | GENOA                         | ditto     | 1           | 2              |         |
| 23     | ditto                                         | 3   | MILAN                         | ditto     | 1           | 2              |         |
| 24     | ditto                                         | 4   | UDINE                         | ditto     | 1           | 2              |         |



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|       |                    |     |            |            |     |     |
|-------|--------------------|-----|------------|------------|-----|-----|
| 8     | ditto              | 8   | ROME       | 11/SEPT/4  | 2   | -   |
| 9     | ditto              | 9   | BARI       | 12/SEPT/4  | 2   | -   |
| 10    | ditto              | 10  | NAPLES     | 11/SEPT/4  | 2   | -   |
| 11    | ditto              | 11  | PALERMO    | 13/SEPT/4  | 2   | -   |
| 12    | ditto              | 11  | ROME       | 250/SEPT/4 | 3   | -   |
| 13    | Vet. Res. Lab.     |     | BOLOGNA    | 255/SEPT/4 | 3   | 6   |
| 14    | Vet. Research Lab. | 21  | GROSSETO   | 251/SEPT/4 | 8   | 24  |
| 15    | Res. Depot         | 22  | FIRE       | 254/SEPT/4 | 8   | 24  |
| 16    | ditto              | 23  | PERUGIA    | 251/SEPT/4 | 8   | 24  |
| 17    | ditto              | 24  | SASSATE    | 254/SEPT/4 | 4   | 17  |
| 18    | ditto              | 25  | MIRANDOLA  | 251/SEPT/4 | 8   | 24  |
| 19    | ditto              | 26  | (Modena)   |            |     |     |
| 20    | ditto              |     | LIVORNO    | 251/SEPT/4 | 8   | 24  |
| 21    | Terr. Vet. Station | 1   | TURIN      | 252/SEPT/4 | 1   | 2   |
| 22    | ditto              | 2   | GENOA      | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 23    | ditto              | 3   | MILAN      | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 24    | ditto              | 4   | UDINE      | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 25    | ditto              | 5   | BOLZANO    | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 26    | ditto              | 6   | BOLOGNA    | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 27    | ditto              | 7   | FLORENCE   | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 28    | ditto              | 8   | ROME       | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 29    | ditto              | 9   | BARI       | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 30    | ditto              | 10  | NAPLES     | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 31    | ditto              | 11  | PALERMO    | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 32    | ditto              | 14  | SARDINIA   | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 33    | ditto              | 15  | CATANZARO  | ditto      | 1   | 2   |
| 34    | Vet. Hospital      | 103 | CISTERNINO | 253/SEPT/4 | 5   | 24  |
| 35    | Reinforcements     |     | Various    |            | 9   | 29  |
| Total |                    |     |            |            | 110 | 352 |

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TOTAL ALL RATES = 462



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27 Mar

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SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

TO : 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
804 ITALIAN BRD TRANI

261845A

INFO: AFHQ for G-1 BR G-3 ORG MOV V & R  
HQ 15 ARMY GROUP  
DISTONE  
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FORMIA LO  
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
SIGNS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL  
HQ 15ASD 2525SECRET

FIRST (.) 812 MIDEAST MULETEERS WILL BE DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS (.)

A (.) 172 TO FIFTH ARMY BR INCR AS DID IN MMIA SD 2507  
OF 22 SERIAL 14 (.)

B (.) 150 TO 1 ST REMOUNT DEP PASSO CORESE (.)

C (.) 150 TO 812 BASE REMOUNT DEP PERSANO (.)

D (.) 220 TO FOSSOMBRONE INCL FOLLOWING

SPECIALISTS (.) FARRIERS 1 SGT 7 CPLS 5 PTES (.)

SADDLERS 1 SGT 4 CPLS 13 PTES (.)

INTERPRETERS

1 PTE (.)

E (.) 120 TO BARI FOR LFA (.) FOR MMIA LO

54 AREA (.) CONTRACT NAT BENNY HO



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A (.) 172 IN FIFTH ARMY BR INCR AS DID IN M M I A SD 2507  
OF 22 SERIAL 14 (.)

B (.) 150 TO 1 TO REMOUNT DEP PASSO CORESE (.)

C (.) 150 TO 812 BASE REMOUNT DEP PERSANO (.)

D (.) 220 TO 305508 BRONE INCL FOLLOWING

SPECIALISTS (.) FARMERS 1 SGT 7 CPLS 5 PTES (.)

SADDLERS 1 SGT 4 CPLS 13 PTES (.)

INTERPRETERS 1 PTE (.)

E (.) 120 TO PART FOR LFA (.) FOR M M I A LO

5/4 AREA (.) CONTACT 1 AJ BENN HQ LFA TO ARRANGE

SELECTION (.)

SECOND (.) THIS HQ WILL BID FOR MOV OF SERIALS B C D E IN  
WHEN STARTING 9 APR (.)

THIRD (.) FOR AFHQ (.)

YOUR PX 47807 FHGCT CF 22 REFERS

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FROM: DISTONE

S & T, MMIA.

TO : AFHQ CITE PHGAB

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INFO: MMIA  
15 ARMY GROUP  
DISTHREE  
54 AREA

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SD 4

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REF MMIA SD 2441 OF 11 MAR (.) REQUEST THIS HQ BE CONSULTED BEFORE  
812 MULETEERS MOVE FOSSOMERONE FROM TRANI IN VIEW ACCN QUESTION

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MESSAGE FOR

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DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

11 1800 A

FROM : NMIA  
 TO : AFHQ FOR GI (BT)  
 INFO : 15 ARMY CP  
 3 DIST  
 1 DIST  
 NMIA LO 52 AREA  
 NMIA LO 54 AREA  
 NMIA LO 1 DIST  
 SIGS OFFICE BARBERS PT O'DONNELL  
 OC CADDH 804 TOTAL BND BRANT

REF NO : SD 2441

SECRET

REF TX 18271 of 5 (.) 812 MULETEERS EX POW FROM MIDWEST  
 ARRIVED TARANTO 10 MAR (x) PLEASE MOVE TO T R A N Y  
 FOR EQUIPMENT AND ONWARD MOVEMENT TO C S S O M E R O N E  
 FOR PACK SPT TRG CENTRE AS HTTS FOR TR-MI MULE COYS

Precedence

IMPORTANT



SECRET

REF TX 26271 of 5 (.) 812 MULETERS IN POW FROM MIDWEST  
ARRIVED TORONTO 10 MAR (x) PLEASE MOVE TO TRAINING  
FOR EQUIPMENT AND ONWARD MOVEMENT TO 30350NDRON E  
FOR PACK TPT TRG CENTRE AS RATE FOR BR-ITI MULL COVE

Precedence

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INTERNAL:

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York Hill Det

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SUBJECT: Form of Italian Increment to  
Pack Tpt Coy (Br-III).

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
 (R.M.I.L.)  
 SD/1  
 Mar 45.

TO : Min of War.

221 Italian Iner to Pack Tpt Tr, Centre  
FOSCOMERONE.

Details of the formation of the above unit as follows:

M.E. Cx/696/1 TOTAL 9 Oftrs 50 Tps.

SUPERVISING AUTHORITY 1 Dist. LOCATION FOSCOMERONE.

REF. 22 Jan 45.

PERSONNEL as already provided plus specialists to make up  
deficiencies against confirmed T.E. as above which  
will be arranged by you.

POSTAL Postal Liaison No Arm Div concerned.



281 Italian Iner to Para Tpt Tr, Centro  
FOSSOMBRONE.

Details of the formation of the above unit as follows:

W.D. CM/696/1 ACIL 9 offrs 50 prs.

SUPERVISING  
AUTHORITY 1 Dist. LOCATION FOSSOMBRONE.

DATE 19 Jun 48.  
PERSONNEL as already provided plus specialists to make up  
deficiencies against confirmed I.E. as above which  
will be arranged by you.

POSTAL Posta Militare Ric Adm Div concerned.

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Major General.  
M.R.I....

COPIES TO: MAJ. LO DISTONE.

INT : Q  
Q (A)  
Q (OS)  
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Sgt. MADA.

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MESSAGE FORM.  
\*S a T. MMIA.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

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05 1500 A

FROM : MMIA

TO : 54 AREA FOR MMIA IO

INFO : DISTONE FOR MMIA IO : AFHQ FOR V & R:  
ITALIAN RPT DEP ORVETO  
1 FD REMOUNT DEP PASSO CORESE.

REF NO : SD 2396

RESTRICTED.

YOUR SD 102 OF 1 (\*) FIRST (\*) SEND 30 CARRIERS TO ORVETO  
ON TRAIN ALREADY ARRANGED FOR MAR 8-11 MAR (\*) FOR TUNGATE (\*)  
THESE ARE FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO FOSSOMERONE URGENTLY (\*)  
SECOND (\*) SEND ONE MAJOR INSTR AND ONE SGT INSTR TO 1 FD  
REMOUNT DEP PASSO CORESE

Precedence IMPORTANT.authenticated *W. H. H. H.*

INTERD.1: Ministry of War.

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FROM : AFHQ

TO : DISIGNS

INFO : MMIA : 15 ARMY GROUP

EX 34680

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REFERENCE MMIA SD 2321 OF 21 FEB (\*) CONFIRM YOU CAN MOVE 700 MULETOWN

RTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 1 UNDER YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS

Precedence -

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Info SD/42/6

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"S & T. MMIA.

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## MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

21 0840 A

FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP

DISTONE

O.C. BR CADRE ITALIAN RFT DEPOT ORVIETO

SD 2321

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FX 29906 OF 19 (\*) FIRST (\*) UNDERSTAND FROM ORVIETO THAT FOLLOWING MULETEER

RFTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR FOSSOMBRONE (\*) 500 WHOM ORVIETO DEPOT HAVE ALREADY ASKED

DISTONE TO MOVE (\*) FURTHER 200 ALSO READY FOR WHOM MOVE NOW REQUIRED (\*)

TOTAL 700 (\*) SECOND (\*) PICENO PERSONNEL LESS NORMAL ITALIAN WASTAGE ARRIVED ORVIETO

IN JAN (\*) PERSONNEL ALREADY SENT TO FOSSOMBRONE FOR 253 OF WERE LARGELY EX PICENO (\*)

FURTHER 72 ARE INCLUDED IN 500 MENTIONED PARA. FIRST (\*) THIRD (\*) DEPOT FURTHER

REPORTS THAT PERSONNEL EX 7 MTN REGT WERE DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS (\*)

501 INCLUDING OFFRS WERE RECEIVED AT ORVIETO (\*) 408 WERE SENT TO FOSSOMBRONE

IN DRAFTS OF APPROX 200 ON 14 AND 16 FEB (\*) APPROX 50 WILL BE INCLUDED IN DRAFT

OF 500 MENTIONED PARA. FIRST (\*) SICKNESS LEAVE AND ABSENCE ACCOUNTS FOR BALANCE ( \*)

