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MOBILE UNIT #1
FIRST MEDICAL LABORATORY
C/O 60TH STATION HOSPITAL
APO #763, U. S. ARMY

18 September 1944

SUBJECT: Purchase of Oats.

TO : Sardinia Representative, M.M.I.A.

1. Request issue of 100 pounds of oats for use in feeding laboratory animals, i.e., rabbits, guinea pigs, and mice.

2. Barley may be substituted for half of the requested amount.

ERNEST R. KIMBALL, JR.,
Major, Medical Corps,
Officer in Charge.

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FROM: MMIA Liaison Officer, Sardinia

19 September 1944

TO : Commanding Officer, 7th Base Section

1. Request that 50 pounds of oats and 50 pounds of barley be furnished as requested in basic communication.

George L. Fossett
GEORGE L. FOSSETT
Major, C.E.

19 Sept 1944

Received above oats and barley,

J. Edward Lawin
187 12 Cuss

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PRESIDIO ALLEATO PER LA SARDEGNA

14 Agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Razione base di foraggio per gli animali in Sardegna

Al/ : Generale Comandante truppe Italiane in Sardegna

1.-Si fa riferimento alla lettera del V/Comando in data 9 Agosto 1944 n. di protocollo 24904 al oggetto "Situazione settimanale dei foraggi e di quadrupedi" e allo specchio ivi allegato.

2.-Il suddetto specchio indica che mille(1000) cavalli e nessun mulo ebbero l'intera razione e trecentotto(308) cavalli e centotrentatre(133) muli ebbero 2/3 della razione per il periodo 31 luglio 6 Agosto.

3.-Siete autorizzati a distribuire razioni come segue:

a.-Razione completa a tutti gli animali che sono in attesa di partenza per conto degli Alleati.

b.-2/3 di razione per i cavalli da restare in dotazione all'Esercito Italiano in Sardegna.

c.-2/3 di razione a tutti gli animali che devono essere ceduti o ammazzati.

4.-In seguito ad una ispezione compiuta con il maggiore CREMONES, Servizio veterinario italiano, si e' stabilito che al 1 Agosto voi avevate il seguente numero di animali, e erano gli unici animali cui si dovesse dare il foraggio nella suindicata prebenda, spedita in Sardegna a questo scopo dagli Alleati.

a.-In attesa di imbarco per conto degli Alleati 40 cavalli-16 muli

b.-Da trattenersi dalle F.F.A.A. 860 cavalli

c.- Da macellare o cedere 436 cavalli e muli

5.-Il v/ specchio a cui si fa riferimento in para. n. 2 e' molto diverso per quello che concerne i dati da quelli dati in para. n. 4

6.-Nel futuro gli animali indicati nei para. 4a. e b saranno foraggiati ed oltre questi anche 513 cavalli dei carabinieri. Quest'ultima cifra verra' diminuita man mano che qualche animale cadra' ammalato. I cavalli CCRR prenderanno 2/3 della razione completa

7.-Si desidera che queste istruzioni vengano seguite diligentemente e che nessun animale non autorizzato possa usufruire delle riserve delle Potenze Alleate

Per il Generale Comandante

AUGUSTO P. VITALI
UFFICIALE D'ORDINANZA

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 534

P-2

14 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Forage Scale for Rationing Sardinia Animals.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Army in Sardinia.

1. Reference is made to letter from your headquarters file #24904, subject, "Weekly situation of forage and quadrupeds", dated 9 August 1944 and the report attached thereto.

2. The report referred to above indicates that one thousand (1000) horses and no mules were fed the full ration and three hundred and eight (308) horses and one hundred and thirty-three (133) mules were fed two-thirds (2/3) ration for the period 31 July to 6 August.

3. Your authority for issuing rations is as follows:

- a. Full scale - all animals awaiting shipment for the Allies.
- b. 2/3 Scale - horses to be retained by Italian Army in Sardinia.
- c. 2/3 Scale - all animals to be destroyed or given away.

4. Based upon a survey recently completed by this headquarters in conjunction with Major CREMONA, Italian Veterinary Service, it has been determined that, as of 1 August, the following numbers of animals were in your hands and were the only animals authorized to receive forage, at the above scales, shipped into Sardinia for the purpose by the Allied Powers:

- a. Awaiting shipment for Allies: 40 horses and 16 mules.
- b. To be retained by the Italian Army: 860 horses.
- c. To be destroyed or given away: 436 horses and mules.

5. Your report referred to in paragraph 2, above, is at wide variance with the figures and status given in paragraph 4.

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Forage Scale for Rationing Sardinia Animals (Continued)

6. For the future, the animals indicated in paragraphs 4a and b will be fed, plus 513 Carabinieri horses which latter number will be decreased as unsound animals are discovered. The Carabinieri horses will be fed the 2/3 scale.

7. It is desired that these instructions be followed exactly and that no unauthorized animals be fed from the Allied Powers stock.

