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SARD/III ^{4M/1} Horses + Mules

Aug-Dec. 1944

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL 30 1620A

FROM MMIA

TO MMIA LO SARDINIA

SD 2027

REFERENCE YOUR Y 2 JUST RECEIVED

- FIRST. CANNOT UNDERSTAND DISCREPANCY OF NOV STATEMENT OF 1357 HORSES
ON HAND IN SARDINIA AND 26TH DEC STATEMENT SHOWING 1850 HORSES ON HAND.
SECOND. EXPLAIN DISCREPANCY.
THIRD. ALLOW VETERINARY OFFICER TO FILL VESSEL TO CAPACITY PROVIDING
CC.RR. HORSES ARE NOT USED.
FOURTH. ADVISE ACTION

RESRIPT 31 DECEMBER 1944 /rln

COPY TO MAJOR FOSSETT

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LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (ALIA)
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

2 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses in Sardinia

TO : Commanding General, Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (ALIA)

1. With reference to your cable SD 2027 dated 30 December 1944, you are advised that this office is unable to explain discrepancy noted in "first" statement. By way of expanding our former report, the following is submitted:

a List inclosed with ALIA 10 Sardinia letter of 26 December showed 1850 horses on hand as reported on 6 November by Comando Militare della Sardegna. When it was verified that no material change had occurred, this figure was used. It should be noted that this list includes 570 horses at Remount Depot at Bonorva. The difference is therefore 1280 horses which agrees closely with the number of horses reported weekly on Forage report. This weekly forage report figure of 1269 represents the horses that are now available for duty, including those at disposition of Allies, those of the Italian Army, and those of the Carabinieri. It is not clear what is meant by "November statement of 1357 horses on hand in Sardinia". Does this apply to appendix "A" of ALIA letter AQ/10 of 21 December, to A.P.H.C.? If so, the difference can be explained by referring to our letter of 26 December with its attached list.

b This office has no knowledge of a "November statement of 1357 horses on hand in Sardinia". If ALIA desires number of horses reported in inclosure to our letter of 26 December verified by this office much time will be required. In this connection it is not understood why reports of War Ministry on such matters as actual numbers of various items in Sardinia are given consideration when in conflict with reports rendered this office by Comando Militare della Sardegna. The latter occasionally are found to contain small errors but invariably are based upon much more recent information than is to be found in the War Ministry.

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2. S.S. Mount Everest will be filled to capacity and will contain substantially the following animals:

a	Horses now awaiting shipment	39
b	Horses to be procured, assembled, and shipped	300
c	Mules	15
	Total animals to be shipped	354

No horses in hands of CC.BR. will be procured.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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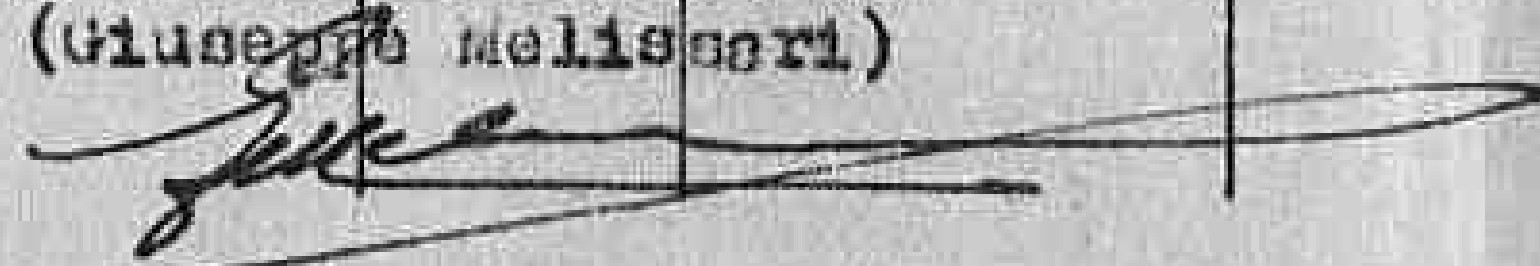
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ELENCO dei materiali imbarcati sul Piroscalo

"MONT EVEREST"

Partito il

Gennaio 1945 =

ENTE MITTENTE	SPECIE DEI MATERIALI IMBARCATI	N° dei colli	SPECIE dell'imballaggio	PESO complessivo in tonn.
59° Reggimento Fanteria S.I. = Cagliari (P.C. = M.M.I.A.)	Cavalli muli Totale Quadrupedi R.E.	338 18 356		
Antonio FADDA = Ozieri per conto COMMISSIONE ALLEATA	Manze Vitelloni Vacche Vitelli da latte Buoi Totale bestiame bovino	19 4 25 7 20 75		
PERSONALE DI SCORTA QUADRUPEDI (cavalli e muli) Uff. 3; Sottuff. 9; truppa 106 TOTALE 122				PERSONA Civile
		IL MAGGIORE COMANDANTE MILITARE DI STAZIONE Con Funzioni marittime (Giuseppe Melissari) 		