FOURTH (\*) FURTHER 140 MULETEERS ARE NOW UNDER YOUR ORDERS TO MOVE FROM TRI-NI

DIRECT TO AREZZO FOR FIFTH ARMY BR INCR

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DISPATCH FORM

FROM : MAIL

TO : AFSA, OSCEG & INT.  
15 MAY 1960 SD & SIINFO : ITALIAN SPED OMIST CERTIFICATO  
ONE DIST  
ONE DIST FOR MAIL TO  
WAR MINISTRY

REF : SD 2200

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

QUESTIONS 200 PAGE 1ST OF (\*) THIS OF WILL BE COMPLETED 3 THE (\*) UNREMARKED  
 ACCORD NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS OF AT FORSCOMMONE UNTIL 9 THE WEEK 252 OF OUR TO  
 MOVE OUT (\*) AGAIN WITH ONE DISTRICT 221 OF SHOULD MOVE 9 THE

REFERENCES

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SD 2200

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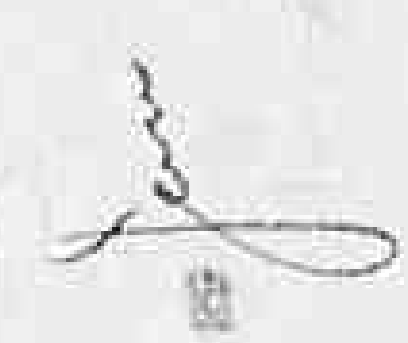
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REF : 92 2800

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SUBJECT 250 PAGE 174 OF (\*) THIS OF ALL BE COMPLETE 3 FEB (\*) UNDERSTAND  
ACON NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS GP AT POSSESSIONS UNTIL 9 FEB 1952 252 GP DUE TO  
NOTES OUT (\*) WHICH WITH ONE DISTRICT 122 OF SHOULD MOVE 5 FEB

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SECRETSUBJECT: Disbandment Increment 7 Mtn Regt RA.LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/3

21 JAN 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: MMIA LO 1 District (3) for ORVITO &amp; FOSSOMBRONE

MMIA LO REAR EIGHTH ARMY

MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY

MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY Br Incr

1. The Italian Increment to 7 Mountain Regiment RA (WE strength 559 plus 21 from Increment to Signal Section) is to be disbanded at the end of this month and the personnel made available for the formation of new Pack Transport Companies at FOSSOMBRONE.

2. It is desired that these men should form the nucleus of 270, 271, 272 and 273 Italian Pack Transport Companies, as they are trained muleteers.

3. Personnel of this Increment will be moved under Allied arrangements. If personnel arrive in time to join companies at CRVIETO, they will be distributed equally among the four (4) companies. If personnel do not arrive at CRVIETO in time, the four (4) companies will move to FOSSOMBRONE organized so that the Artillery Regiment muleteers can join them at FOSSOMBRONE.

4. Please make the necessary posting arrangements.



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4. Please make the necessary posting arrangements.

*K. K. L.*  
Major General  
L.M.I.A.

29 Jan 48  
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FROM: MMIA

Date Time  
24 1530 A

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP A

INFO: AFHQ G1 BR  
15 ARMY GROUP SD AND ST  
8 ARMY FOR MMIA LO  
DISTONE  
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

SD 2131

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PLEASE AMEND FOLLOWING EXTRACTS OF MMIA SD 2129 OF 23 JAN

TO READ (.) QUOTE (.) W E OF PACK CP AUTHORIZES 5 REPEAT  
INTERPRETERS 16 PTE INTERPRETERS  
5 OFFERS/(.) TOTAL FOR BOTH GPS 10 REPEAT 10 OFFERS 32 PTES (.)

UNQUOTE (.)

PRECEDENCE

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Internal: War Ministry  
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SIGNAL

23 14 15 A

FROM : MMIA  
 TO : 15 ARMY GROUP A  
 INFO : AFHQ G1 BR  
 15 ARMY GROUP SD AND ST  
 DISTONE  
 DISTONE FOR MMIA LO  
 WAR MINISTRY  
 8 ARMY FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2129

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MMIA SD 2083 OF 12 (.) WE OF PACK OF AUTHORIZED 10 OFFR. INTERPRETERS  
 FOR ECTH GRS  
 16 P. INTERPRETERS PER GP (.) TOTAL 20 OFFR 32 PTES (.) AGAINST THIS  
 MINISTRY OF WAR HAVE ALREADY SUPPLIED 6 OFFR 1 SENIOR NCO 3 PTES SENT TO  
 ORVIETO (.) 3 FURTHER OFFR BEING SENT NOW

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

INT. DIST:  
 AQ. A.  
 ST.  
 G 2(L)  
 SD/50 (2)  
 G/7/1  
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20 Jan 1950 A

AFHQ 01 (HR) 03 (Org)

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SD 2118

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SUGGESTION CONTAINED IN 15 ARMY OP LETTER 3143/A(0)  
OF 16 JAN IS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY MMIA

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP.

3143/A(0),

16 Jan 45.

AFHQ, G-1(B).

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) HQ AC.  
G5(SD)  
ST (ref your 570/ST of 11 Jan 45).

Ref para 6 of MIA signal SD 2071 of 10 Jan 45.

1. In addition to the personnel ex PICENO Div, the Italian personnel who will be released from 7 Mountain Regt RA on being replaced by BASUTOS will be available as muleteers.
2. As the personnel ex 7 Mountain Regt RA are already trained muleteers it is suggested that they should be used in priority to the personnel ex PICENO Div and divided amongst the four coys of 253 Group to form a nucleus of trained personnel in each coy.
3. DADST(AT), AFHQ at present located at this HQ, strongly recommends the suggestion in para 2 above.
4. If muleteers ex 7 Mountain Regt are not available in time to join coys at ORVIETO, it is recommended that the coys be so organised before despatch from ORVIETO that the ex Mountain Regt personnel can join at FOSSOMERONE at a later date.
5. Will you please advise this HQ in due course of the action taken in this matter.

signed/ ? Lt.Col.  
for Commanding General.

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RAC MESSAGE FROM

VIA

FROM

TO AFHQ for G3 (ORG) AND G1 (HR) AND ST  
15 ARMY GROUP FOR SD AND A AND ST

INFO

DISTONE  
DISTONE FOR NIA LO  
ITALIAN HET DETCT ONVITO  
ITALIAN NULETECH CENTRE POSSON BRONE

SD 2090

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SUBJECT IS 252 PACK TET GP DR-ITI (\*) FOLLOWING HAVE MOVED FROM  
ONVITO TO POSSON BRONE (\*) ONE (\*) 252 PACK TET GM HP HQ  
STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 OBS 8 JAN (\*) TWO (\*) 200 BULLETER  
RETS 11 JAN (\*) THREE (\*) 266 PACK TET COV 4 OFFERS 374 OBS  
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ARMY GROUP 18 JAN

PRECEDENCE

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(U.S.I.A.)SD/3/2  
12 JAN 45SUBJECT: Back Tot Personnel.TO : AFHQ for G3 Org (4)  
15 Army G2 (2)

The following is the situation as at 11 Jan 1944 :-

## PART I

| Provisions<br>FROM        | PLANNED | STARTED | ARRIVED | ACCEPTED | REMARKS                                   |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| November                  |         |         |         |          |                                           |
| EMRI                      | 654     | 525     | 486     | 151      |                                           |
| ASTRONI                   | 500     | 504     | 494     | 375      |                                           |
| AFRACOLA                  | 834     | 793     | 773     | 385      |                                           |
| December                  |         |         |         |          |                                           |
| 3 Dist Leb                | 580     | 539     | 499     | 329      |                                           |
| TRANI                     | 158     | 158     | 149     | 53       | Note 678 ordered addl<br>542 left 23 Dec. |
| TARANTO                   | 2225    | 2029    | 1536    | 1049     |                                           |
| ELEA                      | 750     | 750     | 307     | 144      | Many were discharged<br>as unit           |
| Totals as known 27 Dec 44 | 5701    | 5298    | 4244    | 2486     |                                           |

## PART II

|             |     |     |     |  |                                     |
|-------------|-----|-----|-----|--|-------------------------------------|
| December    |     |     |     |  |                                     |
| TRANI       | 520 | 542 | 496 |  | left 23 Dec for<br>COLLE SALINETTI. |
| AFRUCZI via | 450 | 400 | 380 |  | arrived CRIETC and                  |



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Many were discharged  
as unfit

| ELIM.                           | 750  | 750  | 307  | 144 |
|---------------------------------|------|------|------|-----|
| Totals as known 27 Dec 44, 5701 | 5293 | 4244 | 2486 |     |

## PART II

|                                                                   |                        |     |     |     |                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------------------------|
| December                                                          | TRANI                  | 520 | 542 | 496 | left 23 Dec for<br>COLLE SALVETTI.          |
|                                                                   | AFRIZZI via<br>TRANI   | 450 | 400 | 320 | arrived CIVIETO and<br>incl 120 EGO's.      |
|                                                                   | SICILY via<br>AFRAGOLA | 750 | 790 | 782 | arrived CIVIETO 29/12                       |
|                                                                   | "                      | 50  | 50  | 50  | specialists sent<br>29/12 to PASSI CORRESE. |
|                                                                   | SICILY via<br>REGGIO   | 500 | 500 | 500 | CIVIETO                                     |
|                                                                   | SICILY via<br>ASTRONI  | 400 | 375 | 386 | COLLE SALVETTI                              |
| This com-<br>plotes first<br>2000 for new<br>pack coys<br>CIVIETO | SICILY via<br>REGGIO   | 600 | 500 | 485 | CIVIETO                                     |

Bal Dec TOTAL 3270 3157 3079

## PART III

|        |                       |                       |      |     |                                                 |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------|-----|-------------------------------------------------|
| Serial | 1. January            | TRANI                 | 200  | 230 | Moved to CIVIETO<br>7 Jan. This is<br>insurance |
| 2.     |                       | TARANTO               | 400  | 450 | Moving to COLLE<br>SALVETTI 12 Jan              |
| 3.     | Against<br>require-   | SICILY via<br>REGGIO  | 600* |     | Moving to ASTRONI 12<br>Jan from REGGIO         |
| 4.     | ment 1850<br>as at 3  | SICILY via<br>ASTRONI | 600* |     | Next priority from<br>REGGIO                    |
| 5.     | Jan plus<br>attrition | SICILY via<br>ASTRONI | 900* |     |                                                 |



