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Jan: July 1944

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AMENDED FIGURE FOR ANIMALS AT CRISTANO - 29 JULY 44

Horses 275 present
 16 to be destroyed
 259
 23 on route from Cagliari (arriving 30 July)
 282 - 22 yet to arrive - Total 304

Mules 133 present
 4 to be destroyed
 129 - 3 yet to arrive - Total 132

304
132

436
~~304~~

416

16

259

282

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

23 July 1944

SUBJECT: For Information as Regards the Animal Situation in:
Sardinia (II).

TO : Colonel F. L. Simmons.

1. As mentioned in part 5 of my report of 8 July 1944, Major Crenonesi and Lieut Mc Grea have made a complete inspection and classification of all Italian Army animals in Sardinia. This was done during 8 July-22 July. Further animals are rationed by the Italian Army, working for services such as: Ospitali di Campo, Finanza, Marina, Dicot, Centro Riuscita Notiziale, and various Saggianti Commissariato. These animals are widely scattered and their number is estimated at 50-100.

2. In each case the H.Q. of the Division or unit was visited first to ascertain the location of the animals. In some cases this information was exact, in others the individual visits showed a wide divergence in numbers and location of animals. In many cases owing to the departure of the units, there is great dislocation of the animals and variations in the amount of work they are doing. For example horses at Maddalena are hard worked; at Tempio there is a surplus.

Owing to this scattering of the animals there is a lack of veterinary attention and three (3) animals were found to be moribund from Equine Prostration at the time of our visits - a horse and a mule at Tieni and a horse at Paulau. These animals were receiving no attention and if Major Crenonesi had not given orders for their immediate destruction, they would have been left on the ground to die. A large number of the horses destroyed were on account of this disease (Appendix 3). Many other latent cases were seen and at this season more cases will occur.

3. During the inspection units at the following places were visited:

Sassari district (11)
Alghero district (6)
Tieni (2)
Pattada (1)
Iglesias district (4)

Porto Torres (2)
Osello (1)
Gorropo (1)
Pulitativo (3)
Carbonia (2)

Oristano district (5)
 Tempio (2)
 Olbia district (3)
 Villacidro (1)
 Quarta (2)
 Telti (1)
 Ozieri district (4)
 Pirri (1)
 Sinis (1)

Sorso (1)
 Ossiande (1)
 Senege (1)
 Senori (1)
 Palmi (3)
 Bonarcado (1)
 Baka Abbin (1)
 Bonzonagione (1)

4. During the inspection the criteria of rejection was (1) over 15 years old and (ii) unsuitable for active service (details in Appendix 3). Of the 772 animals inspected 84% (650) were considered suitable for retention by the Italian Army; 13% (99) were rejected but suitable for farm work and 3% (23) were destroyed.

5. In the case of animals to be destroyed Major Orsionesi gave orders for their immediate destruction and the meat; if suitable, to be salvaged and given to soldiers or the civilian population. In several cases units were revisited on our return journey and it was found that the orders had been carried out.

In the case of animals found suitable only for farm work, orders were given for their transit to Oristano where they will form Group III (Appendix 2, column C). Their location at time of inspection is shown in Appendix 3.

When all the animals are assembled at Oristano, there will be a total of 320 horses and 130 mules for distribution. On 22 July 225 horses and 130 mules were present at Oristano.

6. Since the last shipment of mules on 24 June further mules have been discovered at: Cagliari (one - accepted), Pochis (one - reject), Tulesi (one - dead), Ozieri (one - accepted), Ossiande (one - accepted), Olbia (six - rejects), Sassari (five - rejects), a total of 16.

7. There are 650 sound horses on the island with the Italian Army, this includes the 120 saddle horses. No attempt was made to classify the horses into draught and saddle groups as with few exceptions they are all being used as draught animals. Of these 650 horses 70% are in good condition and less than 10 years old. The remainder still show varying degrees of emaciation but should recover.

8. During the tour a Stallion Depot at Ozieri was visited. It is run by the Ministry of Agriculture but has Army Personnel, a Colonel being in charge. Fifty (50) stallions were inspected, there being a further 50 at outstations in the island. The breeds represented are English thoroughbreds, Arab, Sardinian, and crosses. The depot is well organized and the animals are in excellent condition.

9. Twelve (12) saddle horses have been handed over on loan to the 71st AAA from the 40 riding horses at S. Bartolomeo. Major Freund of the 71st AAA and Major Gutierrez of the Italian Army are in charge of the riding school.

10. Throughout this work Major G. Gremonesi of the Italian Army Veterinary Service has been cooperative and helped to the highest degree.

Conclusions

40 saddle horses and 16 mares are the final figures for animals awaiting shipment.

320 saddle horses and 136 mares will be the number of animals available for distribution to farmers.

60 horses remain on the ration strength of the Italian Army. A further 50-100 are distributed throughout the island and are rationed from Italian Army warehouses.

Appendices are attached:

1. Summary of the ^{copy} of inspection.
2. Summary of animal position since June 1st.
3. Details of animals rejected.

M.P.M'ue

Lieut, R.A.V.C.

APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS 8-22 JULY

A UNIT	B SOUND HORSES REMAINING	C REJECTS FOR DISPOSAL TO FARMERS		D DESTROYED		E TOTAL OF ANIMALS INSPECTED
		H	M	H	M	
1. Bari	51	5	-	-	-	56
2. Friuli	-	1	-	1	1	3
3. Gremora	31	3	1*	-	-	35
4. Calabria	128	14	5	5	-	152
5. Granatieri	24	7	-	-	-	31
6. 203 ^o	36	2	-	1	-	39
7. 204 ^o	142	28	6 1*	7	-	184
8. 205 ^o	2	-	-	-	-	2
9. Cav Reg. Sard.	45	-	-	-	-	45
10. Infirmary Iglesias & Depot 45 Inf Reg 21		7	-	3	-	31
11. Depot 16 Art Reg	124	8	-	4	-	136
12. Local Services Cagliari	25	6	1	-	-	32
13. Local Services Oristano	19	4	-	1	-	24
14. Sect Disinfect	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	650	85	14	22	1	772
15. Gp I Rejects Oristano	-	177	122 13*	18	3	320 13
16. Gp II Rejects Oristano	-	58	2	-	-	60
	650	320	136	40	4	1165

* 15 mules accepted for Allied use.

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APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF ANIMAL POSITION SINCE 1 JUNE 1944

	H	H	H	H
Shipped 21 June Chateau Latour and Dwight Morrow	187	762	187	762
Remaining after shipment	37			
Increases { Found in Cagliari	2	1		
Accepted from Gp I & Gp III rejects	1	13		
Accepted from 204 th Div		1		
Accepted from Cremona Div		1		
	40	16	40	16
1 Bari Div	51			
2 Friuli Div	-			
3 Cremona Div	31			
4 Calabria Div	128			
5 Grenatieri Div	24			
6 203 rd Div	36			
7 204 th Div	152			
8 205 th Div	2			
9 Cav. Reg. Sard.	45			
10 Inf Iglesias and Depot 45 th Inf Reg.	21			
11 Depot 16 th Art. Reg.	124			
12 Local Services Cagliari	25			
13 Local Services Oristano	19			
14 Sec. Disinfection	2			
	650	-	650	-
Group I	177	122		
Group II	58	2		
Group III	85	12		
	320	136	320	136
From Section C - Group I	18	3		
Group II	-	-		
Group III	22	1		
	40	4	40	4
TOTALS			1237	918

Rejects Indispensable animals remaining
at Oristano with Italian Army.