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File

SS Mount
Everest

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~~P. M. 50 75-A 3 gennaio 1945 1942 - A. XX~~

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"MOUNT EVEREST"

CIVITAVECCHIA

N° dei colli	SPECIE dell'imballaggio	PESO complessivo in tonn.	ENTE DESTINARIO	DISPACCIO M. Guerra uff. Trasporti
338 19			M.M.I.A. = Civitavecchia " " " "	
356				
19 4 25 7 20			Sig. Alberigo AMATI = Via G.Balbo = Roma Per conto COMMISSIONE ALLEATA	
75				
			PERSONALE DI SCORTA AL BESTIAME BOVINO Civile BRUNOZZI Ettore = Roma	

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NNIA LO SARDINIA

REFERENCE YOUR AQ 2506 OF 3 JAN (.). G.S. MOUNT SWINEST loaded with
338 horses and 13 mules (.). Italian Army escort of 8 officers and
115 men (.). MTA Givitarachia 8 January (.). U.S. veterinary officer
on board (.). 75 cattle for Allied Commission and 1 civilian escort

338 horses and 28 mules (.) Italian Army escort of 8 officers and
 125 men (.) RTA Civiltasochia 8 January (.) U.S. veterinary officer
 on board (.) 75 cattle for Allied Commission and 1 civilian escort

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GEORGE L. FOSBERT	MAJOR	C.E.
GEORGE L. FOSBERT	MAJOR	C.E.

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LIASON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. 397, U.S. Army

Horses & Mules

1 January 1945

SUBJECT: Shipment of Horses and Mules.

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. Information has just been received by this office that the S.S. Mount Everest, now in the Port of Cagliari, will be loaded to capacity with horses and mules.

2. The capacity of the ship is 450 animals and this many will shipped instead of the previously announced figure.

3. Request that the following animals will be ready for shipment at once:

300 horses ex Italian Army
39 horses previously earmarked
15 mules previously earmarked

4. Request this office be informed when these animals are ready for loading.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

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SECRET ROUTINE 1906 HOURS 24 DECEMBER

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FINGOQ

ACTION TO MMIA INFO ACC SARDINIA FOR MMIA 10, CG NORBS

FX 74026

FURTHER OUR AFHQ/3310/4(MAINT) OF 14 DEC TO MMIA ONLY. MOUNT EVEREST
WILL LIFT 269 HORSES EX ITALIAN ARMY TOGETHER WITH 36 HORSES AND 15
MULES MARKED PREVIOUSLY. US VETERINARY OFFICER BEING DESPATCHED
EARLIEST TO SUPERVISE SHIPMENT. REQUEST INFORMATION EARLIEST AS TO
WHEN ANIMALS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOADING SO THAT SUPERVISORY TRANS-
PORTATION PERSONNEL FOR LOADING MAY BE DESPATCHED BY NOBASE. REQUEST
YOU ALSO STATE IF CONDUCTING PERSONNEL CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
VOYAGE BY ACC SARDINIA

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY SECRET 10 1732A

Horses &
Mules

FROM MILA

TO ALCON SARDINIA

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FOR SUMMERS. APHQ SIGNAL RECEIVED THIS HQ STATES "SUBJECT ITALIAN
ARMY HORSES SARDINIA. REF OUR 3310/Q(MAINT) OF 29 NOV. PRELIMINARY
REPORT INDICATES ANIMALS SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION TO SUCH EXTENT AS
TO RENDER THEM UNFIT FOR SERVICE. STOCK STATES SHOW THAT FORAGE HAS
BEEN SHIPPED TO SARDINIA IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO MAINTAIN ANIMALS
AT SCALPS LAID DOWN. THESE ANIMALS REQUIRED FOR OPERATIONAL USE.
REQUEST IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT." REPORT SOONEST.