For the Commanding General:

AUGUSTUS P. VITALI
Major, Field Artillery
Acting Adjutant General

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
Stato Maggiore--Ufficio ServiziN. 25118 /serv.di prot. P.M.50, 19 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: situazione settimanale foraggi e quadrupedi.-

AL COMANDO ALLEATO - Ufficio G/4

= E L I M A S =

A seguito intese verbali
si rimette, in duplice copia, la situa-
zione settimanale quadrupedi e foraggi
relativa al periodo 7-13 agosto 1944.=

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

(Colonello Luigi Castellani)



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SUNTAONE SETTIMANALE FORAGGI E QUADRUPEDI
Periodo : 7 - 13 Agosto 1944

1.- NUMERO DEI QUADRUPEDI FORAGGIANTI :

- a razione completa	cavalli	n.	1.000
- a 2/3 razione	{ cavalli	"	308
	{ muli	"	133

2.- QUANTITA' FORAGGI DISPERIBUTA DAI MAGAZZINI :

- orzo	q.li	433,30
- paglia	"	507,24

3.- RIMANENZE EFFETTIVE SEGNALATE DAI MAGAZZINI :

- orzo	q.li	3.721,27	308
- paglia	"	7.776,27 (1)	762 (1)

(1) Nei quantitativi della paglia sono stati compresi
 q.li 1.389 accantonati recentemente dal Magazzino
 Militare Foraggi di Cagliari e che risultano sbar-
 cati dal piroscafo " Conquest".



SITUAZIONE SETTIMANALE FORAGGI E QUADRUPEDI

Periodo : 7 - 13 agosto 1944

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- a razione completa	cavalli	n.	1.000
- a 2/3 razione	{ cavalli	"	308
	{ muli	"	133

2.- QUANTITA' FORAGGI DISTRIBUITA DAI MAGAZZINI :

- orzo	q.li	433,30
- paglia	"	507,25

3.- RILASCIAMENTO EFFETTIVO SEGNALATO DAI MAGAZZINI :

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- a 2/3 razione

{ cavalli " 308
mulì " 133

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- paglia " 507,23

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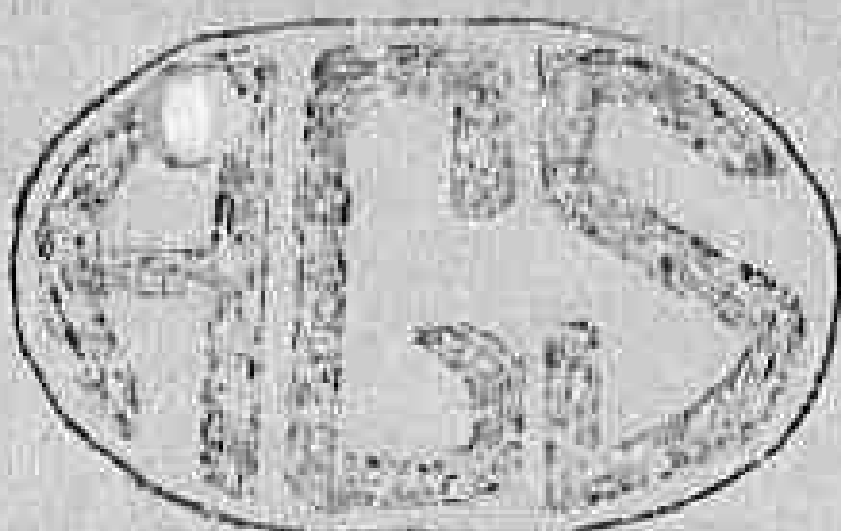
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Inter-Office Communication Slips



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Date 30 July 44

Suspense

FROM	TO	REMARKS
C.G.		
CHIEF OF STAFF		As soon as the exact figures
ADJ. GENERAL		of Riding, Drangler and CRR
DC/S & G - 1		horses to be retained by the
G - 2		Italian Army is known, AAI
G - 3		will be informed & will authorize
G - 4		issue of forage accordingly.
SIGNAL OFF.		Since the number of drangler
SURGEON		horses has been overestimated,
ENGINEER		the CRR horses may be partially
PROV. MARSHAL		balanced out against their
ACC/ASC		the same.
STAFF J.A.		
SPECIAL SERV.		
6732d Hq & Hq Co.		
A.G.S. File		
		13 FILE 3564

Cable sent 1/8/44 (mule file)

ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA

APO

534

21 July 1944

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SUBJECT: Foraging of Carabinieri Horses.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Army in Sardinia.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of letter from your headquarters signed by Lt. Col. Mario Capello, dated 6 July, 1944, file 21757, in which it is requested that barley be furnished from Allied stocks for the daily feeding of 526 horses belonging to the Carabinieri Regali.

2. This headquarters has no authority to issue the necessary barley to those animals. The Allied High Command agreed several months ago to furnish forage for the maintenance of the Italian Army's animals in Sardinia. At the time, this headquarters requested of you a statement as to animals under your control, which statement you furnished in your letter dated 4 May, 1944, file 4535/b/ord. di prob. The Carabinieri horses were not included in the foregoing statement and therefore, when the numbers reported by you were furnished the Allied High Command, the Carabinieri animals were not included among the animals authorized to be fed.