Animals destroyed

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GROUP II REJECT

LOCATION	NAME	HOOF	NUMBER
16th Art. Regiment	Testine	519	1274
"	Doge	9974	1275
"	Quidan	267	1276
"	Cornelio	422	1296
"	Eva	1690	1285
"	Furibondo	9724	1288
"	Aido	9	1280
"	Fiorello	24	1287
"	Torveca	73	1282
"	Basselto	162	1279
"	Cordorino	165	1278
"	Foggio	193	1284
"	Eras	255	1277
"	Fatidico	319	1289
"	Tipieso	368	1297
"	Umbe	2846	1286
"	Zenobia	9361	1290
"	Alanzio	9591	1281
"	Aulla	9974	1283
"	Cassiodoro	857	1293
"	Gaio	586	1292
"	Zamponia	876	1295
"	Ersilio	853	1291
"	S. Tranquillo	406	1294
"	Sulliano	3	1325
"	Cerbione	15	1326
"	Diva	57	1327
"	Fancello	85	1328
"	Cardino	168	1329
"	Zera	229	1330
"	Fulmine	407	1331
"	V. Taura	783	1332
"	Fato	821	1333
"	Usanse	870	1334
"	Cavelta	878	1335
"	Varco	896	1336
"	Cecchirn	914	1337
59 75/77	Ada	*	1316
16 Art. Rgt	Astio	946	1338
"	Elicottero	968	1339
"	Aquila	9689	1340
132nd Rgt	Pampurio		1299
Carristi	Rodello		1300
"	Cuba		1301
"	Faticosa		1302
"	Venusta		1303
"	Spelnida		1304
"	Bastione		1305
"	Aleatico		1306
"	Dulcelto		1307
"	Balabio		1308
"	Eumneo		1309
"	Cernacno		1310
"	Febo		1311
"	Euro		1312

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Cont'd: Group II Rejects

132nd Rgt	Morello	1313
Carristi	Barbero	1314
"	S.N.	1315

(58 HORSES)

Co Forest.	Burson	1324
"	Brace	1323

(2 MULES)

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

20 July 1944

SUBJECT: Final Disposition Unserviceable Italian Army Animals

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, AGC, A.P.O. 394, U.S. Army

1. Request that High Commissioner for Sardinia be advised by the Ministry of War that the disposition of unserviceable Italian Army animals is to proceed as planned both with reference to handing over those qualified for work to farmers and to destroying the remainder. At present he is hesitating due to the receipt of a letter from the Inspector General, Egidio del Punta (inclosure 2). The High Commissioner, General, Pietro Pima, is disposed to cooperate with our Allied Regional Commissioner, Brigadier Carr, but naturally is reluctant to proceed until the effects of above-mentioned letter are removed. For your information copies of various directives contributing to the present situation are inclosed herewith. It should be noted that all estimates as to numbers of animals of various classifications were based upon the report of Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna of 4 May 1944 (inclosure 5) and that deviations from original estimates have been the result of the disagreement of Allied veterinary officers as to age and serviceability of animals or to erroneous count upon which Comando Militare della Sardegna's report of 4 May was based. In addition, the outline of plan agreed upon by Allied Armies in Italy, G-1 (Lieut Col McLean) and in process of being effected is submitted below.

a. Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna, advised that all mules, all saddle horses except one hundred and twenty (120), and all draft horses over fifteen (15) years of age or otherwise unserviceable were to be assembled and placed at the disposition of the Allies.

b. In order to insure proper disposition of unserviceable animals not to be destroyed the Allied Regional Commissioner was requested to arrange for the handing over to farmers of such animals by whatever means he should devise. Brigadier Carr chose to execute the plan through the civilian organization of the High Commissioner for Sardinia, General Pima. The animals to be destroyed are in process of destruction at the

clinics or units where they are found by our veterinary officer who acts in company with a veterinary officer of Comando Militare della Sardegna. The animals to be handed over to farmers are being assembled at Cristano because of the central location of this town.

2. It is important to proceed without further delay as farmers should have use of the animals at once if they are to be required to care for them during the ensuing winter which requirement is a clause in the agreement entered into at time of transfer.

3. As soon as Comando Militare della Sardegna is in receipt of directive from S.M.R.E., Brigadier Carr is prepared to proceed with the transfer which will continue until all over-age animals have been disposed of.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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RESTRICTED ROUTINE 081530 B
TO FOR ACTION CG SARDINIA
FOR INFO AFHQ
FROM FILPOT
CITE Q 1713

GRATEFUL UP TO DATE INFORMATION ON PRESENT ANIMAL SITUATION.

- FIRST NUMBER OF ANIMALS WITH ITALIAN ARMY SHOWING RIDING HORSES
DRAUGHT HORSES AND MULES — Answered. See para 5 of letter dated 7 July
- SECOND NUMBER OF ANIMALS HANDED OVER TO FARMERS BY TYPES. — See para 5 of letter.
- THIRD NUMBER OF ANIMALS DESTROYED BY TYPES. Not answered. Being demanded from Italian Vets. Service. See para 7 of letter.
- FOURTH NUMBER OF ANIMALS STILL AWAITING SHIPMENT FOR ARMIES — answered in para 4 of letter.

copy to Capt Starnail
RESCRIPT VJT 9 JULY 1944

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

7 July 1944

SUBJECT: Horse and Mule Situation

TO : Regional Commissioner, ACC, Region 6

1. In confirmation of our conference on 5 July 1944.
2. Since 83 saddle horses, 94 draught horses and 122 mules have now arrived at Oristano, it is considered that this is a sufficiently large group to dispose of at once. A further group will be assembled toward the end of July.
3. The name of the Commanding Officer of the Gruppo Squadroni Cavalleria di Sardegna at Oristano, in whose barracks the animals are is Maggiore CADEDDU, Enrico.
4. It is agreed that the farmers who receive the animals should sign a certificate to the effect that they will keep the animal/s for a period of at least one year, and will not slaughter them unless with the permission of a local (civil) authority to be nominated by you.
5. Copies of these certificates to be retained by you and by the High Commissioner, with information copies to Army Sub Commission.
6. List showing description of each animal (number and age) is inclosed herewith.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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

7 July 1944

SUBJECT: Animal Situation in Sardinia

TO : Commanding General, Allied Armies in Italy

1. The following is a summary of the situation regarding horses and mules in Sardinia, and is forwarded in confirmation of my cable No. 143 dated 5 July 1944.

2. Shipped to mainland on 27 June 1944

762 mules
187 horses, riding

3. This left a balance of 76 riding horses at Cagliari on 27 June; these were the worst animals of those originally selected, and were only accepted when an attempt was being made to reach the original total of 285 for shipment.

Of these 76, 57 are considered suitable for shipment. Of the remaining 39,

15 are suitable as light draught horses and will be handed over to the Italian Army.
22 are unsuited saddle horses and will be sent for disposal to farmers
1 is gravely ill
1 dead

4. A subsequent round up has produced 1 more saddle horse and 14 mules, making the total available for shipment as at today's date.

38 saddle horses
14 mules

5. Assembled at Oristano, for disposal to farmers as at today's date are:-

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mules (only in horses)

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122 mules
83 saddle horses
94 draught horses

Total: 299 animals

6. Further animals are expected to arrive at Oristano from time to time, and a visit to Divisions is being made this week in order to ascertain the exact animal situation.

COPY: This may result in a few more suitable horses or mules being found for shipment.

7. A roll of all animals that have died or been destroyed since 1 May 1944 is being obtained from the Italian Veterinary Service.