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## PART III

| Serial | 1. January                | TRANI                  | 200  | 230) | 700 | Moved to CRIVIETO<br>7 Jan. This is<br>insurance                                                    |
|--------|---------------------------|------------------------|------|------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2.     |                           | TARANTO                | 400  | 450) |     | Moving to CCLLE<br>SALVETTI 12 Jan                                                                  |
| 3.     | Against<br>require-       | SICILY via<br>REGGIO   | 600* |      |     | Moving to ASTRONI 12<br>Jan from REGGIO                                                             |
| 4.     | ment 1850<br>as at 3 *    | SICILY via<br>ASTRONI  | 600* |      |     | Next priority from<br>REGGIO                                                                        |
| 5.     | Jan plus<br>attrition     | SICILY via<br>ASTRONI  | 900* |      |     | To CCLLE SALVETTI vide<br>MAIL SD 2081 dated<br>11 Jan                                              |
| 6.     | <u>Total 2000</u>         | TRANI                  | 175* |      |     | Moved to CRIVIETO week<br>ending 15 Jan                                                             |
| 7.     | For second                | PICENI                 | 1780 |      |     | Due to move to CRIVIETO<br>25 Jan.                                                                  |
| 8.     | fort new<br>BRITI Coys-   | PICENI                 | 220  |      |     | Moved to 7 3200 CASE<br>requested MAIL SD 2081<br>of 11 Jan                                         |
| 9.     | Total<br>2000             | TRANI<br>TARANTO       | 75   |      |     | For Dr ITI muloteor<br>riffs. Move requested<br>MAIL SD 2078 of 11 Jan<br>to AFRAGOLA<br>New Dr-ITI |
| 10.    | Requirement<br>1100 1 Jan | SICILY via<br>AFRAGOLA | 1100 |      |     |                                                                                                     |

Telephone: 6750  
TOLL FREE: 1-800-456-7890

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|          |                                                      |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------|
| PART I   | 2486 - 44% of planned strength accepted.             |
| PART II  | 2007 - arrived of 3270 planned.                      |
| PART III | <u>6750</u> - planned. Only 45% ever prove suitable. |
| 12333    | PREVISION                                            |

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During 19 Jan  
Due to move to ONVETC  
25 Jan.  
Leave to 23000000SE  
requested MMIA SD 2081  
of 11 Jan  
For Br III volunteer  
rfgs. have requested  
MMIA SD 2073 of 11 Jan  
to APRAGOLA  
New Br-ITI

For second  
8. form new  
BrITI Ccvs-  
Total 2000  
9. TRAMI  
TARANT

10. Requirement: SICILY via 1100  
1100 1 Jan ) - APRAGOLA

7 Ptn Regt 700

January TOTAL 6750

TOTALS  
PART I 2486 - 44% of planned strength accepted.  
PART II 3097 - arrived of 3270 planned.  
PART III 6750 - planned. Only 45% now prove suitable.

12333 PROVISION

Requirement 11600  
AFHQ AG 001.711/137 GDS - 0 of 21 Dec and see MMIA SD/3  
of 14 Dec and Fifth Army signal 4092 of 6 Jan requesting  
1250 replacements at 3 Jan plus 1200 attention

\*US-ITI Provision 2175  
Required 775 say 800  
2050

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300 is next priority (after Part III Serial 10)  
From SICILY if call-up (Jan) exceeds 4000 anticipated.

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S I G N A LFROM MMIA

12 1030 A

TO 15 ARMY GROUP A

INFO AFHQ G1 BR  
 15 ARMY GP SD AND ST  
 DISTONE  
 DISTONE FOR MMIA LO  
 WAR MINISTRY  
8 ARMY FOR MMIA LO

SD 2083SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT IS NEW PACK TPT COYS BR-ITI (.) WAR MINISTRY REPORT NO LIAISON OFFRS  
 ENGLISH SPEAKING AVAILABLE FOR POSTING AGAINST V E E (.) SUGGEST PRIORITY  
 OF TPT COYS MIGHT JUSTIFY TRANSFER OF LO'S FROM FMNS UNDER YOUR COMD CARRYING  
 HIGH PROPORTION OF ENGLISH SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFRS AGAINST ENTITLEMENT

PRECEDENCE

Important.

AUTHENTICATED

W. T. Gledhill.It. Col.INTERNAL:

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FROM M M I A

TO AFHQ G3 ORG C1 BR MOV  
 15 ARMY GP SD A S.T.  
1 DIST

INTO WAR MINISTRY DISTONE FOR MIA LO  
 ICF RTC CESANO FOR MIA LO  
ITALIAN RPT DEPOT ORVIETO

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SecretSD 2071

A (.) SUBJECT IS NULETEERS (.) PROVISION PERSONNEL FOR 252 & 253 PACK TPT GP  
 HQS AND 266 CMA 267 CMA 268 CMA 269 CMA 270 CMA 271 CMA 272 & 253 PACK TPT  
 COYS ALL BR ITI (.) ONE (.) 252 PACK TPT GP HQ STRENGTH 4 OFFERS 31 OR'S LEFT  
 O R V I E T O RPT DEPOT 8 JAN FOR F O S S O M B R O N E (.) TWO (.) 200  
 PERSONNEL AWAITING MOV TO F O S S O M B R O N E FROM O R V I E T O NOW (.)  
 THREE (.)  
 / TWO COYS STRENGTH APPROX 900 WILL BE READY FOR CALLING FWD TO F O S S O M B R O N E  
 BY 1 DIST 13 JAN (.) F C U R (.) TWO FURTHER COYS STRENGTH APPROX 900 WILL BE  
 READY FOR CALLING FWD 20 JAN (.) FIVE (.) 253 PACK TPT GP HQ IS NOW FORMING  
 AT O R V I E T O (.) SIX (.) REMAINING FOUR COMPANIES WILL BE FORMED AT  
 O R V I E T O FROM FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AND SHOULD BE READY LAST WEEK JAN (.)  
 1780 EX P I C E N O E T A O R V I E T O 16 JAN (.) 220 EX C E S A N O  
 COMBAT TNG CENTRE E T D 25 JAN (.) SEVEN (.) 74 POTENTIAL FARMERS HAVE  
 BEEN SENT TO P A S S O C O R S E FOR TNG (.) 75 FARMERS ARE BEING MOVED  
 FROM T A R A N T O TO P A S S O C O R S E E T A 14 JAN (.) SPECIALIST



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James Drake  
Starkburg

NOTHING CAN BE

1. *Phragmites* (Common Reed)

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**SUBJECT:** From EIGHT Pack Tpt Coys, TWO Pack  
Tpt Gp HQ's (BR-ITI)

\*S & T, RANMIA.

Recd 20 Dec.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.L.A.)  
SD/3  
29 Dec 44

**TO :** War Ministry

**Copy to:** O.C. Br Cadre Rft Trs Depot (Italian) ORVIETO (through 26 Ed Pun Camp).

252 & 253 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT GROUP HEADQUARTERS  
266 - 273 ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES

Ref your 9489/ORD of 20 Dec and 9526/ORD of 21 Dec the following  
formation orders were issued by higher authority on 19 Dec  
notified in your letters under reference, should therefore be amended.

1. (a) The under mentioned Units will be formed as shown :-

| Unit                              | N.L.                         | SEL                     | With effect Supervisory<br>from Authority | War Office<br>Serial No.<br>Allotted |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (i) 252 Italian Pack Tpt<br>Gp HQ | (ii) NA/834/1<br>(XII/465/1) | (iii) to be<br>notified | (iv) 15 Dec 44 HQ No. 1 Dist.<br>(v)      | (vi) 93391                           |
| 253 Italian Pack Tpt<br>Gp HQ     | do                           | do                      | 1 Jan 45 HQ No. 1 Dist.                   | 93392                                |
| 266 Italian Pack Tpt<br>Coy       | NA/800/1<br>(XII/461/1)      | do                      | 15 Dec 44                                 | 93393                                |
| 267 do                            | do                           | do                      | do                                        | 93394                                |
| 268 do                            | do                           | do                      | do                                        | 93395                                |
| 269 do                            | do                           | do                      | do                                        | 93396                                |
| 270 do                            | do                           | do                      | 1 Jan 45                                  | 93397                                |
| 271 do                            | do                           | do                      | do                                        | 93398                                |
| 272 do                            | do                           | do                      | do                                        | 93399                                |



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| Unit                          | W.E.                             | SEL   | With effect Supervisory<br>from Authority | War Office<br>Serial No.<br>Allotted |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| (i)                           | (ii)                             | (iii) | (iv)                                      | (v)                                  |
| 252 Italian Pack Tpt<br>Gp HQ | NA/834/1<br>(XII/465/1) notified | to be | 15 Dec 44 HQ No. 1 Dist.                  | 93391                                |
| 253 Italian Pack Tpt<br>Gp HQ | do                               | do    | 1 Jan 45 HQ No. 1 Dist.                   | 93392                                |
| 266 Italian Pack Tpt<br>Coy   | NA/800/1<br>(XII/461/1)          | do    | 15 Dec 44                                 | 93393                                |
| 267                           | do                               | do    | do                                        | 93394                                |
| 268                           | do                               | do    | do                                        | 93395                                |
| 269                           | do                               | do    | do                                        | 93396                                |
| 270                           | do                               | do    | 1 Jan 45                                  | 93397                                |
| 271                           | do                               | do    | do                                        | 93398                                |
| 272                           | do                               | do    | do                                        | 93399                                |
| 273                           | do                               | do    | do                                        | 93400                                |

(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from HQ 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory Authorities.

(c) Special equipment lists as in coln (iii) above will be issued.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided in accordance with SIRE letter 9489/OPD dated 20 Dec. Formation of Coys will commence at ORVIETO, and training will continue at FOSSOMBRONE. The difficulty in providing English speaking liaison officer is understood; first priority are the eight, one for each Coy H.Q.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by Supervisory Authorities :-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

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3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT (cont'd)

- (b) Unit equipment to Special Equipment Lists as in para 1 (a) column (iii) above when issued.
- (c) Transport to complete to W.E. to be issued as available in accordance with priorities to be allotted.

4. STATIONERY

Demands based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as follows :-

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery-(indent form A.F. 14393) to the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to units.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F. 14394) to No 10 Publications Depot, (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F. 14392) to ADFSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be :- "Title of Unit"  
CMT

6. SPECIALISTS

Please state present position regarding provision of specialist personnel for these units.

Internal Distr :- A/Q  
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*[Signature]*  
Major General  
MMA

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6. SPECIALISTS

Please state present position regarding provision of specialist personnel for these units.

Internal Distn :- A/Q

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Major General  
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APPROXIMATELY 10:00 AM -  
10:00 AM

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Ref your RA 73171 of 12 (...) may instra be issued  
for release of 5 Coy 535 Regt PICHED Div on guard  
duties 23:00 in order to make necessary numbers  
available for back up (...) Ref your RA 73117 of 12 (...) **15 AG**  
for bin are taking action but assistance ~~is~~ & a  
rep would be appreciated if available

US & T. AREA.

Re 26 Dec.

RA 814 18

By *[Signature]* *[Signature]*

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90 men incl 3 foreigners ex Sicily call-up available now at AMAGORA for  
BR-TVI V and R course PARACORDUSE (.) Please note (.) for WELA 10 (.)  
Confirm 21 V and R personnel previously reported deceased are in addition to this  
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"S & T. MANIA.

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PERMOUTH FOR MEMO LO  
SIGS. OFFICE BARIETTA FOR O'DONNELL

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54 AREA FOR MEMO LO  
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RESTRICTED (.) 100 potential carriers are urgently required for course starting immediately at PASCOCHESSE (.) Screen personnel in corps and report numbers available to this HQ by phone (.) previous experience is not necessary (.) for AFRAGOLA (.) Include 21 V and R personal already reported and screen intake from REGGIO (.) for TRANI (.) Include in screening those already earmarked for maltecom.