3. Your request is being communicated to the Allied High Command for decision.

4. Meanwhile, it is suggested that the furnishing of barley for the Carabinieri horses be discussed with the High Commissioner with a view to his releasing the necessary grain to sustain these animals.

For the Commanding General:

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AUGUSTUS P. VITALI
Major, Field Artillery
Actg. Adjutant General

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File Forage

Col. Simmons.

Lt. Col. Costantino mentioned these horses when he came to see you on 15 June and asked whether they would be foraged by the Allies, and that in the past they had been fed from local resources.

You told him that they should have been included in General Magli's original estimate and asked who had decided that 526 was the correct figure. Also that AAI approval would have to be obtained, therefore it was necessary to have all information regarding their state and condition of nourishment.

You also mentioned the possibility of local civilians losing trade if the forage was supplied from Allied sources.

12 July 44.

John E. ...
Wg.

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TRANSLATION/GD

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MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII ARMY CORPS)
Staff -- Service Section

File No. 21757

APO 50, 6 July 1944

SUBJECT: Foraging of Carabinieri Horses.

TO : Allied Garrison, G-4 Section, Elmas.

For Info: Military Headquarters of Sardinia
Organization Section, Sede.

As already known, the Commissariat Directorate of this headquarters provides directly for the foraging of the 526 horses belonging to the Carabinieri Corps.

Now, while it is easy to buy the hay and straw directly from the market, it is not the same with barley, a more important item which, being subjected to control, cannot be sold on the market.

In order to meet the requirements of such produce, which with a daily ration of 5 kilos per horse amounts to 184.10 quintals, your headquarters is requested to consider the possibility of authorizing the issue of barley stocks of Allied origin, stored in Sardinian warehouses, also in view of the reduced number of horses at present in the Island, considering their being rationed by the Allies.

The Deputy Chief of Staff
(Lt. Col. MARIO CAPELLO)

/s/ Capello

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Forage

Ca/gm. COMANDO MI TARE SARDEGNA (XIII C.A.)
 Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Servizi -

n. 21757 /serv. di prot. P.M. 50, 6 luglio 1944
OGGETTO : foraggiamento quadrupedi Carabinieri reali.

AL COMANDO ALLEATO - Uff. G/4 - ELMAS

e, per conoscenza :

AL COMANDO MILITARE SARDEGNA

- Uff. Ordinamento -

S E D E

Come noto la Direzione di Commissariato di questo Comando provvede a foraggiare direttamente i 520 cavalli del CC.RR.-

Ora mentre per il fieno e la paglia e relativamente facile l'acquisto diretto dal commercio, altrettanto non può dirsi per l'orzo, genere maggiormente necessario, in quanto questo prodotto è soggetto all'ammasso e quindi non commerciabile.

Allo scopo di poter far fronte al fabbisogno di tale genere che, per una settimana e con una razione giornaliera per cavallo di kg. 5, e di q.li 104,10, si prega codesto Comando esaminare la possibilità di autorizzare il prelevamento di quantitativi di orzo di provenienza alleata giacenti nei magazzini dell'isola in considerazione anche del ridotto numero di quadrupedi attualmente nell'isola che beneficiano della razione alleata.-



d'ordine

CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
 S.S.M. Mario Capello)

[Handwritten signature]

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MILITARY HQS OF SARDINIA
CHIEF OF STAFF- SERVICES OFFICE

Subject: Animals feeding for the Royal Carabinieri Quadrupeds
TO A.G.S. HQS. 16 July 1944

As it is known the Direzione Commissariato of our Hqs feeds directly the 526 horses of the R. Carabinieri. Only the quadrupeds of the Army benefits of the Allied ration. Well, while it has been possible to authorize the single Carabinieri Stations to buy on the local market straw and hay, we have not been able to do the same thing with the necessary barley, ~~because~~ because it is controlled by the bulk organization and therefore is not sold on the market. In order to give to these quadrupeds the sufficient ration, that especially because they have to be used to keep the public order, we request your Hqs. to examine the possibility to authorize the issue of a ration of 5 Kilos of barley per quadruped to be drawn from the quantities of Allied sources on the Island. We make the above request also because we need a small quantity of barley 184,10 qts. per week and the small number of quadrupeds that at present benefits of the Allied ration on the Island.

By order
Assistant Chief of Staff
Lt. Colonel Mario Capello

Signal from figures of Drangon Horses, Riding
Horses & CRR horses & AA1 will
authorize feeding.

Cpr Mac Fie AA1

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Capt. Cuntt. + re via Gray
rep. Col Moore

Will you please inform
Lt Col. Capello that Gen Pinna
has got Bailey available. (see
notes attached.)

This office will not take any
action as regards requesting
Gen P. to hand it over, as
the carabinieri horses have
not yet been authorized to
draw allied forage.

It is therefore a matter entirely
between CMB & Gen. Pinna -
we cannot act or present as
that would be equivalent to
authorizing the ration.