8. In addition to animals referred to in the foregoing paragraphs, the undermentioned are being retained by the Italian Army in Sardinia:-

Riding horses	120
- Draught horses	1100 (approximate) *
Carabinieri horses	(580) (approximate) *
* Exact number not yet ascertained	

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9. A remount centre under the direction of the Ministry of Agriculture exists, and is run by military personnel. About 250 young unbroken Sardinian ponies are in possession.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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ALLIED CARRISON OF SARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 65-1

Msg Center No _____
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Date 5 JULY 1944

Headquarters of Origin ARMY SUB COMMISSION CMA ACC

Precedence ROUTINE

Security Classification

CONFIDENTIAL

TO: AAI MAIN RPT PEN BASE FOR INFO

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS

Originator's

Reference Number

AGS YOKK

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL QUEEN ONE SIX TWO SIX DATED ONE JULY CLN SINCE SHIPMENT
OF SEVEN SIX TWO MULES AND ONE EIGHT SEVEN HORSES ON TWO SEVEN JUNE CMA
FURTHER PROCUREMENT UNCERTAIN PD FURTHER THREE REPEAT THREE DOZEN SADDLE
HORSES COULD BE SHIPPED PD LETTER FOLLOWS GIVING FULL DETAILS

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From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS

Originator's
Reference Number

AGS YOKS

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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL QUEEN ONE SIX TWO SIX DATED ONE JULY CLN SINCE SHIPMENT
OF SEVEN SIX TWO MULES AND ONE EIGHT SEVEN HORSES ON TWO SEVEN JUNE CMA
FURTHER PROCUREMENT UNCERTAIN PD FURTHER THREE REPEAT THREE DOZEN SADDLE
HORSES COULD BE SHIPPED PD LETTER FOLLOWS GIVING FULL DETAILS

Prepared by P.M.M. EMBERTON

MAJOR

R.I.R.F.

(name)

P. L. SIMONS

COLONEL

INFANTRY

Authenticated by

(name)

(rank)

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ROUTINE 011630B CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM FILPOT MAIN

~~AFM~~ ACTION CG SARDINIA INFO FREEDOM AND CGOPRS

CITE Q 1626

YOUR AGS YOKE 216 DATED 23 JUNE. GRATEFUL YOU REPEAT SIGNALS
REFERENCE ANIMALS TO PES. HOW MANY HORSES YOU INTEND SHIPPING
AFTER DEPARTURE 202.

FOR FREEDOM AND PPS. FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE ABOVE SIGNAL. " PRESENT
STATE OF ANIMAL PROCUREMENT FOLLOWS. MULES 764 SADDLE HORSES 263.
DISAGREEMENT WITH ORIGINAL ESTIMATE DUE TO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION
OF VETERINARY OFFICER AS TO SERVICEABILITY OF ANIMALS.
MULES AND 202 HORSES LEAVING IN FIRST SHIPMENT. "

RESRIPT/gc 2 JULY 1944

Copy to Capt Stancil

762 Mules } left on 27 June
187 Horses }

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(Horses in Chassen Lagoon & Mules in Dugue Rivers)

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TRANSLATION T/vjt 30 June 1944

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII ARMY CORPS)
Chief of Staff Operations Office

No. 8597/1/17/op

APD 50, 30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Shipment of Animals and Equipment

TO : Allied Control Commission for Sardinia

Reference letter your Commission, dated 27 June 1944
signed P.M.M. Egerton.

Confirming verbal communications, you are informed of
the departure of the following on the Allied vessels "Chateau
Latour" and "Dwight Morrow" on 27 June 1944:

762 mules with 9 officers and 200 escort personnel.
187 saddle horses with 4 officers and 50 escort personnel.
10,000,000 rounds 6.5 cal. for rifles mod. 91 (327 tons).
2,000,000 rounds 6.5 cal. for light machine guns (70 tons).

By orders of
Chief of Staff
Col. L. Castellani /t/
Castellani /s/

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File mules (ammunition)

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C. A.)

Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni.

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10p. di prot.

P.M. 50,11

giugno 1944

O G C E L T O: trasferimento quadrapedi e materiali.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ARREATA DI CONTROLLO PER LA SARDEGNA

E L M S S

Riferimento lettera di coteste Commissione, in data
27 c.m., a firma P.M.M. Sgerton.

A conferma delle comunicazioni verbali, si informa
che con le navi alleate "Chateau Latour" e "Dwight Morrow" sono
partiti, il giorno 27 c.m.:

- n. 762 muli con 9 ufficiali e 200 uomini di scorta,
- n. 137 cavalli da sella con 4 ufficiali e 50 uomini di scorta,
- n. 10.000.000 cartucce cal. 6,5 per fucile mod. 91 (tonn. 327)
- n. 2.001.360 " " " " mitragliatore (tonn. 78).

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

- Col. *Castellani*

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27 c.m., a firma P.M.M. Egerton.

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che con le navi alleate "Chateau Latour" e "Dwight Morrow" sono
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- n. 762 mila con 9 ufficiali e 200 uomini di scorta,
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- n. 10.000.000 cartucce cal. 6,5 per fucile mod. 91 (tonn. 327)
- n. 2.001.360 " " " " mitragliatore (tonn. 70).-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

- Col. M. Castellani

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

27 June 1944

SUBJECT: Movement of Italian Personnel, Equipment and Animals
TO : G-4 (Attention Transportation Officer)

1. Request confirmation that the following Italian personnel, equipment and animals were loaded on the under-mentioned ships:

Chateau Latour:

187	horses accompanied by two (2) officers and fifty (50) men.	
	4 tons barley	
	5 tons hay	
440	tons ammunition two (2) men escort	
	Cal. 6.5 rifle 10,000,680 rounds	327 tons
	Cal. 6.5 light machine gun	
	2,001,360 rounds	72 tons
		400 tons

Dwight Morrow

762 mules accompanied by eight (8) officers and two hundred
12 tons barley (200) men.
17 tons hay
One (1) American officer and eight (8) American enlisted men.

For Colonel F. L. SIMMONS:

P.H.M. EGERTON
Major, R.I.R.F.

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File

File: MULES

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 05-1

Msg Center No _____
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Date 27 JUNE 1944

Headquarters of Origin ARMY SUB COMMISSION CMA AGC

Precedence PRIORITY Security Classification SECRET

TO: HQ. AAI FOR DOG DOG VICTOR AND ROGER SUGAR

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED MOOREA Originator's Reference Number AGS YOKK 223

SEVEN SIX TWO MULES AND ONE EIGHT SEVEN HORSES ARRIVING DURO TWO EIGHT
JUNE IN VESSELS CHATEAU LATOUR PAREN HORSES PAREN AND LIGHT MORGAN
PAREN MULES PAREN

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TO: HQ. LAI FOR DOG DOG VICTOR AND ROGER SUGAR

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED MOCREZ Originator's Reference Number AGS YOKI 223

SEVEN SIX TWO MULES AND ONE EIGHT SEVEN HORSES ARRIVING DUKE TWO EIGHT
JUNE IN VESSELS CHATRAU LATOUR PAREN HORSES PAREN AND DWIGHT MORROW
PAREN MULES PAREN

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Prepared by P.M.M. ECKERTON MAJOR R.I.R.F.
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See Mules

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 05-1

Msg Center No _____
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Date 23 JUNE 1944

Headquarters of Origin ARMY SUB COMMISSION CMA AGS

Precedence PRIORITY Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL

TO: ALL CITE QUEEN ONE INFO MIA

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMMONS Originator's
Reference Number AGS YONE 216

PRESENT STATUS OF ANIMAL PROCUREMENT FOLLOWS C/M MULES SEVEN SIX FOUR SMC/LH
SADDLE HORSES TWO SIX THREE PD DISAGREEMENT WITH ORIGINAL ESTIMATE DUE TO
DIFFERENCE OF OPINION OF VETERINARY OFFICER AS TO SERVICEABILITY OF ANIMALS
PD MULES AND TWO ZERO TWO HORSES LEAVING IN FIRST SHIPMENT