RESRIPT 14 DECEMBER 1944 /rrc

COPY TO MAJOR FOSSETT

15/12

Horse got on this today & confer with
me after 1630 (5)

Major FOSSETT

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
Ufficio Ippico e Veterinario

Cagliari, 9 dicembre 1944

Quadrupedi dei vari reparti del Comando Militare della Sardegna
visitati da ufficiale del Comando Americano e giudicati idonei:

60 Rgt. Sic. Int. - I Btg. - Oristano	No. 27
Gruppo Squadr. Cavalleggeri - Oristano	" 4
60 Rgt. Sic. Int. - Comando e II Btg. - Iglesias	" 83
40 " " " - II Btg. - Macomer	" 20
Dep. 13 Rgt. Art. - Macomer	" 1
Ospedale Militare di Riserva Sassari	" 4
40 Rgt. Sic. Int. - I Btg. - 1 Comp. - Sassari	" 5
40 " " " - I " - 2 " " "	" 4
40 " " " - Comp. A.A. - Sassari	" 10
50 Sezione di Sanita' - Sassari	" 6
40 Rgt. Sic. Int. - I Btg. - 3 Comp. - Sassari	" 8
236 Rgt. Sic. Int. - Tempio	" 13
236 " " " - 5 Comp. - Palau	" 4
236 " " " - I Btg. - La Maddalena	" 8
236 " " " - 4 Comp. - Olbia	" 3
40 " " " - II Btg. - 5 Comp. - Nuoro	" 9
59 " " " - Cagliari	" 56
16 Dep. Artiglieria - Cagliari	" 4

Totale

No. 269

Oltre ai 269 cavalli sono a disposizione del Comando Alleato No. 54
quadrupedi (39 cavalli e 15 muli).

P.M. 75/A, 9 dicembre 1944.

IL TEN. COLONNELLO VETERINARIO
CAPO UFFICIO
- Casano Giuseppe -

This is list of horses earmarked
by Capt Spong during period 4-8 Dec 1944
for AFHQ

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Horses &
Mules

IMPORTANT

RESTRICTED

30 NOV

FROM AAI V&R

TO CG SARDINIA

42/V&R

REQUEST YOUR PERMISSION TO DRAW FROM ITALIAN ARMY RESOURCES SARDINIA
UP TO 200 RIDING HORSES REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONAL PACK COMPANIES NOW.

RESRIPT/ec 8 DEC 1944

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30 July 1944

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AGE G-4

Horses
& Mules
~~700~~

ROUTINE

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CC SOS NATOUS A

ACC SARDINIA SIGNED WINTER

AGE FOX

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AVAILABILITY MULES SARDINIA IS SUBJECT CITE YOUR SSING RPT SSING BASH THREE FOUR
EIGHT SEVEN PD THE ONE NINE ZERO MULES CONSIST OF SIXTEEN REquisitionED BY ABLE
ABLE ITEM AND ABATING SHIPMENT AND ONE SEVEN FOUR UNSUITABLE FOR ANY ALLIED USE
BEING DESTROYED OR TURNED OVER TO SARDINIAN FARMERS PD LATTER BEING FED IN ACCORDANCE
INSTRUCTIONS FROM ABLE ABLE ITEM PD FEEDING WILL CEASE WHEN MULES ARE FINALLY
DISPOSED OF IN NEAR FUTURE

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O.K. HARRIS

COLONEL

4 C/A G-4

AUGUSTUS P. VITA

MAJOR

ACTING ASSISTANT GENERAL

File: Forage

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OK HERE KKKKKKKK

NR TWO FOR YOU OR THREE I DONT KNOW WHAT IT IS

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FROM LKAK 282027B
TO LCIK
GR 86 BT

PAREN LOVE DASH THREE THREE EIGHT EIGHT EIGHT RESTRICTED FROM CG SOS
NATOUSSA SIGNED LARKIN FOR ACTION ABLE GEORGE CHARLIE SARDINIA CITE
SSQMC RPT SSQMC DASH THREE FOUR EIGHT SEVEN PAREN AVAILABILITY OF
MULES FOR SHIPMENT TO MAINLAND IS SUBJECT CMA REFERENCE
CABLE ABLE GEORGE SUGAR SPACE FOX DASH SEVEN EIGHT THREE OF TWO FOUR
JULY PD PARA REQUEST INFO AS TO WHETHER THE ONE NINE ZERO MULES BEING
FED BY ALLIED FORCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT AND WHETHER SUITABLE FOR
USE AS PACK COMPANY MULES
BT 281027B
SENT NR 8 29/03459 LAV HOPE KKKKK
RECD NR 290359 JAX KKKK

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Recd 29 July 1950
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PRIORITY