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Restricted

Ref your NSD/1108 of 8 Dec subject Italian Pack Tpt Units (.)  
Request that MMIA may be placed on distribution for letters  
of this nature.

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\*S & T, MMIA.

Recd Dec 17th

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AC) with copy AAI  
ST 1605/79/C(SD1)  
of 12 Dec  
SD/50 (2)

J.M. Englewood.  
J.F. G.

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Subject :- Pack Tpt Units

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HQ ALLIED ARMPES IN TRAIL

Tel: FILFOT 73

1605/79/C(SD1)

12 Dec 44

CG FIFTH ARMY (5)  
CO PBS (5)  
MMIA (3)  
G(Ops)  
G(Trg)  
Plans  
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Ord  
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Attached herewith, copy of AFHQ letter HSD/110B dated 8 Dec 44 for information.

*Handwritten signature*  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of General Staff.

"S & T, MMIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

8 December 1944

FILE NO : HSD/110B

SUBJECT : Pack Tpt Units

TO : HQ AFI

Reference your letter 1605/79/G(SD1) dated 29 Nov 44.

1. The formation of two Pack Tpt Cpn Hqs and eleven pack tpt coys is approved and the necessary authority for their formation is being issued as a result of your detailed proposals.

2. It is confirmed that one Cav Mob Vet Sec is being provided by GHQ, IAF.

3. IAF have been instructed to provide the necessary ITALIAN personnel (See AFHQ cable FX 63431 dated 5 Dec 44).

4. The War Office have been asked to :-

(a) Obtain additional mules from sources outside the control of AFHQ and GHQ, IAF.

(b) Provide the necessary UK personnel for V & R units and for cadres for the additional three coys.

(c) Release one IND Pack Tpt Coy to this theatre from PAIC.

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For details of our request to the War Office, please see our cable FX 64197 dated 6 Dec 44.

5. It is pointed out, however, that War Office have already been approached regarding the provision of animals and personnel and have stated that none could be made available; moreover the implementation of PYTHON is making considerable inroads into our RAVC manpower.



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6. In view of para 5 above every endeavour is being made to obtain the maximum number of personnel and animals from within our own resources.

By Command of General WILSON :

W.A. Anderson  
B.G.S.  
for

J. A. H. GARNETT,  
Lieutenant-General,  
Chief of Staff.

JRW/acm

Copies to :- G-1 (B)  
C.A.O.  
G-4 (B)  
Q (AE)  
Q (Maint)  
V & RS  
G-3 (Ops)  
S & T  
Ord (B)  
G-3 (Trg)

& T, MMIA.

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SUBJECT: Pack Tpt Coy Personnel.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(N.M.I.A.)

SD/3

14 DEC 44

TO : A.F.H.Q. G 3 Org G 1 Br  
A.A.I. SD A  
War Ministry

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is summary of present Pack Tpt Coy situation.

2. Will you please say if this agrees with your records?

3. Will A.A.I. please signal breakdown between US and BR ITI of 842 personnel provided to 5 Army vide NMIA SD 1863 of 30 Nov.

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*A. M. J. L. L. L. L.*  
Major General  
N.M.I.A.



1. Attached at Appendix "A" is summary of present back Tpt Coy situation.

2. Will you please say if this agrees with your records?

3. Will A.A.I. please signal breakdown between US and BR ITI of 842 personnel provided to 5 Army vido NMIA SD 1863 of 30 Nov.

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*W. M. Longfellow*  
Major General  
for M.M.I.A.

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*W. M. Longfellow*  
*W. M. Longfellow*

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**SECRET****SUBJECT: Pack Tpt Requirements A.A.I.**

Summary showing :-

1. Requirements of rft and replacement personnel for present pack Tpt unit
2. Requirements of personnel to form new coys.
3. Personnel found.
4. Arrangements for further personnel.

| 1                                             | 2                       | 3         | 4         | 5     | 6                                | 7                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Signal or<br>Letter<br>Reference              | Requirement             | US<br>ITI | BR<br>ITI | TOTAL | Signal or<br>Letter<br>Reference | Provision                                                 |
| AFHQ FX<br>60906 of<br>1 Dec.                 | Rfts as at 10 NOV.      | 938       | 1073      | 2011  | MMIA<br>SD/3 of 6                | Moved ex LECCE, 1111<br>FBS and AFRAGOLA.                 |
| MMIA SD/3<br>of 8 Nov.                        | Two new Coys.           | 760       |           | 760   | MMIA<br>SD 1863<br>of 30 Nov     | NOTE: Further 842 all<br>allotted to other div<br>5 Army. |
| AAI A 699<br>of 27 Oct<br>SD 955 of<br>6 Nov. |                         |           |           |       | 3 Dist<br>SD/389 of<br>27 Nov    | Moved end Nov to 5 Ar                                     |
|                                               |                         |           |           |       | FX 60906<br>of 1 Dec             | Moved 5 Dec to 5 Arm                                      |
|                                               |                         |           |           |       |                                  | DEFICIT CARRIED DO                                        |
|                                               | Situation as at 5 Dec:- | 1698      | 1073      | 2771  |                                  |                                                           |



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NWIA letter SD/3 of 14 Dec.

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| 3 2011<br>760 | NWIA<br>SD/3 of 6                | Moved ex LECCE, Military Districts<br>PES and AFRAGOLA.                     | 911                      |             |       |                   |
|               | NWIA<br>SD 1863<br>of 30 Nov     | NOTE: Further 842 also moved were<br>allotted to other duties in<br>5 Army. |                          |             |       |                   |
|               | 3 Dist<br>SD/389 of<br>27 Nov    | Moved end Nov to 5 Army                                                     | 170                      |             |       |                   |
|               | FX 60906<br>of 1 Dec             | Moved 5 Dec to 5 Army                                                       | 580                      |             | 1661  |                   |
|               |                                  | DEFICIT CARRIED DOWN                                                        |                          |             | 1110  |                   |
| 3 2771        |                                  |                                                                             | 1661                     |             | 2771  |                   |



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| AFHQ FX 60906 of 1 Dec      | DEFICIT BROUGHT DOWN                                                  |              |             | 1100   |                                          |                                                |
|                             | November wastage                                                      | 600          | 400         | 1000   | MMIA SD 1930 of 13 Dec.                  | From TARANTO 12 Dec to CC                      |
|                             |                                                                       |              |             | 2100   | MMIA SD 1890 of 6 and SD 1920 of 13 Dec. | 1500 require (a) Pro (b) " (c) "               |
| AAI 1605/79/G(SD1) of 4 Dec | December wastage (Three new Coys (Eight new Coys Insurance            | 1000<br>1200 | 600         | 1600   | MMIA SD 1890 of 6                        | From ABRUZZI at ORLEANS                        |
|                             |                                                                       | 25           | 4675<br>100 | 6000   | MMIA SD 1912 of 11                       | From SICILY (1) To ORLEANS (2) To 5 AM to be s |
|                             | AAI 1605/79/G(SD1) of 8 Dec.                                          | 2825         | 5775        | 9700   |                                          |                                                |
|                             | Over Insurance                                                        | 153          | 103         | 256    | MMIA SD 1890 of 6                        | Balance remain Tps ex PICA                     |
|                             | DECEMBER TOTALS                                                       | 2978         | 5878        | 9956   |                                          |                                                |
|                             | Add round figure deficit difference on AFHQ signal FX 60906 of 1 Dec. |              |             | 10     |                                          |                                                |
|                             | Add November Totals                                                   | 1698         | 1073        | 1661   |                                          |                                                |
|                             | COMPLETE TOTALS                                                       | 4676         | 6951        | 11,627 |                                          |                                                |



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| TOTAL  | Signal or<br>Letter<br>Reference | Provision                                                   | Moved<br>or<br>Available | on<br>Order | TOTAL | Over<br>Insurance |
| 1100   | MMIA SD                          | From TARANTO moved on 10, 11,<br>12 Dec to COLLE SALVETTI   | 2228                     |             | 2228  | 128               |
| 1000   | 1890 of<br>13 Dec.               |                                                             |                          |             |       |                   |
| 2100   | MMIA SD                          | 1500 required by 15 Dec                                     | 750                      |             |       |                   |
|        | 1890 of                          | (a) From ELBA                                               |                          | 200         |       |                   |
|        | 6 and SD                         | (b) " AFRAGOLA                                              | 678                      |             | 1628  | 128               |
|        | 1920 of                          | (c) " TRANI                                                 |                          |             |       |                   |
|        | 13 Dec.                          |                                                             |                          |             |       |                   |
|        | MMIA SD                          | From AGRUZZI via TRANI due 25 Dec                           |                          | 500         | 500   |                   |
|        | 1890 of 6                        | at ORVIETO                                                  |                          |             |       |                   |
| 1600   | MMIA SD                          | From SICILY. Due 31 Dec                                     |                          | 1500        |       |                   |
|        | 1912 of                          | (1) To ORVIETO via AFRAGOLA                                 |                          |             |       |                   |
| 6000   | 11                               | (2) To 5 AMI via PES destination<br>to be signalled by AAI. |                          | 1000        | 2500  |                   |
| 9700   | MMIA SD                          | Balance remaining to be found.                              |                          |             |       |                   |
| 256    | 1890 of 6                        | Tps ex PICENO under discussion.                             |                          |             | 3100  |                   |
| 9956   |                                  |                                                             | 3656                     | 3200        | 9956  | 256               |
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| 1661   |                                  |                                                             |                          |             |       |                   |
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FROM HQ AAI  
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Ref your SD 1480 of 13 Dec (.) Para 2 total 1628 and para 1  
total 2119 all are to move to COMUSMACV for FIFTH ARMY (.)  
FIFTH ARMY. A give breakdown allocation US-ITF and BR-ITF when  
distribution is made by them

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TO AFHQ G3 and G1 Br Key

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INFO AAI S.D. A.

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ONE (.) Further to MMIA SD 1920 of 13 were one (.) Further 628 personnel for pack tpt were despatched from TARANTO to 5 ARMY 12 Dec making total 2,228 against AAI requirement 2,119 (.) TFC (.) Next commitment after 1,500 due 15 Dec is one new pack tpt Group HQ and four new pack tpt Coys all BR-ITI requirement is 2,000 plus 1,000 for US-ITI pack tpt (.) Total 3,000 (.) Provision will be A (.) Offrs and NCO's vide MMIA letter SD/3 of 13 not to all (.) B (.) 500 OR's ex ARRUZZI call-up (.) C (.) 2,500 OR's ex SICILY call-up phase 1 (.)

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Formation of New Pack Tpt Units BR-III

C &amp; T. MMMA.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.S.  
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/3

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Recd 14 Dec

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TO : WAR MINISTRY

Copy to: ARMC G-3 CPG &amp; G-1 Br

Adm SD (3) &amp; A

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Comd Br Cadre ITI Rft Depot ORVLETO

Further to this HQ letter SD/3 of 6 Dec para 8.