TO: ALL CITE CHECK ONE YES NO

From: AGC SARDINIA SHIPED SIMONS Originator's
Reference Number AGS YOKO 216

PRESENT STATUS OF ANIMAL PROCUREMENT. FOLLOWS CIN MULES SEVEN SIX FOUR SMITH
SADDLE HORSES TWO SIX THREE PD DISAGEMENT WITH ORIGINAL ESTIMATE DUE TO
DIFFERENCE OF OPITION OF VETERINARY OFFICER AS TO SERVICEABILITY OF ANIMALS
PD MULES AND TWO ZERO TWO HORSES LEAVING IN FIRST SHIPMENT

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Prepared by P. J. SIMONS COLONEL (rank) HEALTHY (org)
Authenticated by P. J. SIMONS COLONEL (rank) HEALTHY (org)
File: mulls

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TRANSLATION VJT/vjt 24 June 1944

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII A.C.)
Operations Office

No. 6307/E/Ord

AFO 50, 23 June 1944

SUBJECT: Animals

TO : Colonel Simmons, Allied Headquarters, Elmas

In reference to letter your headquarters dated 12 June 1944, forwarded herewith is a report on the status of animals.

Saddle Horses

- Serviceable horses to be turned over to the Allies	263
- Serviceable horses to be retained by units of the Italian Army	120
- Unserviceable horses being assembled at Oristano	126
- Horses who have died since 4 May	22
Total as of my report of 4 May	<u>531</u>

Mules

- Serviceable mules assembled at S. Bartolomeo 764 - 1 dead

From among the unserviceable mules, the veterinary officers from your headquarters selected 152 mules which they consider to be serviceable. These 152 animals are assembled at S. Bartolomeo.

It is therefore requested whether or not the above mentioned mules which are surplus over the original request are also to be sent to the mainland.

In case of an affirmative answer it follows that the number of animals to be destroyed or given to the farmers will not be 340 but instead 176 (152 considered serviceable plus 12 dead).

You are also informed that 27 horses and 6 mules which are being hospitalized will not be among the animals that are to be assembled at Oristano until a later date.

Tomorrow, 24 June, 1944 this headquarters will inform you as to the number of mules assembled at Oristano.

animals

By orders of Lieut. Col. DC/S
Acting Chief of Staff

M. Capello
Lieut. Co. Costantino *18/8/99*

File: Horses (copy on mules file)

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C. A.)
Ufficio Ordinamento

n° 6301/B/Ord. di prot. P.M. 50 - 11 23 giugno 1944
OGGETTO: Quadrupedi.

Al Colonnello SIMMONS
Comando Alleato.

ELMAS

Con riferimento alla lettera di codesto comando in data 12 c.m. si comunica qui di seguito la situazione attuale dei quadrupedi:

Cavalli da sella

- idonei da cedere agli A.A.	n°	263
- idonei presso i reparti del R.E.	"	120
- non idonei in via di accentramento	"	126 - 27 sick
Cristano	"	22
- deceduti dal 4/5	"	53
totale come da segnalazioni al 4/5		534

Muli

- idonei accentrati a S. Bartolomeo n° 764 - 1 sick

Sono stati accentrati quindi 152 muli in più in quanto, gli ufficiali veterinari di codesto comando hanno scelto fra quelli da scartare 152; soggetti che ritengono idonei al servizio.

Pregasi pertanto far conoscere se detti muli in esuberanza rispetto alla richiesta debbono essere ugualmente avviati in continente. *ms*

In caso affermativo ne consegue che i muli da ab-
-a

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- deceduti dal 4/5	"	22
totale come da segnalazioni al 4/5		531

Muli

- idonei accentrati a S. Bartolomeo 20 754 - 1 dead

Solo stati accentrati quindi 152 muli in più in quanto, gli ufficiali veterinari di codesto comando hanno scelto fra quelli da scartare 152, soggetti che ritengono idonei al servizio.

Fregasi pertanto far conoscere se detti muli in esuberanza rispetto alla richiesta debbono essere ugualmente avviati in continente.

In caso affermativo ne consegue che i muli da abbattere o da cedere agli agricoltori non saranno più 340 ma bensì 176, (152 accentrati in più e 12 deceduti).

Si comunica inoltre che ad Oristano con i quadrupedi scartati non affluiranno in un primo tempo 27 cavalli ed 6 muli perchè ricoverati all'infermeria per malattie parassitarie.

Domani 24 corrente questo comando segnalerà il totale dei quadrupedi a tale data affluiti a Oristano.

IL TEN. COLONNELLO in s. S.M.
CAPO IN STATO MAGGIORE ff.

M. Pappalardo
M. Pappalardo

SITUATION REPORT HORSES AND MULES.

(as given by DC/S, C.M.S. on 21 June 44)

HORSES (Saddle)

Assembling at ORISTANO by 23 June, discarded	99
Sick, at IGLESIAS (20) and CAGLIARI (7)	27
Good horses awaiting shipment to mainland	263
Dead	22
Earmarked for Sardinia	120
Total	531

148

(N.B. 12 riding horses could possibly be selected for 74th Group Rest Camp out of those from Oristano)

Sick horses from Iglesias and Cagliari will be cured by about 15 July.

MULES.

Already sent to Mainland	632
Assembled here ready for mainland	764
Discarded, and going to Oristano	101
In hospital at Sassari	5
Dead	12
As yet untraced, but 30 known to be at Villacidra	70
Total	1584

792	231
452	109
1244	340
632	
612	
340	
952	

(N.B. Originally 340 were discarded, but since then more have been accepted for the mainland.)

DRAUGHT HORSES.

Original total earmarked for Oristano was 207, but of these 23 have since deceased and some have already been allotted to farmers. The amended number to go to Oristano has yet to be assessed.

Complete list will be forthcoming on 23 June.

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Handwritten signature and date: 28.9.44

mules

Y/vjt.

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

11 June 1944

SUBJECT: Progress Report

TO : D. D. Vets S.
H.Q., A.A.I., C.M.F.

1. Reference your 42/Vet/Para 1/F/Sgt-Webb and Lt. M. R. McGree reported to Colonel Simmons on June 2nd.
2. The duties allocated consist of classifying Italian Army mules and riding horses, and general advice regarding their feeding and management while awaiting shipment.
3. 485 mules have been selected of which 60% are in good condition. The remainder are suffering from varying degrees of emaciation and are on a supplementary diet.
4. 230 horses have been selected of which 40% are in good condition. The remainder are receiving a supplementary diet.
5. Further arrivals of horses and mules are expected.
6. A shipment of potatoes, ex N. Africa has been inspected and the potatoes found fit for human consumption.

MAM'Cr

Lt., R. A. V. C.