Col Capello has written to
Gen Pinna HQ. Will be handled
entirely between CMB & Pinna
LRC

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Fodder for CCRC horses.

Approx ~~500~~⁵⁴⁵²⁶ animals. - hay + straw available but no grain. Call placed by Col Harding 17/7 w/ Maj Sullivan ACC to find out if available from local resources. 1705 hrs - 17/7 Capt Sacks saw Maj. S w ACC - no answer yet. Director of Cons. Gran. making investigation.

0930 - 18/7 Maj Sullivan called and said that 1175 quintals of Barley were available at Sassati (Cons. Gran.) & have been frozen. Gen Pinna's office will release at our request.

1000 - 18/7 - Maj Sullivan called and said that oats are not yet in but that Gen Pinna will freeze them for us. if we request it.

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Present

Italian Army	860	Horses	
Carabinieri	513	"	
	<u>1373</u>		

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Animals at Onitama

304	Horses
<u>132</u>	Mules
436	

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Animals awaiting shipment	40	Horses
	<u>16</u>	Mules
	56	

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Italian Army	860	Horses
Carabinieri	<u>513</u>	"
	<u>1373</u>	

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA

APO

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14 August 1944

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SUBJECT: Forage for Horses and Mules.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Army in Sardinia.

1. Since the month of May 1944 the Allied powers have furnished forage to your organization for the feeding of all military animals in Sardinia.
2. This headquarters has not yet received receipts for all the cargo delivered.
3. It is desired that this headquarters be furnished with the least practicable delay receipts for each shipment of the above received by you.
4. The receipts as requested should show the name of the ship, the date of receipt, the items received and the quantities of each such item.

For the Commanding General:

AUGUSTUS P. VITALI
Major, Field Artillery
Acting Adjutant General

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Recd 15 Aug 44

File: Forage

MEMORANDUM

From :- Major Hamm.
To :- Col. G.K. Harding

Thank you very much for your memo. dated 29 June.

I am enclosing a copy of a signal which I have sent to D.S.T., A.F.H.P., based on your suggested message. I have had to alter the wording in order to include the probable consumption figures for sheep.

I believe it was the intention to feed only those horses and mules which had been requisitioned or which had a potential value for the Allies and which may therefore be requisitioned in the future.

It was hoped that those animals which are to be retained by the Italian Army for local duties, would be fed from the forage resources of the Island.

It would therefore be helpful if you would kindly arrange for the question of local availability to be investigated by the A.C.C. and A.F.H.R.S. with a view to establishing an allocation of both Hay and Barley to the Italian Military Authorities.

As the provision of forage from sources outside Sardinia requires long term planning, would you please arrange for a signal to be despatched as soon as possible to D.S.T., A.F.H.P., copy to D.D.S.T., H.P., A.A.I., stating whether or not local forage availability together with your present stocks will be sufficient to meet current known liabilities until the end of December 1944. The position could be reviewed again in September.

Your assistance has been much appreciated.

2 July 44.

CF HAMM

Major.

D.D.S.T., A.F. 3552

ARMY FORM (212) (Pads of 100)

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C-2128 (Parts of 100)

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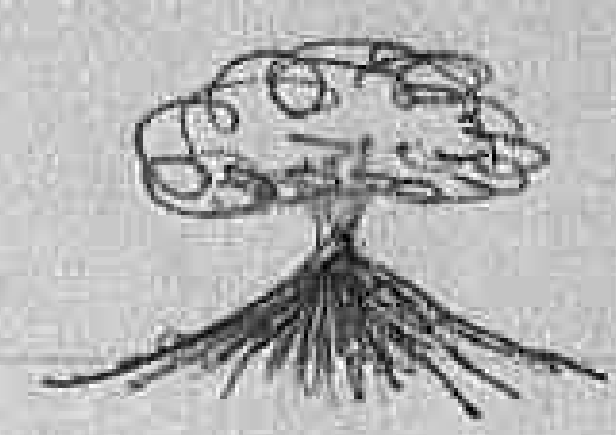
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Tibben



800 horses for 90 days @ 6 kilos - 432,000 kilos 950,400[#]
400 horses for 90 days @ 4 kilos 144,000 kilos 316,800[#]

Grain

now $\frac{1267200}{580^T}$

800
800 horses for 60 days @ 5 kilos - 240,000 kilos 576,000[#]
400 horses for 60 days @ 3 kilos 72,000 kilos 158,400[#]

$\frac{686400}{320}$

Sardinia by and game requirements
to carry animals through December:

580^T Hay
320^T Grain

Local stock game Allied Forces will
camp Tibben through Sept, and
Grain through October.

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ALLIED FORCE
LOCAL RESOURCES (SARDINIAN) BOARD
ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA

1/2/14

18 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Grain for Sheep.