1. Arrangements have now been initiated for the formation of the following BR-III Pack Tpt Units. They are required to be formed, trained and ready by the end of February 1945.

| Unit | N.I. | Offrs | CRs | Vehs | Trailers | MCS | Animals |
|------|------|-------|-----|------|----------|-----|---------|
|------|------|-------|-----|------|----------|-----|---------|

(a) Units to be formed:

|                      |             |   |    |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------|-------------|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| Two Italian Pack Tpt | Ad/35/L     |   |    |   |   |   |   |
| Gp HQ: Each          | (XII/455/L) | 4 | 31 | - | - | - | 4 |
|                      | (IIA/334/L) |   |    |   |   |   |   |
| Total Two Gp HQs     |             | 8 | 62 | - | - | - | 8 |

Note: Each Gp HQ will in each case form first and supervise the formation of four Coys.

Flight Italian Pack

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Further to this HQ letter SD/3 of 6 Dec para 6.

1. Arrangements have now been initiated for the formation of the following HR-ITI Pack Tpt Units. They are required to be formed, trained and ready by the end of February 1945.

| Unit    | W.E. | Optra | CRs | Vehs | Trailers | MCs | Animals |
|---------|------|-------|-----|------|----------|-----|---------|
| Italian |      |       |     |      |          |     |         |

(a) Units to be formed:

|                             |      |                                       |   |    |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| Two Italian Pack Tpt Gp HQ: | Each | AL/35/1<br>(XII/485/1)<br>(III/634/1) | 4 | 31 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Total Two Gp HQs            |      |                                       | 8 | 62 | - | - | - | 8 |

Note: Each Gp HQ will in each case form first and supervise the formation of four Coys.

|                                   |                                      |    |      |    |   |   |   |      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|------|----|---|---|---|------|
| Eight Italian Pack Tpt Coys: Each | AL/1/1<br>(XII/481/1)<br>(III/602/1) | 10 | 485  | 7  | - | - | 1 | 342  |
| Total Eight Coys                  |                                      | 80 | 3880 | 56 | - | - | 8 | 2736 |
| TOTAL                             |                                      | 88 | 3942 | 56 | - | - | 8 | 2744 |

2. It is intended that the first Pack Tpt Gp HQ and the first four Coys shall be grouped together and receive basic trg between 25 Dec - 18 Jan at the HR-ITI Reinforcement Depot now being established at ORVIELO. MMIA letters SD/51/1 dated 9 Dec and 13 Dec refer. Their period of basic trg at this depot will be 3 weeks after which they will probably be moved to FOSS-OMERONE where it is intended to carry out Pack Tpt trg.

3. For this purpose 500 personnel will be made available from the ARRUZZI call-up by 25 Dec and 1500 from Phase I of the SIGILY call-up by 31 Dec.

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4. In order to assist formation of the new Coys instructions have been issued to FIFTH ARMY to withdraw four small Italian Cadres from 3, 4, 7 and 14 Pack Tpt Coys. Each cadre will consist of:

2 Troop Officers  
 4 Troop Sergeants  
 4 Section Corporals  
 1 Farrier Sergeant  
 1 Saddler Sergeant

The officers will be carefully chosen and they should be capable of instructing. They will be accustomed to British methods and will form a nucleus round which the new Coys can be more effectively formed.

They will be made available by 31 Dec.

5. Ministry of War will be required to find the officers and the majority of NCO's and specialists for the two Group HQ's and the eight Coys.

6. It will be noted that the W.E. of each Coy includes a Subaltern (Lieutnant) who should be an English speaker. It is requested that arrangements are made for four such officers to be despatched to ORVITO for the first four Coys at an early date.

7. It is intended that a further 2000 personnel will be made available at ORVITO for the second four Coys by 15 January. The first four Coys and their Gp HQ should move to FOSCOMERONE on 19 Jan. The final four Coys and their Gp HQ should move to FOSCOMERONE about 8 February to allow for 20 days rest.

8. The trip at FOSCOMERONE will be carried out in the main by Italian personnel under the supervision of a British Pack Tpt Coy.

9. A two months course for Farriers is being started at PASSOCORSE by British Vet and Remount Services, and personnel are required for this course as soon as possible. This is in addition to arrangements already made by you.



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5. It will be noted that one who (liaison) who should be an English speaker. It is requested that arrangements are made for four such officers to be despatched to ORVISTO for the first four Gays at an early date.

7. It is intended that a further 2000 personnel will be made available at ORVISTO for the second four Gays by 15 January. The first four Gays and their Op. H. should move to FOSSOMERONE on 15 Jan. The final four Gays and their Op. H. should move to FOSSOMERONE about 8 February to allow for 20 days rest.

8. The trip at FOSSOMERONE will be carried out in the main by Italian personnel under the supervision of a British Field Tpt Coy.

9. A two months course for Partiers is being started at PASSOCORRISE by British Vet and Remount Services, and personnel are required for this course as soon as possible. This is in addition to arrangements already made by you.

10. The requirement is to complete the formation and training of these units by 26 Feb 1945.

11. Your recommendations and suggestions are requested.

*L. M. L. Leland*  
Major General  
P. M. K. I. A.

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SD/51/2

Maj. BAUMANN for WAR MINISTRY

War Diary (2)



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FROM : AAI

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TO : AFHQ G3 org G1 Br Mov

INFO : AAI S.D. A.

Ministry of War

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52 AREA HMLA LO

54 AREA HMLA LO

Sigs B. NLETTA for O'Donnell Trani

PERSONNEL FOR HMLA LO

5 Dist HMLA LO

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Further to HMLA SD 1903 of 10 and SD/3 of 06 (.) ONE (.) Up to including 11 Dec 1600 personnel including 25 VCR rfts despatched ex TORONTO against AAI requirement 2119 to fill 5 Army requirements for rfts up to 30 Nov and provide personnel for 2 new coys (.) TWO (.) Against 1500 personnel due 15 Dec (.) A (.) 678 are at TRAMI awaiting mov (.) B (.) 750 ex HMLA now being processed AAI area (.) C (.) 200 are being concentrated .FA GOL. ex CD & AA West Coast collection slow owing shortage tpt date of availability for mov will be signalled (.) D (.) Total 1628 (.) Three (.) For Ministry of War & HMLA LO's (.) Ensure all farrier Saddler and V & R personnel are separated and reported separately to this HQ when disposal instructions will be issued (.) Four (.) Breakdown allocation US ITI - Bt ITI required all above personnel (.) AAI please signal

S &amp; T, MMIA.

Recd 13 Dec

File ST/ 18

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION

INTERNAL: A/Q

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SD/3 with copy SD1890 SD 1903.



SUBJECT: Pack TransportSECRET

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: NULPOT 343

ST/3/400

10 DEC 44

C.G. Fifth Army (For Br Inor (ST))  
D.D.S.T. Eighth ArmyCopy to: D.S.T. A.D. H.Q.  
D.D.S.T. 2 DistrictG(SD)  
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4 Troop Sergeants  
4 Section Corporals  
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1 Saddler Sergeant

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HQS ST.

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D.D.S.T. 1 District  
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5. Agreed MMIA (conversation Majors STANTON - EYRE refers).

& T, MMIA.

Recd 12 Dec.

File ST/18

Copy made & passed to G  
18 Dec 44

Brigadier, D.D.S.T.

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SUBJECT: - Pack Transport

H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 343

ST/5/63

6 DEC 14

CC Fifth Army (For Brit Iner (ST)) (Conversation  
~~Re: BYR~~ - S. RANMAN refers)

Copy to: - A.D.S.T., M.M.I.A.

1. Arrangements are being made to despatch 19 Italian  
Farriers to

231 Div Transit Depot, AREZZO.

2. These are for Fifth Army (Brit Iner) and will be  
attached to Coys for training and ultimate withdrawal at  
the same time as the 35 Italian Saddlers already attached.

S & T, MMIA.

Recd

File ST/

Brigadier,  
D.D.S.T.

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Lt. Col. B.L. PERCEVAL,  
ADST,  
N.M.I.A.

6 December 1944.

Dear

I think you are right as regards the last 25 farriers and that they are lost to you.

However, as I told you this morning, there are reported to be about 19 farriers now at Trani and arrangements are being made by G(ED) here to send them forward, as Dr Itis, to Arenzo for 231 Division Transit Camp. How good they are I do not know, but accepted them on your behalf in the hope they would be a help. Some are lately returned from the Balkans I believe.

As for the future, please assure Brigadier Hinde I will closely follow the 50 farriers now undergoing training and will get as many as I can allotted to him. Will you say now where you want them? It will save time later.

Do you need any other A.T. tradesmen personnel? There are some saddlers about somewhere if you let me know quickly before they fade away like mist before the sun.

Yours

Major A.C.B. EYRE, RASC.  
DADST (AT)  
HQ A.A.I.

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In reply EX 68481 of 5 Dec (\*) SIMEZ (\*) Figures vide your para FIRST should read (A) 1500 (B) 15 Dec (A) 500 (B) 25 Dec (A) 2500 (B) 31 Dec (A) 3100 (B) 31 Jan (\*) These total 7000 being 6000 required by Appx C to LIT letter 1608/79/6(201) of 29 Nov and 1000 being Dec wage (\*) Figures are in addition to 2119 personnel ex TABATO dealt with in NMIA signal SD 1890 of 30 Nov (\*) SECOND (\*) Personnel will be within 1914/24 class physically fit and adequately screened but can NOT promise 100 farriers and 73 saddlers (\*) Will do best possible and advise you (\*) Request destination all above (\*) Col NOAHUE will disburse clothing at ~~LEON~~ CASERTA 7 Dec

\*S &amp; T, NMIA.

Recd

EX STI/8.

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LANG. Forces sub. Co., N.C.  
(Lang. Inc.)

3D/3  
6 Dec 44.

To: Ministry of War,

copy to: AFM G 3 CIG to A.  
AFM G (SD) & A  
AFM IG Treasurer,  
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" " Nodino,  
" " SARI  
" " DEANIO  
" " CIVIL SERV.  
" " FIVE SOLD

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**"S & T" MMA.**

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Further to this n.c., ED/3 of 1 Nov and your 305395/1/C.n., of 30 Nov, subject Provision of Volunteer Reinforcements, Replacements and personnel for pack bpt cova.

1. As at 10th Nov the requirement was for 2,711 made up as to 2,611 vice this 11. A above-cited letter of 1 Nov and personnel for a further two ns companies.

2. Up to 1 Dec 1, 1983 personnel had been assigned against this figure of 2,771. Of this 1,588 only 1,522 had actually been found available and moved. Of this, to desertion and other causes en route 1,788 arrived at their destination, of which 911 prove physically capable of duty in back top coys. The balance of 842 was allotted to other duties in 3.ve Army.

These figures may be summarised as follows:

|                                                                 | <u>Assigned.</u> | <u>Untrained</u> | <u>Trained</u> | <u>Physically</u><br><u>Available.</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| (a) From Local Dept of<br>Agriculture and<br>Eastern Districts. | 654              | 525              | 486            | 151                                    |
| (c) From ASALOMI                                                | 500              | 504              | 491            | 375<br>730                             |
| (c) From ASAGOLA                                                | 654              | 793              | 773            | 385                                    |







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7. Cont'd. Battle equipment is awaiting personnel at Fifth Army. The draft will be moved direct to CGILL S. LITTLE.