RESTRICTED

24 July M.C. 783

TO DIRECTOR OF SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT AFHQ INFO: CG SOS NATOUA
AGS SARDINIA

WEEKLY FORAGE REPORT SARDINIA IS SUBJECT PD FORAGE STATUS AS OF ZERO ZERO
SIX ZERO HOURS ONE EIGHT JULY IS CLN GRAIN CMA SIX FOUR FIVE SMCLN TIBBEN
CMA SEVEN ZERO THREE LONG TONS PD ALLIED FORCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
FEEDING EIGHT FIVE TWO HORSES AND NO MULES THE FULL RATION AND SEVEN EIGHT
ZERO HORSES AND ONE NINE ZERO MULES TWO THIRDS OF A RATION

COPY

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COPY

(from G-6)

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AGS G-4

URGENT

Horses & Mules
SECRET

FREEDOM FOR ACTION COT TO ACMF AND SOS FOR INFORMATION

FALCON CITE AGS FOX DASH THIRTY SIX

AGS FOX - 36

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN MESSAGE SIGNED CINC CITE FHTPN RPT TO FHTPN TO DCOT FLAMBO RELATIVE FURTHER DELAY LIFT FOR ANIMALS LEVY TO DUKO IS REFERENCE PD OF TOTAL OF ONE SIX THREE ZERO MULES ORDERED PROCURED FROM ITALIAN ARMY SARDINIA AND SHIPPED TO PENBASE PRIOR TO FIFTEENTH JANUARY CMA SEVEN EIGHT EIGHT WERE SHIPPED ON VESSEL INDIANA NINE JANUARY PD SUBSEQUENTLY CMA BASED UPON APPARENT URGENT NEED FOR MULES AND IMMINENCE OF LIFT FOR SAME CMA ITALIANS HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSTANT ALERT RELATIVE THEIR SHIPMENT TO PORT OF EMBARKATION RESULTING IN ANIMALS BEING HELD LONG PERIOD IN CONCENTRATIONS UNDER CROWDED AND DETRIMENTAL CONDITIONS PD FORAGE SITUATION SARDINIA IS CRITICAL PD THERE REMAIN FOR EXPORT EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY TWO MULES COMA SEVENTY CARABINEIRI HORSES AND FOUR HUNDRED OTHER RIDING HORSES PD IMPERATIVE THAT FIRM SCHEDULE FOR LIFTING THESE ANIMALS EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE BE ADOPTED AND THIS HEADQUARTERS ADVISED PD WITHOUT IMMEDIATE SUPPLY FORAGE THESE ANIMALS MUST BE WIDELY DISPERSED WITHIN TEN DAYS FOR GRAZING TO AVOID STARVATION PD.

C.K. HARDING

Colonel

G-4

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AUGUSTUS P. VITALI

Captain

Acting Adjutant General

2 *File: Mules*
Forage

11 August 1944 /vro

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ROLL OF REQUISITIONED MULES AT S. BARTOLOMEO

OFF FORD HOOF NO.	NAME	AGE	COLOUR AND SEX
V 41 ✓	Estratto	8	Brown Gelding
V 42 ✓	Doro	14	Brown Gelding
V 43 ✓	V. Settile	13	Brown Gelding
V 44 ✓	Urbona	14	Dark Brown Mare <i>active</i>
V 45 ✓	Remoto	13	Gray Gelding
V 46 ✓	Educanda	8	Bay Mare
V 47 ✓	Zemo	13	Brown Gelding
V 48 ✓	Iulula	8	Brown Mare
V 49 ✓	Zona	11	Brown Mare
V 50 ✓	Baltico	11	Bay Gelding
V 51 ✓	Buffo	11	Dark Brown Gelding
V 52 ✓	Zerbino	13	Dark Brown Gelding
V 53 ✓	Zanza	13	Brown Mare
V 54 ✓	Fortunata	9	Brown Mare <i>blind Right</i>
V 55 ✓	Erta	8	Brown Mare