TO : G-4,
Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

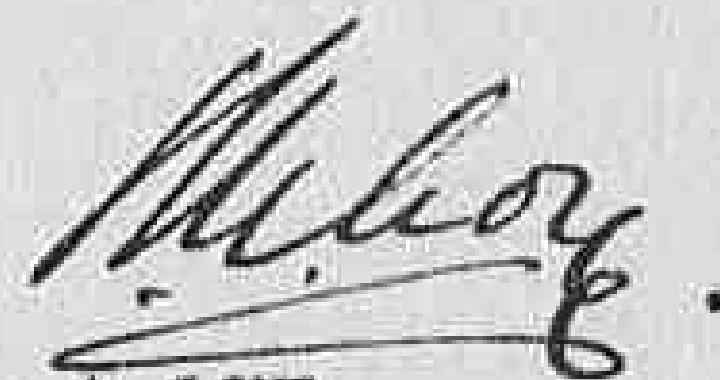
1. It is necessary for 13 Field Butchery to hold a number of live sheep and lambs for 3-4 weeks at Chilivani and forage is being shipped to the unit by S & T, A.F.H.Q.

2. Until the arrival of this forage it is necessary to obtain supplies locally and 50 tons hay has been bought.

3. Grain is not available from civilian sources as it is required for human consumption. Application is therefore made for the release of 10 tons barley from that supplied by S & T for Italian military animals. This quantity will be replaced from the shipment referred to in Para. 1.

4. May instructions please be issued at once for the release of this grain by Italian military authorities and O.C. 13 Field Butchery be notified where it may be collected. This requirement is for immediate consumption.

For the Chairman:



R. A. LONG,
Lt. Colonel, A.Q.M.G.,
Vice Chairman.

Copy to:

O.C. 13 Field Butchery (info.)

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File: Forage

Capt. Cerrutti.

Col. Long of the Local Resources Board phoned from Sassari ~~16/6/7~~
today and wants to borrow ten tons crushed barley on loan to feed
sheep at Chilivani until such time as they are slaughtered.

Can this be made available at Cagliari, Oristano or Sassari,
where mills are located, or have we got it ready crushed?

He will call here tomorrow, 17th July.

Will you please handle this matter. Col. Harding has approved.

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16/7

From Col. Cappello:

- ① Ital Army can loan 10 tons barley, uncrushed.
- ② available at MORES.

Col. Long is applying through G4 in writing.

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TRANSLATION VJT 15 JUNE 1944

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SERVICE MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL SIMMONS

In the process of distributing forage in Sardinia we became aware that no forage had been provided for the Carabinieri horses which are distributed throughout the island.

Actually we did not report these saddle horses since we did not consider them as horses belonging to the units but instead as horses for police service for the Carabinieri who are detailed in all the Royal Carabinieri stations.

These saddle horses number 526.

We believe that you too will agree as to the necessity of keeping these saddle horses at the various stations in the interest of security of the regions.

If it is also possible to provide forage for these animals we will be very pleased but if you cannot because distribution is made only to horses belonging to the units, it is just as well, since they are scattered and the small amount needed can be found anywhere

THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF
(Lieut Col. DC/S Mario Capello)/t/
Capello /s/

APC 50, 14 June 1944

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PRO MEMORIA DI SERVIZIO PER IL SIG. COLONNELLO SIMONS.

All'atto della distribuzione del foraggio in Sardegna ci siamo accorti che non venne dato il foraggio per i cavalli dei Carabinieri che sono frazionati in tutte l'Isola.--

Ineffettivamente noi non avevamo segnalati questi cavalli da sella perché non li avevamo considerati come cavalli dei Reparti ma come cavalli per il servizio di polizia per elementi che sono ripartiti in tutte le Stazioni dei Carabinieri Reali.--

Tali cavalli da sella ammontano complessivamente a 526.--

Noi pensiamo che anche Voi siate d'accordo sulla necessità che questi cavalli da sella si mantengano presso le varie Stazioni nell'interesse della sicurezza delle regioni.--

Se potete darci il foraggio anche per tali quadrupedi noi ne saremo contenti ma se non lo potete perché la distribuzione viene fatta soltanto ai cavalli dei reparti, non importa, poiché, essendo molto frazionati, le piccole quantità occorrenti possono essere trovate ovunque.--

P.M.50 li 14/6/944

IL CAPO DI S. MAGGIORE ff.
(Ten.Col.s.s.M.Mario Capello)



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Recd. 13 June 1944

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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

18 May 1944

SUBJECT: Additional Horses and Mules

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. In accordance with your estimate of 4 May 1944 and instructions contained in letter from Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. 7 May 1944, additional animals required are listed as follows:

<u>a</u> Mules	612	This figure includes all mules remaining in Sardinia except 540 reported unserviceable.
<u>b</u> Saddle Horses	405	This figure includes all saddle horses remaining in Sardinia except 126 reported unserviceable.
<u>c</u> Draft Horses	500	This figure includes all draft horses remaining in Sardinia except 561 to be used by Comando Militare della Sardegna and 207 reported unserviceable.

2. It should be noted that no animals are to be retained for the Artillery of the 204 or 226 Divisions or the Grenadiers Group, which organizations are to be employed as Internal Security Divisions.