8. New companies. In addition to the two pack tft companies mentioned above the requirement of companies is now increased by:

## (a) Numbers.

| Us-III        |       | personnel for 3 Coys | 1,200              |
|---------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Bac-III       | (i)   | "                    | 8 Coys 4,000       |
|               | (ii)  | "                    | (Incl 90 Officers) |
|               | (iii) | Warriors             | 100                |
|               | (iv)  | Saddlers             | 75                 |
|               | (v)   | V & H Units.         | 500                |
| TOTAL - say - |       |                      | 4,575.             |

9. It is planned that these personnel shall be trained by AAI in the 2nd Area and formed into self-contained coys before being used in the line.

10. Accommodation for a depot has been found and it is expected that personnel will be required at an early date for training. As soon as details are firm you will be notified.

10.5 (cont'd.)







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SUBJECT: - Pack Transport

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HQ. ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel: ● FILPOT 343

ST/3/400/5

30 DEC 44

CC Fifth Army (for Br Lier ST)

COPY to: - DDST Eighth Army  
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MMIA

1. Copy of 2043/G(SD) dated 6 Mar 44 is attached at Appx "A".
2. In view of various reports which have been received, attention of Group Comds will be drawn to para 4 of this Staff Directive on the command of Italian Pack Tpt Coys. This policy still holds good and will be strictly followed.
3. Attention is drawn to detailed elaboration of this policy under R 5258 ST of 5 May 44 which was agreed with the Italian Military Authorities by DDST Eighth Army.

"S & T," MMIA.

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Brigadier,  
DDST.



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APPX 'A' TO HQ AAI LETTERST/5/400/5 DATED 3 DEC 44C O P YSUBJECT:- Command of Italian Pack Tpt Coye

HQ ACMT (Adm Ech)

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2043/G(SD)6 Mar 44

British Increment Fifth Army

Main Eighth Army

Allied Control Commission (Army Sub Commission)

COS: to: G(SD) Main ACMT

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2. It is not intended to remove from the Italian Officers the comd of their own troops, but rather to direct their efforts into what, for many years, has been accepted as the British system of stable management and horse mastery and which has stood the test of the present tactical operations.
3. To this end it is essential that the orders of the Force Comd as expressed through the Pack Gp Comd and the affiliated British cadres are scrupulously obeyed by the Italian Officers. This includes the direct instructions of the British cadres to Italian units in the fwd areas which ensure that correct maintenance loads are carried.
4. Where the instructions of the Pack Gp Comd are not being obeyed, the matter will be reported by the British Cadre. If the Pack Gp Comd feels that he cannot deal with the matter himself and decides to submit an advance report, a copy of such report will be furnished to the unit concerned.

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(Sgt.) S.K. Ingledow,  
Lt Col,

For Lt Gen.  
CCS.



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APPX 'B' TO HQ AAI LETTER ST/1400/3 DATED DEC 3 '44.C.C. DEPARTMENTAL INSTRUCTIONSECRET

by

BRIGADIER H. J. GILMAN DSO, OBEDDST EIGHTH ARMY

SERIAL NO. 56

R 5256 ST

5 May 44

251. ITALIAN PACK TPT COYSPART 'C' - PERSONNEL

- (1) This instruction is issued to define
- (a) the chain of command as between DDST Eighth Army, British Liaison Officer HQ Italian Pack Gp, HQ Italian Pack Gp, British Cadres for Italian Pack Tpt Coys and Italian Pack Tpt Coys and
- (b) the respective responsibilities of British and Italian officers as above.
- (11) (a) All orders will be issued by DDST Eighth Army to British Liaison Officer HQ Italian Pack Gp with copy to HQ Italian Pack Gp or direct to OC British Cadre when circumstances demand.
- (b) Such orders will be transmitted by British Liaison Officer to OC British Cadres.
- (c) Orders issued by DDST Eighth Army through these channels will be acted on by Comd Italian Pack Gp and Csc Italian Pack Tpt Coys.
- (1) When Italian Gp is under comd Coys and not directly under comd Army orders will be transmitted through the



officers as above.

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- (b) Such orders will be transmitted by British Liaison Officer to CC British Cadres.
- (c) Orders issued by DDST Eighth Army through these channels will be acted on by Command Italian Pack Gp and OSC Italian Pack Tpt Coys.
- (d) When Italian Gp is under command Corps and not directly under command Army orders will be transmitted through DDST Corps and follow the same chain of command.

(iii) Division of Responsibility

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- (a) In all matters pertaining to the operational role, actual operational working and training of Italian Pack Tpt Coys the British Cadres will be responsible and have executive authority and all orders issued in this respect by them will be given the fullest support of the Italian officers.
- (b) Command HQ Italian Pack Gp and OSC Italian Pack Tpt Coys will be held responsible for the operational efficiency and administration of their companies and for the welfare of their Italian personnel. They are also responsible for ensuring that all ranks are instructed in and practice the principles of animal management in accordance with the requirements of operational efficiency, and that the standard of animal management within their units does not fall below those standards required by operational efficiency.
- (c) The principles and practice of animal management which will be carried out by all companies and those which will be laid down by DDST Eighth Army on the advice of ADV GRS Eighth Army. OSC British Cadres will instruct all Italian personnel in these principles and all instructions issued in this respect will be carried out.

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(1) Company administration includes the proper maintenance of all vehicles with the companies. Such maintenance will be supervised by the British Cadres who will instruct respective units in the British Task System, and it will be the responsibility of the Italian officer to see that this system is adhered to.

(2) Any difficulties which occur in the provisioning or condition of Italian Pack Troops will be reported by OIC Coy to British Cadres who will refer the matter to First Light Army through the normal channels in all cases where further action is necessary to effect a remedy.

(3) All officers of British Cadres will give to the Italian officers every assistance in ensuring that the welfare of the Italian troops is maintained at the highest level and in this respect OIC British Cadres will ensure that transport is made available for the collection of daily wine ration.

(iv) Feeding

There is a shortage of trained Italian tradition. The British Liaison Officer HQ Italian Task Gp will institute measures for teaching Italian tradition in each company and will render a progress report to DOST High Army on 10 May 44.

(v) General

The same operational and administrative standards will be required of units of the Italian Pack Gp now that it has come under command Eighth Army are required of the British, Dominion, Indian and Allied units under command and the same support will be given to them.

(vi) THE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED ABOVE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND AGREED WITH SENIOR ITALIAN.



collection of daily wire action.

(24) Training

There is a shortage of trained Italian tradesmen. The British Liaison Officer for Italian Pack Co will institute classes for training Italian tradesmen in each company and will render a progress report to 105th Division Army on 10 May 44.

(V) General

The main operational and administrative standards will be required of units of the Italian Pack Co now that it has come under command British Army are required of the British, Dominion, Italian and Allied units under command and the same support will be given to them.

(25) THE PRINCIPLES OUTLINED ABOVE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND AGREED WITH GENERAL TO CORRECT.

(3rd.) U.S. OFFICE, 7008

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DD52



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TO AFHQ for G 3 (ORG), AAI for GSD and A, 52 AREA for NIA LO

INFO 5 ARMY, 5 ARMY for Br Increment para to NIA LO  
THREE DISTRICT, PBS, PDS FOR NIA LO,  
54 AREA FOR NIA LO, THREE DIST FOR NIA LO,  
ONE DIST FOR NIA LO

SD 1863

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Ref AFHQ PX 58403 of 26 and 5 ARMY 4497 of 30 (.) ONE (.) Immediate requirements  
muleteers understood to be 2089 (.) 170 despatched 25 and 26 NOV vide Disthroo  
SD 389 of 27 (.) Suggest provision balance of 1919/repatriated personnel at  
TARANTO ST ANDREWS Camp to move urgently with blankets and personal equipment  
now in their possession/direct to 5 ARMY as agreed by telephone with 5 ARMY (.)  
TWO (.) Recommend 580 muleteers available ex labour vide Disthroo SD 389 of  
27 be moved now and further 200 from personnel ST ANDREWS Camp be moved later both  
to ASTRONI against requirement 5 ARMY signal 6895 of 27 para 6 (.) THREE (.)  
If agreed request AFHQ issue now instra soonest (.) FOUR (.) Provision of  
personnel in para ONE and TWO will complete a) 2771 vide AFHQ PX 58403 para 5  
b) 1000 current wastage c) 842 absorbed into 5 ARMY Service units (.) FIVE (.)  
For AAI (.) A (.) Confirm allotment all these personnel as between US ITI and  
BR ITI (.) B (.) Understand 56 muleteers available Disthroo area (.) SIX (.)  
For NIA LO 52 AREA (.) Ensure blankets and personal equipment including  
crossing equipment accompany 1919 and 200 personnel specified in paras one



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"S & T, MMIA"

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PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE to AFHQ 52 AREA  
for MMIA LO  
IMPORTANT to AAI, 5 Army Throo Dist  
54 Area for MMIA LO

AUTHENTICATED *Stanley May 65*

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SS  
 COMINT CASABRIA per MAVA LO MANTOVA GRUPPO.  
 CANTIERI

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Advise exact number and location of all mules and horses  
 now available to Italian Gov't from MANTOVA DIV when  
 disposal instructions will be issued by MAVA in conjunction  
 with AG (.). Advise also total number of mules and horses  
 already released to AG for civilians

"S &amp; T" MANTOVA

Recd NOV 29

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Advise exact number and location of all mules and horses  
now available to Italian Gov't from MANICAVA DIV when  
disposal instructions will be issued by MIA in conjunction  
with AG (. ) Advise also total number of mules and horses  
already released to AG for civilians

S & T. MANA.

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Min of War, 5 Army Br Interest  
for MMIA L

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AAI require 43 Italian saddlers now at 10 Arty Dep  
CASHIER for 21 Pack Cp 210 Div (.) Request you move by rail  
soonest to GULLA SALVETTI for collection by FIFTH ARMY (.)

"O & T. MMIA.

Recd 29 Nov

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MAIN RAI, 5 Army for Brit Inor  
Min of War, 5 Army for Increment  
for India Ld

1858

CONFIDENTIAL

AAI require 43 Indian Saddlers now at 10 Arty Dep  
CASHMIA for 21 Pack Co 210 Div (.) Request you move by rail  
soonest to COLLE SALVEMINI for collection by KITH ARMY (.)

C. & T. M. M. A.

Recd 29 Nov

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## RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

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File 18

Date of Call 26 Nov 1944Time 1105 Hrs.Caller Brig. Hinde A.A.I.Appointment D.D.S.T. HQ A.A.I.Person called A.D.S.T.

Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Subject of Conversation.

Action to be taken  
or Decisions arrived at.40 Farrier Trainees.