ROLL OF REQUISITIONED HORSES AT S. BARTOLOMEO

OFF FORE HOOF NO.	NAME	AGE	COLOUR & SEX	SPECIAL MARKINGS
V 1 ✓	Besano	11	Bay Gelding	Star Saddle marks
V 2 ✓	Pareo	14	Chestnut Gelding	Star White to half cannon, bot
V 3 ✓	Usola	9	Bay Mare	Saddle marks
V 4 ✓	Dionisio ✓	9?	Dark Bay Gelding	---
V 5 ✓	Barca	11	Bay Mare	Star
V 6 ✓	Bandalo "	11	Bay Gelding	---
V 7 ✓	Collirio <i>Blind h</i>	10	Chestnut Gelding	Star. Off fore and both hinds
V 8 ✓	Cerva	10	Black Mare	---
V 9 ✓	Everest.	8	Chestnut Gelding	Star, stripe and snip. White
V 10 ✓	Orario	8	Bay Gelding	Star. White to fetlock both fo
V 11 ✓	Elba	8	Chestnut Mare	Star. White to 3/4 cannons bot
V 12 ✓	Veloso	14	Bay Gelding	---
V 13 ✓	Cavillo	10	Dark Chestnut Gelding	Star, stripe & snip. White pas
V 14 ✓	Evise	8	Black Mare	---
V 15 ✓	Dosa	9	Dark brown mare	Small star.
V 16 ✓	Ecca	8	Brown Mare	Star, stripe & snip to near no
V 17 ✓	Forte	7	Chestnut Gelding	cannon both hinds.
V 18 ✓	V. Onio.	14	Dark Bay Mare	Blaze, white muzzle. White hal
V 19 ✓	V Ruggacio	14	Grey Mare	White fetlock off fore. Whit
V 20 ✓	Zuccherò	11	Bay Gelding	Star, stripe & snip to off nos
V 21 ✓	Callia	10	Bay Mare	---
V 22 ✓	Lucente	8	Dappled Grey Gelding	Star. Saddle marks;
V 23 ✓	Bardo	11	Grey Gelding	Saddle marks.
V 24 ✓	Storna	16	Grey Mare	---
V 25 ✓	Demonia	9	Fleshitten Grey Gelding	---
V 26 ✓	Viro	14	Grey Gelding	---
V 27 ✓	Diffidente	8	Grey Gelding	---
V 28 ✓	Zibibo	13	Grey Gelding	---
V 29 ✓	Edilla	8	Dark Bay Mare	White fetlock off hind.
V 30 ✓	Ancona	12	Fleshitten Grey Mare	---
V 31 ✓	V. Terzina	14	Grey Gelding	---
V 32 ✓	Etrusca	8	Bay Mare	---
V 33 ✓	Gallosa	6	Chestnut Gelding	Star, stripe & snip to off nos
V 34 ✓	Elvio	8	Bay Gelding	Star. White fetlock off hind.
V 35 ✓	Erra	8	Grey Mare	---
V 36 ✓	Enno	8	Dappled Grey Gelding	---
V 37 ✓	Bisco	11	Bay Gelding	Small star.

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ROLL OF REQUISITIONED HORSES AT S. BARTOLOMEO

COLOR & SEX

SPECIAL MARKINGS

Bay Gelding	Star Saddle marks
chestnut Gelding	Star White to half cannon, both hinds
Bay Mare	Saddle marks
Dark Bay Gelding	Star
Bay Mare	Star. Off fore and both hinds white to fetlock
Bay Gelding	Star, stripe and snip. White to half cannon, near hind.
chestnut Gelding	Star. White to fetlock both fores.
Dark Mare	Star. White to 3/4 cannons both hinds.
chestnut Gelding	Star, stripe & snip. White pasten off hind, white fetlock near hind.
Dark Mare	Small star.
Dark brown mare	Star, stripe & snip to near nostril. White to half cannon both hinds.
Dark Mare	Blaze, white muzzle. White half pasten near fore.
chestnut Gelding	White fetlock off fore. White to hook of hind.
Dark Bay Mare	Star, stripe & snip to off nostril.
Bay Mare	Star. Saddle marks;
Bay Gelding	Saddle marks.
Bay Mare	
Apple Grey Gelding	
Bay Gelding	
Bay Mare	
Blackbitten Grey Gelding	
Bay Gelding	
Bay Gelding	
Bay Gelding	
Dark Bay Mare	White fetlock off hind.
Blackbitten Grey Mare	
Bay Gelding	
Bay Mare	
chestnut Gelding	Star, stripe & snip to off nostril. White fetlock off for
Bay Gelding	Star. White fetlock off hind.
Bay Mare	
Apple Grey Gelding	
Bay Gelding	Small star.

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ROLL OF HORSES AT S. BARTOLOMEO (CONT'D)

<u>GFT FORD</u> <u>HOOF NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>COLOUR & SEX</u>	<u>SPECIAL MARKINGS</u>
V 38 ✓	Abraham	12	Bay Mare	Star. Half white coronet near h
V 39 ✓	Cucoo	10	Bay Gelding	Saddle marks. <i>Deeb. Entigo</i>
V 40 ✓	Fuorirato	7	Bay Gelding	---

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MAIR & SEX

SPECIAL MARKINGS

Male

Gelding

Gelding

Star. Half white coronet near hind.

Saddle marks. Deb. *Entire to infirmity*

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