3. It should be noted further that the 500 animals reported in paragraph 2 of your estimate of 4 May 1944 must be obtained from the 561 draft horses remaining after subtracting 500 draft horses for shipment plus 219 animals to be selected from those reported as unsuitable for field service because of being over age, etc.

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4. From the above, it is concluded that 454 animals, (mules, saddle horses and draft horses) will remain to be handed over to farmers or be destroyed.

5. A recapitulation indicating the disposition to be made of Italian Army animals in Sardinia is as follows:

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- a 612 Mules
405 Saddle Horses
500 Draft Horses
1517 Total Animals to be assembled for shipment and fed on full Field Scale Ration.
- b 581 Draft Horses
219 Overage Animals
800 Total animals to be retained by Comando Militare della Sardegna and fed on 2/3 Field Scale Ration.
- c 128 Saddle Horses
231 Pack Mules
97 Draft Horses or Mules
454 Total Animals to be handed over to farmers or destroyed--UNDER NO CONDITIONS TO BE FED FROM ALLIED OR ITALIAN ARMY RATIONS

6. Information is requested as to earliest date by which the disposition of animals outlined in paragraph 5, above, will be accomplished. At the same time request this office be informed as to location of various groups of animals to be assembled. Bidding for shipping will be based upon this report which is requested at once. In the event that later information disclose the existence of more animals than reported in your memorandum of 4 May; such additional animals should be included in the information hereby requested.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SUBJECT:- Supply and purchase of remounts

Q(Maint)., AFHQ

Copy to:- CG., SARDINIA (for Col. SIMMONS)

Army Sub-Commission ACC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY
1046/1/Q1

23 May 44

Ref para 5 of your AFHQ/3310/Q(Maint) of 17 May 44.

1. Col SIMMONS visited this HQ on 22 May 44 and gave the following position in regard to animals in SARDINIA. These figures differ from those given in para 4(d) of this HQ letter 1046/1/Q1 of 13 May 44 and para 3 of 1046/1/Q1 of 12 May 44. The figures refer to the position as at 22 May and therefore supercede all figures previously given:-

(a) Retained by Italian Army in SARDINIA

Draught horses.....1081
Riding horses.....120

(b) Available for shipment to Mainland

Mules.....612
Riding Horses.....285

(c) Awaiting destruction or handing over to farmers

Overage animals.....673

2. All the animals at sub-para 2(b) above will be fit for shipment from 1 Jun 44 onwards.

3. It was agreed with Colonel SIMMONS that forage would be issued as follows:-

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800 Full scale
401 2/3rds scale

(b) Animals awaiting shipment to mainland

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(c) Animals awaiting destruction or handing over to farmers

All on 2/3rds scale i.e. 673 animals.

Immediate steps must be taken to dispose of these animals. Will Colonel SIMMONS please contact Capt. ARNOTT, RAVC attached to 13 Field Butchery which is located near CAGLIARI. Capt. ARNOTT will advise which animals should be destroyed and which should be handed over to farmers.

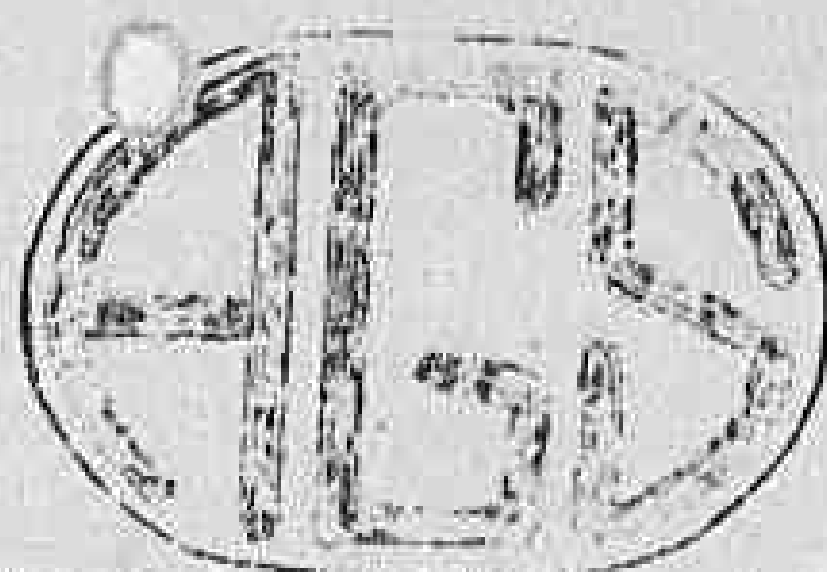
4. It is understood that it has been decided that AAI should be responsible for the supply of forage to SARDINIA and that detailed instructions will shortly be issued by AFHQ.

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General.
Commander-in-Chief.