1. Understood General Delparte, Director of Remounts, Ministry of War is presently training 40 farriers for British V & R. (I gathered this was a deal between Gen. Delparte & Col. Plunkett).
2. If the training of these men is sufficiently advanced Brig. Hinde will be most grateful if Comd. will assign them forthwith to 21 Italian Group for absorption into 3, 4, 7, 14 and 786 Pack Tpt. Coys. in order to release skilled farriers with battle experience, from those units to form a training cadre for other Pack Tpt. Coys. to be formed.
3. Col. Plunkett has agreed the proposal.

4. I undertook to keep Brig. Hinde personally informed.

15 December

2 months duration

50 men on course

DISTRIBUTION:

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5. S&T Diary.

Faucaillon

Fontana

25 were despatched

early Nov. to 5th Group

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43. Saddlers available. Hopton  
Lancashire 20 Nov.Being collected 12 April. for  
210 Dec 44. Pack Tpt  
Coy. 14. 5th Group.

A. L. Vennart 14/11

Signature of Officer receiving call.

Agree Ex 343

Telnet

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P.R/F ADST 30 Nov  
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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.Date of Call 26 Nov. 1944Time 1105 hrs.Caller Brig. Hinde. R.A.F. Appointment DDST War 1941Person called ADST Appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Subject of Conversation.

Action to be taken  
or Decisions arrived at.40 Garner Trainees.4. } undertake to keep Brig.  
Hinde personally informed

1. Understood General Supporter,

Director of Movement, Ministry of

War is presently training

40 Garner for period 4 &amp; 10.

(I gathered this was a deal

between Gen. Supporter &amp; Col. (Hinde))

2. If the training of these men  
is sufficiently advanced Brig.  
Hinde will be most grateful  
if Comd. will assign them  
further to 21 Station Group  
for absorption into 3, 4, 7, 14

Classification.

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1. Comd.

2. 2/c

3. G1

4. 19/4



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Director of Personnel, if history of war is presently training the Garnard for service in V & R. (I gathered this was a deal between Gen. Safford & Col. Stewart.)

2. If the training of these men is sufficiently advanced West. Heide will be most grateful if Comd. will assign them together to 21 Station Group for absorption into 3, 4, 7, 14 and 786 Tact Tpt. Coys. in order to release skilled Garnard with battle experience, from they units to form a training cadre for other Tact Tpt Coys.

3. To be Garnard.

Col. Stewart has agreed the proposal

B. L. Garnard  
Signature of Officer-receiving call  
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REPORT OF WILSON UNIVERSITYDate of Call 26 Nov 1944Time 1105 hrs.Caller Brig. Hinde A.S.I.Appointment D.D.S.I. HQ A.S.I.Person called A.S.I.

Appointment

Subject of Conversation.

Action to be taken  
or decisions arrived at.40 Carrier Training.

4. I undertook to keep Brig. Hinde personally informed.

1. Understood General Delporte, Director of Resources, Ministry of War is presently training 40 carriers for British V & B. (I gathered this was a deal between Gen. Delporte & Col. Plunkett).
2. If the training of these men is sufficiently advanced Brig. Hinde will be most grateful if Genl. will assign them forthwith to 21 Italian Group for absorption into 3, 4, 7, 14 and 786 Parachute Bde. Coy. in order to release skilled carriers with battle experience, from those units to form a training cadre for other Parachute Bde. Coys. to be formed.
3. Col. Plunkett has agreed the proposal.

DISPOSITION:

1. Genl.
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5. S&Z Diary.

Signature of Officer receiving call.



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Effective date 6 Apr 44

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| Officers<br>OKs             | 10<br>485   |
| Total                       | 495         |
| MCs<br>Vehicles<br>Trailers | 1<br>7<br>— |

**ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY****WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

## (i) Personnel and Animals

| DETAIL                                                                                    | OFFICERS | Warrant officers<br>Class I | Warrant officers<br>Class II | Staff sergeants | Sergeants | Corporals | Lancecorporals | Privates  | Total     | Riding horses | Pack mules | Total, animals |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------|----------------|
| <b>HEADQUARTERS:</b>                                                                      |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                |           |           |               |            |                |
| Major (chief commanding) .. (a)                                                           | 1        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Captain (second in command) .. (a)                                                        | 1        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Captain (administration) .. (a)                                                           | 1        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Subaltern liaison .. (a)                                                                  | 1        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Staff sergeant major .. (a)                                                               | —        | 1                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Company quartermaster sergeant .. (a)                                                     | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Staff sergeant farrier .. (a)                                                             | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Wheeler ..                                                                                | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Administrative sergeant ..                                                                | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Tradesmen ..                                                                              | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Non-tradesmen ..                                                                          | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| <b>Total, headquarters Italian<br/>Pack Transport Company ..</b>                          | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b>                    | <b>—</b>                     | <b>2</b>        | <b>2</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>0</b>       | <b>15</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>7</b>      | <b>20</b>  | <b>27</b>      |
| <b>ATTACHED:</b>                                                                          |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                |           |           |               |            |                |
| <b>Medical Corps</b>                                                                      |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                |           |           |               |            |                |
| Medical officer (captain or<br>lieutenant) .. (a)                                         | 1        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | 1             | —          | 1              |
| <b>Veterinary Corps</b>                                                                   |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                |           |           |               |            |                |
| Veterinary officer (captain or<br>lieutenant) .. (a)                                      | 1        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | 1             | —          | 1              |
| Veterinary sergeant .. (a)                                                                | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Private ..                                                                                | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Bannan/Groom ..                                                                           | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| Interpreter ..                                                                            | —        | —                           | —                            | —               | —         | —         | —              | —         | 1         | —             | —          | 1              |
| <b>Total, attached ..</b>                                                                 | <b>2</b> | <b>—</b>                    | <b>—</b>                     | <b>—</b>        | <b>1</b>  | <b>—</b>  | <b>—</b>       | <b>3</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>2</b>      | <b>—</b>   | <b>2</b>       |
| <b>Total, headquarters Italian<br/>Pack Transport Company<br/>(including attached) ..</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b>                    | <b>—</b>                     | <b>2</b>        | <b>3</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>0</b>       | <b>18</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>9</b>      | <b>20</b>  | <b>29</b>      |

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## ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(i) Personnel and Animals - continued

| DETAIL                                                      | OFFICERS | Warrant officers<br>Class I | Warrant officers<br>Class II | Staff sergeants | Sergeants | Corporals | Lance corporals | Privates | Total | Riding horses | Pack mules | Total animals |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------|-------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| A, B, C AND D Troops (each) (i)                             |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                 |          |       |               |            |               |
| Troop Headquarters                                          | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Subaltern .. .. . (a)                                       | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Troop sergeant .. .. . (a)                                  | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Tradesmen .. .. .                                           | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Nontradesmen .. .. .                                        | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Total, troop headquarters ..                                | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| ATTACHED                                                    |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                 |          |       |               |            |               |
| Interpreters .. .. .                                        | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Total, troop headquarters (including attached personnel) .. | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| NEVERETT 1-6 SECTIONS (each)                                |          |                             |                              |                 |           |           |                 |          |       |               |            |               |
| NCO in charge of section .. ..                              | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Pack drivers .. .. .                                        | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Total, each section .. .. .                                 | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Total, each troop .. .. .                                   | 1        | 1                           | 1                            | 1               | 1         | 1         | 1               | 1        | 1     | 1             | 1          | 1             |
| Total, Italian Pack Transport Company (including attached)  | 10       | 1                           | 1                            | 2               | 15        | 47        | 30              | 300      | 406   | 22            | 329        | 342           |



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## ITALIAN PACK TRANSPORT COMPANY

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

## (ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties

| DETAIL                                             | Company headquarters | Four Troops (each) |                     |              | Total, Italian Pack Transport Company |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                    |                      | Troop headquarters | Six sections (each) | Total, troop |                                       |
| TRADESMEN                                          |                      |                    |                     |              |                                       |
| Farriers (including 1 sgt. mounted on horse) .. .. | —                    | 3 (b)              | —                   | 3            | 12                                    |
| Saddlers (including 1 sgt) .. ..                   | —                    | 2                  | —                   | 2            | 8                                     |
| Shoemakers .. ..                                   | 1 (b)                | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 5                                     |
| Cooks .. ..                                        | 2 (b)                | 2 (b)              | —                   | 2            | 11                                    |
| Chiefs .. ..                                       | (c)                  | —                  | —                   | —            | —                                     |
| Fixtur. MT. .. ..                                  | 2 (b)                | —                  | —                   | —            | 2                                     |
|                                                    | 1 (c)                | —                  | —                   | —            | 1                                     |
| Total, tradesmen .. ..                             | 7                    | 8                  | —                   | 8            | 30                                    |
| NON-TRADESMEN                                      |                      |                    |                     |              |                                       |
| Corporals .. ..                                    | 4 (d)                | 2 (c)              | —                   | 2            | 12                                    |
| NCO lie sections (corporal) .. ..                  | —                    | —                  | 1                   | 1            | 24                                    |
| Battmen/Grooms .. ..                               | 9 (c)                | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 13                                    |
| Officers' mess orderly .. ..                       | 1                    | —                  | —                   | —            | 1                                     |
| Sanitary duties (lance-corporal) .. ..             | 1                    | —                  | —                   | —            | 1                                     |
| Driver sanitary duties .. ..                       | —                    | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 4                                     |
| Water duty man .. ..                               | 1                    | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 5                                     |
| Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal) .. ..   | 1                    | —                  | —                   | —            | 1                                     |
| Medical orderlies .. ..                            | —                    | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 4                                     |
| Orderlies .. ..                                    | 1                    | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 5                                     |
| LMG detachment .. ..                               | 3                    | 3                  | —                   | 3            | 16                                    |
| Drivers (motor-cycle) .. ..                        | 1                    | —                  | —                   | —            | 1                                     |
| Drivers (MT) .. ..                                 | 5 (c)                | 1                  | —                   | 1            | 9                                     |
| Mule drivers .. ..                                 | 14                   | 2                  | —                   | 2            | 22                                    |
| Pack drivers .. ..                                 | —                    | —                  | 13 (c)              | 13           | 78                                    |
| Total, non-tradesmen .. ..                         | 41                   | 13                 | 14                  | 97           | 429                                   |

## (iii) Transport

|                               |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bicycles .. ..                | 1 | 1 | — | 1 | 5 |
| Motor-cycles .. ..            | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 G.S. .. ..  | 2 | — | — | — | 2 |
| Trucks 15 cwt 1x2 water .. .. | 1 | — | — | — | 1 |
| Lorries 3 ton 4x2 G.S. .. ..  | — | 1 | — | 1 | 4 |

## NOTES

- (a) Mounted on horses  
 (b) Includes one corporal  
 (c) Is or includes one lance-corporal  
 (d) Includes one for MT duties  
 (e) Includes one for administrative duties  
 (f) One sec in A and C troops to be MA mules, remainder AT mules



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FROM (A) FLAMBO 23 MFT

Originator

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MILITARY MISSION.