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mules

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PRIORITY SECRET 081856 B

FROM CG SOS NATOUSA SIGNED LARKIN
FOR ACTION ACC SARDINIA CITE SSTPN 1581
L 25029

MULE SHIP DWIGHT MORROW DESTINED DUKO LOAD SHIPPING ORDER MEDICAL
918 AND ANY OTHER AVAILABLE SHIPPING ORDER ACTION COPIES

RESCRIPT 9 JUNE 1944 /rrc

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to Acc/ASC

ROUTINE

M/C # 4

June 4, 1944

FOX FIVE FOUR SIX FOUR FOUR FROM AFHQ RPT AFHQ TO FOR ACTION ADNAP RPT

ADNAP TO FOR INFO FILPOT CMA SOS NATOUA CMA PENBASE CMA AGS RPT AGS CMA

YES RPT MRS SIGNED SACMNT RPT SACHED CITE FHTPN RPT FHTPN

F 53776 of 1 June

TIMEO ADV AGS

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WITH REFERENCE OUR FOY FIVE THREE SEVEN TWO SIX OF ONE JUNE AND OUR FOX

F 53726 26 1 June
F 54190 - 2 June
FIVE FOUR ONE NINE ZERO OF TWO JUNE PD FORT DEADOUAMONT RPT FORT DEADOUAMONT

WILL NOT RPT NOT GO TO LEVY RPT LEVY BUT WILL RETURN TO GLEN RPT ~~WILL~~ GLEN FOR
REPAIRS PD VESSEL TO COMPLETE MULES RPT MULES EX RPT EX SARDINIA AFTER RPT AFTER
VOYAGE OF DWIGHT MORROW RPT DWIGHT MORROW WILL BE NOMINATED LATER

ACTION G-4 (TRANSPORTATION OFFICER)

INFO ADJ AGS

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File: Mules

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0930
4 June 48
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ROUTINE 011906 B SECRET

FROM AFHQ SIGNED CIG CITE FHTPN

TO FOR ACTION ADNAP FOR INFO FILPOT SOS NATOUSA PENBASE AGS

F 53726

VESSELS DWIGHT MORROW AND FOR DE DOUAMONT UPON COMPLETION OF
DISCHARGE OF ANIMALS AT DUKO TO PROCEED TO LEVY TO LOAD REPLACEMENT
MULES.

RESCRIPT/gc 3 JUNE 1944

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Subject:- Horses and mules.

Detachment I3 Field Butc.
R.A.S.

c/o British A.F.C.
SARDINIA

To: D.D.V. & R.S. H.Q., A.A.I. C.M.F.
Col. Simmons. A.C.O. Land Control
Sub-Commission, Sardinia.

Ref A/A 12
31 May 44

In consequence of a telephone message from Captain F.E. Stancill A.G.S., on 28 May 44 I proceeded to Oristano on 29 May and met he and Lieut. R.I. Miller, P.B.S. Remounts at the barracks of the Gruppo Cavalleria de Sardegna.

Capt. Stancill acquainted me with the contents of H.Q., A.A.I. letter IO46/I/QI of 23 May 44 and suggested that in addition to acting as casting authority I should assist in the requisitioning of horses and mules held by the Italian Army in Sardinia.

At the Cavalry Barracks, Oristano and the Artillery Barracks San Bartolomeo a total of 191 horses were examined and 138 selected for requisitioning. Horses were rejected for the following reasons: lameness, extreme debility; old age, bad conformation and chronic wounds.

40% of the horses selected are in good condition, 30% in fair condition and 30% in poor condition. The majority of the horses are of good stamp and quality and there is a number of good type dual purpose cobs amongst them. With good feeding and management these horses should make up into useful remounts.

On 30 May 44 177 mules were inspected at the Artillery Barracks San Bartolomeo. 30% were in good condition and the remainder in fair to poor condition.

As these mules had been returned during the last few days from units where they had been on scanty rations I recommended that 175 should be requisitioned provisionally and put on full scale rations. Several more will have to be rejected for chronic debility if they do not improve in condition. Most of the mules are of good type and conformation.

There were also to be seen at the Artillery Barracks on 30 May, 5 officers chargers in good condition. The Commando Militari de Sardegna have 20 riding horses in good condition. 526 Battaglione Lavoratori Iglesias have 4 riding horses in good condition.

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Under arrangements to be made by Captain Stancil casting parades are to be held on June 5 and 6.

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J. B. Stancil

Field.

Lieut. R.A.V.C.

Y FIS/rro

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

30 May 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Animals.

TO : Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna.

1. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 (b), letter A.A.I. dated 23 May 1944, copy inclosed, the number of saddle horses required for shipment to Italy is two hundred and eighty-five (285) instead of two hundred and thirty-five (235), as was previously stated in paragraph 3, our letter of 19 May 1944.

2. The animals which are due for delivery 1 June 1944 (612 miles and 285 horses) should be assembled at St. Bartholomeo and delivered to the supervision of Captain Frank E. Stencil, Q.M.G., pending arrival of ship to transport them to the continent.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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ROUTINE SECRET 281506

FROM CG SOS NATOUSA SIGNED LARKIN
FOR ACTION CG AGS CITE SSQMC-2039
L 2284

MULES SHIPPED ON BOLTON HALL EX LEVY, 22 MAY, WERE REPORTED BY WM-1941,
23 MAY, CITE AGS F 594, AS COMPLETING S/OQM-1335. PARA
RECORDS HERE INDICATED FOLLOWING SHIPMENTS OF S/OQM-1119, 1334, 1335
and 1917: TABULATE IN THREE COLUMNS WITH NO HEADINGS:

9 JANUARY	INDIANA	65 HORSES(MANIFESTED)
NIL	NIL	723 726 MULES
6 MARCH	MT EVEREST	376 MULES
28 APRIL	CHATEAU LATOUR	2 X 168 MULES
15 MAY	ANGLO-AFRICAN	450 269 MULES
22 MAY	BOLTON HALL	14 MULES
NIL	NIL	400 HORSES
NIL		

TOTAL 2018 MULES AND HORSES. END OF TABULATION.

APPARENTLY 12 ADDITIONAL MULES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE S/OQM-1335.

DESIRE VERIFICATION.

RESRIPT 29 MAY 1944 /trc

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FILE
Mules

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Approved by
G-4

Action copy to G-4. 30 May 44

File: mules

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 05-1

Msg Center No _____
(do not use)

Date 28 MAY 1944

Headquarters of Origin ARMY SUB COMMISSION CHA AGC

Precedence ROUTINE

Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL

TO: AFHQ INFO AMI CITE QUEEN CHA MIA

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS

Originator's
Reference Number AGC YORK 182

REFERENCE FOX FIVE ZERO ONE SIX ZERO CITE FOX HUN SUGAR UNCLE PETER CLM ITALIAN
ARMY ANIMALS IN SARDINIA AVAILABLE TO ALLIES FOR SHIPMENT ONE RPT ONE JUNE SIXTH
MULES SIX ONE TWO CHA SADDLE HORSES TWO EIGHT FIVE PD SEE LETTER ABLE ABLE
ITEM CITE ONE ZERO FOUR SIX SLANT ONE SLANT QUEEN ONE DATED TWO THREE MAY

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONS AGC YOTE 182

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Enclosure 150000 dated 24 May

Prepared by L. SIMONS COLONEL (rank) DEPARTMENT
Authenticated by L. SIMONS COLONEL (rank) DEPARTMENT

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ROUTINE CONFIDENTIAL 241732 B

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC MED

TO FOR ACTION AGC SARDINIA TO FOR INFO CG SOS NATOUA

F 50160 CITE FHSUP

MULES IS SUBJECT. INFORMATION FROM AAI INDICATES 550 MULES COULD BE
MADE AVAILABLE IN MAY TO (UNITED STATES) FORCES AND 400 DURING JUNE. ADVISE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF ANY ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO REQUISITION THESE MULES

RESRIPT 25 MAY 1944 /rrc

Considered in GHS York 182

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C O P Y

C O P Y

/rrc

28 May 1944

SUBJECT: Provisioning of Forage for
SARDINIA and CORSICA.

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/5517/Q(Maint)

24 May 44.

D.S.T.

1. It has been arranged that A.A.L. will assume responsibility for providing Forage for SARDINIA and CORSICA.

2. Holdings to be maintained.

(a) The following will be the Reserve and Working Margin which are applicable to each island.

Reserve.