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Date 15 May

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FROM	TO	REMARKS	G-3
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CHIEF OF STAFF	CHIEF OF STAFF	Estimates the following	
ADJ. GENERAL	ADJ. GENERAL	table indicates the	
DC/S & G-1	DC/S & G-1	disposition of Italian Army	
G-2	G-2	animals:	
G-3	G-3	(a)	
G-4	G-4	Mules 612 to be assembled	
SIG. OFF.	SIG. OFF.	and Horses 405 for allies	
SURGEON	SURGEON	Draft 11 500 and	
ENGINEER	ENGINEER	(1517) to be for	
TRANSPORTATION	TRANSPORTATION	full scale ration	
F. A. D.	F. A. D.	(b)	
AA & CD OFF.	AA & CD OFF.	Draft Horses 381	
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MSG. CENTER	MSG. CENTER	Animals 219	
ACCLEFSC	ACCLEFSC	(800) to be	
PROV. MARSHAL	PROV. MARSHAL	retained by CMAS + for	
		2/3 lead ration	
		(c) 454 animals to be	
		handed over to farmers	
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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

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15 May 1944

SUBJECT: Receipt, Storage, and Issue of Forage for Italian Army
TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. Inclosed herewith is the recommendation of the Allied Garrison Commander, Sardinia, with regard to the subject indicated above. It is requested that the plan outlined in paragraph 4-b be placed in effect at once and that this office be provided with a copy of your directive covering the subject.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA

APG 534

14 May 1944

SUBJECT: Additional Allied personnel for the care and maintenance of Italian Army animals.

TO : Representative, ACC/ASC, Sardinia.

1. It is recommended that, if possible, action be expedited on your recent request for additional Allied personnel for the care and maintenance of Italian Army animals in Sardinia.

2. Capt. Stencil is the only Allied individual in Sardinia at present available for this activity and he alone is not considered adequate for the purpose.

To G-4
16 May

C.K. Harding
C.K. HARDING
Colonel, T.C.
Asst. C/S G-4

Returned Request reported by
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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

8 May 1944

SUBJECT: Animals for Shipment to Continent

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. In response to your letter of 4 May 1944, you are advised that Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy have limited the present request to the following:

632 Mules (539 already allocated to Allies)
400 Horses (previously requisitioned)
1,032 Total Animals

2. Ships for transporting six hundred and twelve (612) mules are now at Cagliari. It is requested that these mules be made available at once.

3. The remaining animals, twenty (20) mules and four hundred (400) horses, are to be transported to the continent on a vessel which is expected to arrive about 18 May 1944.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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ALLIED FORCE
LOCAL RESOURCES (SARDINIAN) BOARD
ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA

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25 April 1944

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SUBJECT : Mules and Horses - Sardinia.

TO : Local Resources Section, A.A.I., (Admin Echelon)

FOR : A.D.V. & R.S., A.F.H.Q.

Reference your VR/6/44 dated 23 March 1944.

1. MULES : It is now reported by A.C.C. Region VI that there are 593 mules owned by civilians in Sardinia. It has been noticed that such animals are invariably in excellent condition though some (possibly 25 per cent) are too small for the purpose for which Italian Army mules have been obtained.

A number of big mules are still seen with the Italian Army units throughout the island - up to 15 at a time - generally in fair condition.

2. It is considered that if mules are to be requisitioned from civilian owners this should not be done without replacement by Italian Army horses in reasonably good condition. All such mules are required for agricultural purposes and their withdrawal from farmers without replacement would react unfavourably on food production on the island.

3. HORSES : The 400 with the Sard Cavalry Group at Oristano which were seen during your visit have been reported by Lt. Abbott, R.A.V.C. to D.V. & R.S., A.A.I., as being in poor condition. I have seen them today and find that on the whole there is a very definite improvement in the five weeks since we saw them. I estimate about one third of the horses as being well fleshed, though of course soft as they have done no work - more than one third is still in poor condition though their coats look better and nearly one third is still emaciated. The Majority of these last are not hopeless cases but will take more than two months to become fit for work. I agree with the Commanding Officer's suggestion that this is probably due to their long period of semi-starvation and emaciation resulting in an inability to digest and obtain full benefit of the food they are now getting.

Sdwd Col. Simons

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4. I saw a good quantity of fresh-cut green fodder and corn being soaked. I looked in nosebags and mangers and am satisfied that sufficient corn is being fed to them. It was reported that there had been a shortage but that the ration is now 5 kilos a day.

All animals have about 2 hours grazing daily and I suggested that this might with advantage be increased with so much young grass available. The appearance of animals and conditions in general confirmed our previous opinion of satisfactory management.

5. It is considered that if these horses are a British responsibility and/or are destined for a British Remount Depot, R.A.V.C. personnel should be on the spot in a supervisory capacity - at least 2 M.C.Os. at Cristano under control of Lt. Abbott at Chilivani. If further animals are to be acquired, a larger staff would be necessary - i.e. an officer in charge and M.C.Os. with each group of requisitioned animals. This recommendation is strongly supported by G-4, Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

Copies to : A.C.C., Region VI,
X G-4, A.G.S. ✓
Lt Abbott, RAVC,
Chilivani.