Date 24 Jan 44 ST/18

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

Message Instructions

GP APPROX 30

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

MM1A

Originator's No. ST/1135

for ST 0 Ten horse drawn wagons available at depot of 14 REGIMENT ARTIGNERIA BARIO Arrange inspection and report on condition and suitability

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Subject:- Wagons U.S.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

SE/48

15 Jan 44.

AMHQ Adv Adm Ech.

Reference your 1406/S23 dated 3 Jan 44.

1. The figures given in Signal No. SD52 of 30 Dec 43 are those submitted by Stato Maggiore Italian Army.
2. A further investigation has been made without result.
3. These figures do not include wagons needed for maintenance of Italian Army, as the removal of such is against the present policy.
4. Should it be intended to take wagons needed for Italian Army maintenance, would you please quote the numbers required and the authority for such requisitioning.
5. It is anticipated that in the event of horse wagons being taken for the Italian Army, lorries will have to be substituted.

*Samuel M. F.*  
Brig.  
Genl.



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SUBJECT:- Wagons G.S.

AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.C.M.F.  
4406/ST3.

A.D.S.T.,  
M.M.I.A.  
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13  
3 Jan 44.

1. Ref attached copy of signal No. SD52 of 30 Dec 43 received from M.M.I.A. This response to enquiries is far below our expectations.
2. Will you please, therefore, take the matter up with a view to making further enquiries.

MILITARY MISSION:

Date 12/1/44 SD/18  
to  
ITALIAN ARMY.

*C. S. Dawson*  
*Local*  
to Brigadier,  
D.D.S.T.

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TO: DDOS FLAMEO  
RPID : DDST EIGHTH ARMY 8 ARMY ORD FIELD STORES

FROM: LMIA

SD52

*(File 19/1/3 - Equip - Brindisi Corps)*  
Your Ord1/3928 of 17 and 8 Army Ord Field Stores 3/302 of 18 Dec . Only eight (8) four wheeled wagons available condition doubtful at Arty Depot Taranto . Total of thirty two (32) assorted two wheeled carts mostly light at Arty Depot Brindisi where also are the twenty (20) not ten sets of harness report my SD46 of 28 which might be adapted (.) Q(AE) 3809 of 16 refers No other harness available . Suggest inspection of all by someone with exact knowledge of requirement

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Date-Time of Origin

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100845 A.

For Action

MMIA (R) CAPT THRUPP (R) G(SD) (R) Q

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

BRITISH CADRE FOR X (ITALIAN) PACK  
TRANSPORT COY NOT EXPECTED TO LEAVE NORTH AFRICA  
TILL 12 JAN O PLEASE HOLD ITALIAN PERSONNEL  
ACCORDINGLY

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Subject:- Mule Pack Ept Coys.

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Military Mission to  
TERRIBLE ARMY  
30/3/43  
5 Jan 44.

S.M.R.E.

1. Please inform us of the Numbers of Officers, Men and Animals in the following Mule Pack Ept Coys.

|       | <u>Under Comd</u> | <u>REMARKS</u>                                |
|-------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| No. 1 | FIFTH ARMY        | Originally with EIGHTH ARMY                   |
| No. 2 | EIGHTH ARMY       | About to receive 100 rfts                     |
| No. 3 | FIFTH ARMY        | } ex SARDINIA                                 |
| No. 4 | FIFTH ARMY        |                                               |
| No. 5 | FIFTH ARMY        | } belived to have just arrived<br>ex SARDINIA |
| No. 6 | FIFTH ARMY        |                                               |

2. Please also confirm that the above will always be called by the above numbers, as at present time there is some confusion.

(Sgd) ???

for

Brig.  
Comd 7612



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AFRO FLABIO

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WFO M K I A

(R) G(SD) 15 ARMY GROUP

SD840/5152

REF YOUR SD24 DATED 22 DEC AND 15 ARMY GP

SD1763 DATED 22

DEC (.) ITALIAN PERSONNEL SHOULD JOIN PACK

TFT COY AT RARI REF OUR

SD713/3842 DATED 14 DEC

THI 241127

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Subject:- Personnel for <sup>COPY.</sup> Oule Peak Pat Coy.

Chief of Staff  
S.M.R.E.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
SD/3/2  
15 Jan 45

Copy to:- 15 Army Gp ) ref FLINBO SD713/3042  
AFHQ Aiy Adm Ech) of 14 Dec.

Ref our SD/3/1 of 14 Dec.

1. The following personnel are required (instead of 1 Officer and 500 men)

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Capt's or Lieuts        | 2                 |
| Warrent Officer Class 1 | 1                 |
| Sergeants               | 9                 |
| Corporals               | 10                |
| L/Corporals             | 26                |
| Ptes                    | 230 incl 13 Cooks |

Total 2 Officers 275 Other ranks.

2. Please confirm as soon as possible by telephone that the above can be made available by 31 Dec.

(Sgt) ???  
for  
Brig.  
Comd.

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Subject:- Personnel for Mule Pack Tpt Coy.

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/3/1  
12 Dec 43

Chief of Staff  
S.M.R.S.

Copy to:- 15 ARMY GFC Ref 15 ARMY GFC SD1609 of 13 DEC  
AND Adv Jan Ech and FLAMEO SD628/3051 of 12 DEC

WASHING ORDER

1. 1 Officer and approx 300 men including Junior M.C.Os are required by 31 Dec to complete a Mule Pack Tpt Coy which is being formed with Allied personnel and mules.
2. Details will be fwd as soon as they are received by this Mission. In the meantime will you please confirm that these men can be made available by the date mentioned.
3. This request takes priority over that made in our SD/2/25 of 11 Dec but the urgency of using every available mule with pack saddle is again stressed. Mules at present being used for unit maintenance must be considered as available and your proposition should state the minimum requirements of lorries necessary to replace them. It is desired to form two more Pack Tpt Coys if possible from the resources available on the mainland.

(Sgt)

for Brig  
Comd.

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COY OF SIGNAL

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TO 191A

RPTD SD 15 ARMY GP  
FROM PLANDRO

SD713/3482

IN REPLY SD1609 of 13 DEC  
PARA SECOND FROM 15 ARMY GP . TWO CAPTS OR LTS  
ONE WO 1 9 SPTS 10 CPLS 26 I/CPLS  
230 ORS TO INCL 13 COCKS . ROAD TO JOIN COY  
AT BART . AGREE PERSONNEL TAKE PRIORITY OVER DEMANDS  
MADE IN APPX 'B' TO 2553/G(SD) OF 7 DEC  
TOO 141800A TH1 141822  
RESPON MR

STB VA

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Subject:- Personnel for <sup>COPY.</sup> Dale Pack Tpt Coy.

Chief of Staff  
S.M.P.S.

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
SD/3/2  
15 Jan 49

Copy to:- 15 Army Gp ref FLAHO SD/13/38.2  
ATHQ Adv. (in Ech) of 14 Dec.

Ref our SD/3/1 of 14 Dec.

1. The following personnel are required (instead of 1 Officer and 300 men)

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Capt or Lieut           | 2                 |
| Warrant Officer Class 1 | 1                 |
| Sergeants               | 9                 |
| Corporals               | 10                |
| L/Corporals             | 26                |
| Privates                | 236 incl 12 Cooks |

Total 2 Officers 276 Other ranks.

2. Please confirm as soon as possible by telephone that the above can be made available by 31 Dec.

(Sgt) ???  
for  
Brig.  
Comd.

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BY OF SIGNAL

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TO MELA

RPTD SD 15 ARMY GP  
FROM FROBRO

SD713/3482

IN REPLY SD1609 of 13 DEC  
PARA SECOND FROM 15 ARMY GP . TWO CAPTS OR LTS  
ONE WO + 9 SJTS 10 CPLS 26 L/CPLS  
230 CRS TO INCL 13 COCKS . ROAD TO JOIN COY  
AT BANI . AGREE PERSONNEL TAKE PRIORITY OVER D MAINS  
MADE IN APPX 'B' TO 2553/G(3D) OF 7 DEC  
TOO 141800A THH 141822  
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Subject:- Personnel for Mule Pack Tpt Coy.

Military Mission  
to ITALIAN ARMY  
SD/3/1  
14 Dec 43

Chief of Staff  
S.M.R.S.

Copy to:- 15 ARMY G2 ) Ref 15 ARMY G2 SD1609 of 15 DEC  
AFHQ Army Admin Ech) and STANCO SD628/5051 of 12 DEC

WARNING ORDER

1. 1 Officer and approx 300 men including Junior P.C.Os are required by 31 Dec to complete a Mule Pack Tpt Coy which is being formed with Allied personnel and mules.
2. Details will be fwd as soon as they are received by this Mission. In the meantime will you please confirm that these men can be made available by the date mentioned.
3. This request takes priority over that made in our SD/2/25 of 11 Dec but the urgency of using every available mule with pack saddle is again stressed. Mules at present being used for unit maintenance must be considered as available and your proposition should state the minimum requirements of horses necessary to replace them. It is desired to form two more Pack Tpt Coys if possible from the resources available on the mainland.

(3cl)

for Brig.  
Comd.

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COPY OF SIGNAL

To:- M.M.I.A. rptd FLASCO

From:- 15 ARMY GROUP

ED1609

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FIRST . approx

300 MEMBERS (incl junior NCO's) plus one ITALIAN Offr required to complete pack bpt coy British cadre . confirm earliest you can provide suitable personnel by 1st JANUARY .

SECOND . for (FLASCO) . inform MIA direct rptd 15 ARMY GROUP (4) details ITALIAN personnel required for this coy which is due with 400 miles 5th JAN ref FREEDOM 13115 of 11th DEC NOW to MIA (3) location at which personnel will join coy . presume you require personnel to take priority over all pack units at appendix B 2553/C (3D) of 7th BSC

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URGENT

Subject:- Pack transport Coy (Salerno)

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
SN/2/45  
30 Nov 45.Chief of Staff  
S.A.S.

1. I have been asked to state by what date you could provide one Pack Transport Coy complete for employment with the Allied Forces.
2. The organisation of a British Pack Transport Coy is as follows:

|                | Offrs | Men | Animals |
|----------------|-------|-----|---------|
| Company HQ     | 2     | 42  | 26      |
| Four Tps each  | 1     | 63  | 77      |
| Veterinary Sec | 1     | 3   | 2       |
| TOTAL ..       | 7     | 304 | 356     |

Each Troop consists of 75 pack animals and is divided into 6 sections each of 12 pack animals with three spare.

3. I believe that you were organising Pack Tpt Coys for the 1st Motorised Bde Gp and a Mountain Bde Gp. If these are in existence, I would like to know how they compare with the above with a view to their employment as already constituted.

(ad) OC Duchesne  
Brig.  
Comd.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 512

LDY/nzt

In reply refer to:  
523.5

21 November 1943

Memorandum For: His Excellency, General Vittorio Ambrosio,  
Chief of the Supreme General Staff.

I am instructed to request Your Excellency to proceed at once to the formation of two additional pack transport companies similar to those now in Sardinia awaiting attachment to the Fifth Army. Please notify the Allied Control Commission of the location and estimated date of readiness of these new companies.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

(cd) MAXWELL D. TAYLOR  
Brigadier General, USA

cc: Brigadier Duchene

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