20 days reserve for animals being maintained in each island.

Working Margin.

Having regard to shipping cycles a working margin of 30 days will operate for each island.

(b) In regard to the number of animals to be maintained, Q(Maint) will keep you informed from time to time.

3. Arrangements for periodical shipments.

In future the procedure will be as follows:-

(a) C.C. A.G.S. and C.C. NORES will continue to notify you weekly of the forage stocks and number of animals being maintained.

(b) On receipt of information under 3(a) above, S.F. in conjunction with Q(Maint) will decide on forage tonnages to be imported into each island.

(c) Q(Maint), A.F.H.Q. will cable A.A.L. tonnages required for any particular period which will be shipped ex ITALY normally from EAST COAST.

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- (d) On receipt of request in 3(c) above, Q(Movements) A.A.L. will ask G-4 (Mov & Trn) A.F.H.Q. to nominate shipping, giving port of loading and availability of cargo.

/s/ M.C.E. SHARP,
M.C.E. SHARP, Lt.Col.
for Brigadier,
Q(Maint).

Copy to: A.A.L. (8)
C.G., A.G.S.
C.G. MORES
G-4 (Mov & Trn)
Q.M.
V. & R.S.

To
File (Capt Standish)
(5) LK

SUBJECT:- Supply and purchase of remounts

Q(Maint)., AFHQ

COPY to:- CC, SARDINIA (for Col. SIMMONS)

Army Sub-Commission ACC

Mov

G(SD)

G-4

ST

V & R

File 1098/Q1

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES 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 supersede 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

Over age animals	673
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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:-

(a) Animals retained by Italian Army in SARDINIA

800 Full scale

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(a) Animals retained by Italian Army in SARDINIA

800 Full scale
401 2/3rds scale

(b) Animals awaiting shipment to mainland

All full scale i.e. 897 animals.

(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. ABBOTT, RAVO attached to 13 Field Butchery which is located near CAGLIARI. Capt. ABBOTT will advise which animals should be destroyed and which should be handed over to farmers.

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.

General.
Commander-in-Chief.

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Recd. 27 May 44

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

19 May 1944

SUBJECT: Animals in Sardinia

TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. Reference is made to letter this office, subject Additional Horses and Mules, dated 15 May, attention paragraph 1 (a), (b), (c).
2. The number of mules required remains at six hundred and twelve (612) which according to your report of 4 May is the entire number of serviceable mules under fifteen (15) years of age.
3. The number of saddle horses now required is two hundred and thirty five (235) which leaves a total of one hundred and seventy (170) to be left with the Italian Army.
4. It has been decided that all draught horses will remain in Sardinia.
5. The total number of animals to be handed over to farmers or destroyed is now six hundred and seventy three (673).

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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

15 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:

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|---|---------------|-----|--|
| a | Mules | 618 | This figure includes all mules remaining in Sardinia except 540 reported unserviceable. |
| b | Saddle Horses | 406 | This figure includes all saddle horses remaining in Sardinia except 126 reported unserviceable. |
| c | Draft Horses | 600 | This figure includes all draft horses remaining in Sardinia except 581 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 300 animals reported in paragraph 2 of your estimate of 4 May 1944 must be obtained from the 581 draft horses remaining after subtracting 600 draft horses for shipment plus 219 animals to be selected from those reported as unsuitable for field service because of being over age, etc.

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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Copy to NMMA - 16-5-44

5-6-16-5-44

5/4 Mules

- a 612 Mules
406 Saddle Horses
500 Draft Horses
1517 Total Animals to be assembled for shipment and fed on full Field Scale Ration.
- b 681 Draft Horses
819 Overage Animals
800 Total animals to be retained by Comando Militare della Sardegna and fed on 2/3 Field Scale Ration.
- c 126 Saddle Horses
251 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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PRIORITY 121507 B SECRET

SIGNED CG NATOUA CITE NATIN

TO CG SOS NATOUA FOR ACTION TO AGS FOR INFORMATION

F 44782

WITH REFERENCE YOUR AGS F 541 OF 11 MAY.

(TO BE?)
NO ANIMALS REFERRED TO IN YOUR CABLE, WERE THEY LOADED. LOADING
OF VEHICLES SHOULD NOT DISPLACE ANY ANIMAL LIFT. REFER OUR F 39199
OF 29 APRIL AND AAI ADMN ECHELON CABLE USTN 690 11 MAY CURRENT

RESRIPT 13 MAY 1944 /rro

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*No record cable USTN 690 dated 11 May 6.
H65 F 541 OF 11 MAY (6-4) 6.*

LS/vjt

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.G. 809, 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:

612 Mules (332 already allocated to Allies)
400 Horses (previously requisitioned)
1,012 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 13 May 1944.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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COPY

16 May 44

COPY /vro

Subject:- Animals in SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission, AGC
Main Hq (MMIA)
Leguile (LEUCHE)
SD/24
7 May 1944

AAI

Copy to:- Col SIMMONS

Ref your 1046/1/CI of 19 April and our SD657 of to-days date.

1. Att is a copy of Col SIMMONS report on which the above signal was based.
2. Ref para 8, it has been decided
 - (a) that no animals need be retained for the Arty of the 204 and 226 Divs or Grenadiers Group, which are all earmarked for eventual employment as Internal Security Divs.
 - (b) that the Italian Army should make up its minimum requirement of 800 animals by selecting 219 from the 678 which would otherwise be handed over to farmers or destroyed(see para 2(f)).
3. The Italian Gen Staff have been ordered to issue the necessary instructions to their Hq in SARDINIA and it has been emphasised that the 454 which will remain in para 2(f) will NOT be foraged from Allied sources.
4. Will you please confirm that the personnel requested in para 4 are being despatched.

JPH/cc

/s/ HAMPTON
Lt Col
for Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm, AGC

*File
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23 May
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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 65-1

Msg Center No _____
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Date 5 MAY 1944

Headquarters of Origin ARMY SUB COMMISSION CMA AGC

Precedence SECRET Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL

TO: AAI INFORMATION MEDIA CMA DEW BASE CMA AFHQ CITE FIVE

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONE Originator's
Reference Number AGC YORK 127

REFERENCEABLE FOR HOW QUEEN FOX THREE NINE ONE NINE NINE DATED TWO NINE APRIL
AND FILPOT CITE QUEEN ONE ZERO FIVE EIGHT DATED ONE MAY C/M IF PROVISIONS
PARAGRAPH ONE ABLE LETTER NOW QUEEN ABLE ABLE ITEN ONE ZERO FOUR SIX SLANT
ONE SLANT QUEEN ONE DATED ONE NINE APRIL ARE EFFECTIVE CMA EIGHT ZERO FIVE
SADDLE HORSES AND ONE TWO FOUR FOUR MULES REMAIN FOR SHIPMENT DUO ACCORDING
TO REPORT ITALIAN COMMAND DATED ONE MAY PD TOTAL ANIMALS TO BE LIFTED TWO
ZERO FOUR NINE

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From: ADM SARDINIA SIGNED STENOGRAPH Reference Number ADM XOSE 197

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AND FILPOC CITE QUEEN ONE ZERO NINE EIGHT DATED ONE MAY CLM IF PROVISIONS
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Prepared by R. L. STENOGRAPH COLONEL INFANTRY
(name) (rank) (org)
Authenticated by R. L. STENOGRAPH COLONEL INFANTRY
(name) (rank) (org)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Army Sub Commission
A.P.O. 809, U.S. Army

6 May 1944

SUBJECT: Animals, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

TO : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., Leguile (1300K)

1. In accordance with the provisions of letter, HQ A.A.I., 1046/1/Q1 dated 19 April 1944 and letter Army Sub Commission, A.C.C., 6/1/5 dated 25 April 1944, the requisitioning of all serviceable mules, all serviceable riding horses under fifteen years of age and five hundred (500) draft horses has been initiated with Comando Militare della Sardegna.