R. A. LONG,
Lt Colonel, A.Q.M.G.,
Vice Chairman.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/3310/C(MAINT)

9 April 1944

SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

H.Q., A.A.I. (Adm Bch)

1. Reference your 1043/1/Q1 of 8 April 44.

Proposals for Requisitioning and Disposal of Animals

- (a) It is noted and agreed that you have requested MMIA to requisition the remaining 587 mules and 1008 riding horses, and a proportion, not specified, of draught horses.
- (b) It is also noted and agreed that you have requested MMIA to destroy any animals which are unserviceable either through age or emaciation.

2. United States Army Pack Troop.

Assuming that the 587 mules referred to in para 1 above can be made available, 400 are required for the formation of a United States Army Pack Troop, including 10% replacements for three months, and should be earmarked for this purpose.

3. Animals now requisitioned.

- (a) According to information available at this H.Q., the number of mules awaiting movement should be 528 and not the figure shown in your letter. There are in addition, approx 400 horses also requisitioned.
- (b) According to information available, the animals mentioned in para 3 (a) above are due to be moved from SARDINIA to ITALY about 20 April 1944.

4. Forage.

- (a) Your proposal that all Italian Army animals should receive a subsistence ration of forage (two-thirds Field Scale) is agreed and provision arrangements are in hand. It is also agreed that as soon as additional animals are requisitioned for Allied use they should be put on full Field Scale Ration.
- (b) Assuming that movements of animals already requisitioned are carried out as indicated in para 3(b) above, it is estimated that there should be available in SARDINIA approx 30 days forage for 1800 animals at two-thirds scales, with effect from 20 April 1944.

(c) In order that the necessary provisioning arrangements can be made, it is requested that you will notify earliest possible:-

(i) The actual numbers of animals by types that it is proposed to requisition, and the date of requisitioning.

(ii) The number of Italian Army animals that will require to be maintained on the two-thirds Field Scale.

(d) Separate instructions are being issued in regard to the movement of additional supplies of forage into SAMBRIA.

It is suggested that the date for the maintenance of animals not at present requisitioned should be so fixed that there is no possibility of the 928 animals already requisitioned (para 3) running short of forage if for any unforeseen reason the proposed movement programme is delayed.

5. Continued Maintenance of Animals to be Requisitioned.

It is understood facilities for grazing animals exist in ITALY. Will you please forward your recommendations with regard to the possibility of having the animals that are to be requisitioned moved to and maintained in ITALY.

6. Light Draught Animals for MIDEAST.

M.E. have requested the release of up to a maximum of 300 light draught animals to be moved to M.E.

A separate cable is being despatched regarding the possibility of shipping these animals.

R.M.J. GOLDIE, Brigadier,
for Lieutenant General,
Chief Administrative Officer,
A.P.H.Q.

Copy to: MMIA G-4(Mov & Tr)
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G-3 Q.M.
G-4 (A) M.G.S.
G-4 (B) V. & RS

TRANSMISSION 5 March 1944

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII ARMY CORP)
- Services Office -

No. 309/Siv. 4

APO 50, 3 March 1944

Subject: Forage needs for Animals

To : General R. Webster, Commanding Allied Garrison of Sardinia

During the month of February, the sum total of 265 mules and horses died. Even more than the abrupt fall in temperature which was experienced during the middle of the month, the pronounced rate of mortality and the state of grave weakness was due to the acute malnutrition of the animals.

Since in Sardinia as is true on the mainland, animals are more necessary than useful in fulfilling the transport needs; I urge you to consider for the common interest, the preservation of the largest possible number of animals.

Therefore, I would be very grateful to you, if after considering the above, you would be so kind as to examine the possibility of having forage sent to Sardinia in order to keep the animals which we have here in the best possible physical condition.

I also beg you to hasten as much as possible, the delivery of the needed forage to Sardinia.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL
(Giovanni Magli) /t/

Magli /s/

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File: Mules
Forage

ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA

APO

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8 February 1944

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SUBJECT: Outstanding Vouchers Covering Barley Shipment.

TO : Officer Commanding, No. 44 B.S.D.,
APO 600, U.S. Army.

1. Reference your note to O.M. 310th Service Group dated 29 January 1944, No. 533 with Subject: "Outstanding Vouchers-Dec. 43 P.S. A/C."

2. Two shipments of Barley have been received in this area for feeding animals procured from the Italian Army while awaiting water shipment to the Italian mainland. The date on these shipments follows:

No. 1. Received on SS TANCY 17 Dec. 43, Manifested as
"Forage, barley and wheat, 180 tons (British)"

No. 2. Received on SS JACKSON, 16 Jan. 44, Manifested as
"For AFHQ, SARDINIA, 240 tons Barley"

3. Search of records of CAGLIARI Port, TYRRHENIAN DEPOT, 310th Service Group and this headquarters fails to reveal that your Issue Vouchers No. 67 and 68 have ever been received here. It appears likely that the Issue Vouchers were sent to the Base Section or Port at which shipment was loaded for water transportation. Records of your rail dispatch should indicate consignee of shipment.

For the Commanding General:

PAUL W. HAUSLE
CWO., U.S.A.
Acting Adjutant General

Copy to:
310th Service Group.

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