2. In a report rendered by the Commanding General, Comando Militare della Sardegna as of 1 May 1944, the data relative to numbers of animals in various categories, as indicated in the table below, was submitted:

	HORSES		MULES		TOTAL
	Saddle	Draft	Pack	Draft	
(a) No. of animals available to the Allies	805	500	792	452	2,549
(b) No. of animals to be fed on full service ration scale	805	500	792	452	2,549
(c) No. horses remaining with Italian Army		581			581
(d) No. of animals to be fed on 2/3 service ration scale		581			581
(e) No. of animals to be destroyed or handed over to farmers	126	257	251	109	673

The above data include three hundred and forty five (345) of the four hundred (400) saddle horses previously ordered requisitioned from Comando Militare della Sardegna by A.P.O. 9 February 1944 and three hundred and thirty nine (339) mules already allocated to Allies, held here awaiting shipment.

3. The actual availability of animals reported above is qualified in the report of the Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia due to necessities for local use which he outlines as follows:

"OUR NEEDS"

a. Requirement of animals in order to assure a minimum of operation of service for the units left on the island.
(Detailed sheet is attached) 800
Even conforming with the above minimum a shortage of (800 less 381) 419 animals will occur.

b. In case that the needs of the 100/22 horse-drawn groups of the 204th and 220th Division and of the Grenadiers Groups were taken into account, the needs would be as follows:

HORSES	SADDLE	DRAFT
204th Division	40	112
220th Division	40	112
Grenadiers Group	40	112
TOTALS	120	336

c. The 203rd and 205th Divisions have not been considered, since the two above Divisions will be disbanded after the formation of the battalions for the guard service and laborers.

CONCLUSION:

As has been said in the preceding paragraph, for our needs, we would require 120 saddle horses and 1,136 draft horses (800 + 336). If that were granted, the following animals could be released to the Allies:

1,244 Mules (including the 336 already released and awaiting embarkation)

336 Saddle Horses (including the 345 already released and awaiting embarkation)

Draft Horses None (there is already a shortage of 55 draft horses, on the basis of our requirements (1,136 less 1,081).

In the case that the sending of the 500 draft horses to the Middle-East be found necessary, it will be necessary that they should be replaced by an equal number of mules, which would then be reduced to 744 (1,244 less 500)."

4. With reference to paragraph 4, letter Army Sub Commission referred to above, the following list includes the minimum personnel necessary to place in effect the requisitioning, classification, feeding, and shipment of animals required.

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- 1 - Officer in charge (with remount or similar experience)
- 1 - Veterinary Officer
- 4 - H.C. Co' with animal management experience
- 4 - Privates with animal management experience
- 1 - H.C. Co. with veterinary technician qualifications

5. It is requested that instructions be issued to Italian Command and this office simultaneously as soon as final decision is reached. Copy of breakdown of eight hundred (800) animals for local administrative use inclosed. Also inclosed is copy of signal from this office concerning allotment of shipping space for animals.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

2 Incls.

- 1 - breakdown of 800 animals
- 2 - copy of cable

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PRIORITY 021747 E SECRET

SIGNED CG NATOUSA CITE NATPN

TO FOR ACTION CG SOS NATOUSA AND ADNAP FOR DCOT AND TO FOR INFO CG PBS
AND FALCON

F 40550

MULE SHIP CHATEAU LATOUR UPON COMPLETION OF DUKE DISCHARGE THEN PROCEEDS
TO LEVY. AT LEVY VESSEL LOADS MULES AND PERSONNEL FOR VOYAGE TO DUKE AGAIN.

RESRIPT 3 MAY 1944 /rro

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PRIORITY CONFIDENTIAL 010820 B
FROM FILPOT
TO ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA FOR ACTION
FOR INFORMATION PEN BASE ADNAP AND FREEDOM
CITE Q 1098

REFERENCE AFHQ F 39199 DATED 29 APRIL. HAVE YOU 100 REQUISITIONED
MULES AVAILABLE TO ALLOW COMPLETE LIFT TO BE USED.

RESRIPT VJT. 1 MAY 1944

answered AGS YONE 127 DATED 5 MAY 2374

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PRIORITY SECRET 291611B

SIGNED CINC CITE FHTPN

TO AAI FOR ACTION TO ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA, ADNAF, PENBASE AND CG
SCS NATOUSA FOR INFORMATION

F 39199

PRESENTLY SCHEDULE TO LIFT 450 HORSES, 450 MULES REPLACEMENTS, AND
200 ANIMALS OF THE NEMBO DIVISION FOLLOWS: CHATEAU LATOUR 300
(2 TRIPS), ANGLO AFRICAN 450, BOLTON HALL 420. TOTAL LIFT 1200.
TOTAL LIFT EXCEEDS ANIMALS AVAILABLE BY 100, CAN YOU FILL ADDITIONAL
100 OR SHOULD CHATEAU LATOUR BE CANCELLED

RESRIPT 30 APRIL 1944 /rrc

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answered AGS YOKK 127 DATED 5 MAY

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PRIORITY 282024B SECRET

TO ACTION ADMAP AND AGC SARDINIA INFO MIDEAST, MOVWIT, FILPOT AND
PENBASE

SIGNED CINC CITE FHGDM

F 38952

ANGLO AFRICAN IS PROCEEDING TO CAGLIARI TO LOAD 450 MULES IN ORDER
OF PRIORITY FOR NAPLES AGREED

RESRIPT /rro 29 APRIL 1944

*Ask 1141 (CINC)
ETA
Coordinate assembly of
mules with G-4, Capt Spragg, 8 C/17.5
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Subject:- Animals in SARDINIA

Col SIMMONS, Army Sub Comm, SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
Lequile (Lecce)
G/1/5
25 Apr 44

Copy to:- Allied Garrison SARDINIA
H.Q., A.A.I.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from H.Q., A.A.I. ref 1046/1/41 dated 19 April.
2. You are requested to implement these orders with the least possible delay.
3. Please inform this HQ as soon as possible:-
 - (a) No of animals, by types, which will be made available to the Allies.
 - (b) No of animals to be fed on full service ration scale.
 - (c) No of animals to be fed on 2/3rds Service ration scale.
 - (d) No of animals to be destroyed.
 - (e) No of horses remaining with Italian Army.
 - (f) Dates by which animals can be made ready for shipment and their numbers by types.
4. If you require the services of the vet mentioned in para 3 of the attached letter please signal direct to HQ, AAI with a copy to this HQ.

cc

Colonel for
Maj Gen.
Army Sub Comm., **3071**

FILE: HVLES

SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/1/5
25 Apr 44

S M R E

Copy to:- Col SIMMONS,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C. SARDINIA

1. To meet the urgent requirements of the Allies orders are being issued to Col SIMMONS, Army Sub Commission representative in SARDINIA, to requisition all military mules and riding horses and a proportion of the military draught horses on the island.
2. In order to allow all mules to be requisitioned, draught horses will have to be substituted for mules for garrison duties.
3. A total of 500 draught horses are required for shipment to the Middle East.
4. To avoid unnecessary shipments of forage to SARDINIA you are requested to issue orders that all horses over 15 years of age and any mules or horses which are unserviceable through emaciation or other causes shall be destroyed and used for food.
5. Arrangements are in hand for the provision of forage for those animals that will be left and for those requisitioned, pending shipment.

This will take place as early as can be arranged.

6. Please advise your HQ in SARDINIA as soon as possible in order that these orders may be put into effect.

ABC

Recd 1700
27 April 1944
VJ/T

[Signature]
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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COPY

SUBJECT: Animals in SARDINIA

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1046/1/41

19 Apr 44

Reference our 1046/1/41 dated 3 Apr 44 to AFHQ copy to you.

1. (a) It is requested that you have requisitioned for the use of the Allied Forces all mules and riding horses and a proportion of the draught horses remaining in SARDINIA. In order to allow of all mules being requisitioned it is suggested that draught horses should be used for garrison duties.

(b) The figures which have been quoted are 587 mules and 1063 riding horses. It is thought that these figures may not be accurate so far as requisitioning is concerned. Will you therefore please inform this HQ when and in what numbers the animals will be available in order that a priority may be allotted for calling forward. Mules are required before horses.

(c) A total of 500 draught horses are required for shipment to MIDEAST.

(d) Animals requisitioned can be accepted on the Mainland at any time.

2. Arrangements are in hand for provisioning of forage. Will you please make arrangements to have all animals which have been requisitioned for Allied use fed on full Field Scale Ration. Pending their being requisitioned all Italian Army animals should be fed on 2/3rd Field Ration Scale. Reference AFHQ letter para 4(c) will you please supply the necessary information. Reference para 4(d) will you please ensure that the Italian Army animals are not fed at the expense of those requisitioned.

3. It is requested that you make arrangements to have any horses over 15 years of age and any mules or horses which are unserviceable through emasculation or other causes destroyed forthwith and used for food. A veterinary officer to assist in this could be provided from the Mainland.

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signed xxxxxxxx Maj

for
Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

Copy to:- AFHQ (Q Maint)
G(ED) ref para 1(b)
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V & RS

Recd 1700
27 April 1944
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- (c) 4 total of 500 draught horses are required for shipment to MIDWEST.
- (d) Animals requisitioned can be accepted on the Mainland at any time.

2. Arrangements are in hand for provisioning of forage. Will you please make arrangements to have all animals which have been requisitioned for Allied use fed on full Field Scale Ration. Pending their being requisitioned all Italian Army animals should be fed on 2/3rd Field Ration Scale. Reference AFHQ letter para 4(c) will you please supply the necessary information. Reference para 4(d) will you please ensure that the Italian Army animals are not fed at the expense of those requisitioned.

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16 APRIL 1944

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ARMY SUBCOMMISSION CMA AGC Date

Headquarters of ~~PROCESSED~~

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PRECEDENCE FOR HAMPTON RPT AAI

Security Classification

TO:

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AGC YORK 115

From:

Originator's

Reference Number

~~REFERENCE PARAGRAPH ONE DATED ONE EIGHT ONE NINE APRIL ONE ZERO FOUR SIX~~

SIABT ONE SLANT QUINCE ONE DATED ONE NINE APRIL CLE ARE RULES IN ADDITION

TO SPECIAL ONE ZERO ZERO REQUIRED BEFORE FOUR ZERO ZERO HORSES IN SERIAL

ONE ZERO ONE QUINCY

ACC SIGNED SIMONS

ASS YORK 115

From:

Originator's

Reference Number

~~REFERENCE PARAGRAPH ONE DATED ONE LASTING ABLE FROM ONE ZERO FOUR SIX~~

SIANT ONE SLANT QUEEN ONE DATED ONE NINE APRIL CLM ARE HULES IN ADDITION

TO SERIAL ONE ZERO ZERO REQUIRED BEFORE FOUR ZERO ZERO HOMES IN SERIAL

ONE ZERO ONE QUIN

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F. L. SIMONS

COLONEL

INFANTRY

F. L. SIMONS

COLONEL

INFANTRY

Prepared by (name)

(rank) (org)

Authenticated by (name)

(rank) (org)

FILE: HULES (SERIES)

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 232019B SECRET

SIGNED CINC CITE FHGDM

ACTION CG SOS NATCUSA INFO CG NORBASE ATT TRANSPORTATION OFFICER AGS

FALCON CG FENBASE ADNAP

F 36613

FURTHER MY F 36152 OF 22 APRIL AND NORBASE 1115 OF 21 APRIL BOLTON HALL
TO BE REFITTED SOONEST AND LOAD WITH MULES FOR DUKO

RESRIPT 24 APRIL 1944 /rro

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no record signal F 36152 of 22 April
1115 21 April 4.

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gc/RESQRIPT 19 APRIL 1944

ROUTINE 190850H CONFIDENTIAL

FROM FILPOT

TO ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA PLEASE PASS TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS

FOR ACTION INFO TO MMIA, FREEDOM WX

CITE Q 1026

YOUR LETTER DATED 1 APRIL ON SUBJECT REPLACEMENT MULES.

SHIP BEST MULES POSSIBLE.

ARRANGEMENTS IN HAND TO REQUISITION ALL MULES ON SARDINIA.

LETTER FOLLOWS WHEN ARRANGEMENTS FINALISED,

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RESCRIPT 10 APRIL 1944

PRIORITY 101100 B SECRET

FROM FLAMBO TO FOR ACTION FREEDOM INFO OF SOS NATOUSA, PENBASE,
FALCON, NORBASE CITE USTN-590/29276

REFERENCE YOUR F 29791 CITE FHTPN DATED 9 APRIL CANCEL USTN-577/28687
DATED 7 APRIL. AGREED BOLTON HALL UPON COMPLETION DISCHARGE PADU LOADS
BALANCE 4TH DIVISION AT PADU DESTINATION DUKE AND ON SUBSEQUENT TRIP
SAILS LEVY TO LIFT REPLACEMENT MULES DESTINATION DUKE.
ALSO AGREED CHATEAU LABOUR MAKES ONE TRIP LEVY TO DUKE LIFTING 165
MULES ADVISE DESTINATION CHATEAU LATOUR UPON COMPLETION DISCHARGE
DUKE. LUCRINO NOW LOADING AT DUKE DESTINATION LEVY.

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RESCRIPT JT 10/4/44

PRIORITY 091510 B SECRET

TO FLAMBO FOR ACTION

TO CG SOS NATOUSA, AAI, FALCON AND PENBASE FOR INFORMATION

SIGNED C-IN-C FHTPN

F 29791

WITH REFERENCE OUR F 28431 OF 6 APRIL. CANCEL FORGOING MESSAGE.
NEW INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWS: BOLTON HALL CANCELLED FROM SCHEDULED
LIFT OF 528 MULES EX SARDINIA. NOW NECESSARY TO USE BOLTON HALL
FOR COMPLETION OF 4 DMM EX CORSICA. LATOUR WITH A LIFT OF 165
HAS BEEN ASSIGNED FOR ONE TRIP SARDINIA TO NAPLES AND UPON
COMPLETION OF DISCHARGE OF BOLTON HALL AT DUKO VESSEL WILL LIFT
BALANCE OF MULES EX SARDINIA

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COPY
11 April 1944

BY FAST AIR

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

AFHQ/3310/Q(MAINT)

9 April 1944

SUBJECT:- Animals in SARDINIA

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

1. Reference your 1046/1/Q1 of 3 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 1068 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.

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

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

(11) 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 SARDINIA.

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 600 light draught animals to be moved to M.E.

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

Copy to: MMIA
CG AGS
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G-4 (A)
G-4 (B)
G-4(Mov & Tn)
D. S. T.
Q. M.
M. G. S.
V. & RS

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

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/rrc RESCRIPT 8 APRIL 1944

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 071700B SECRET

FROM FLAMBO

TO FREEDOM INFO SOS NATOUA, PENBASE, FALCON, NORBASE

CITE USTN-577/28687

REF YOUR F 28431 CITE FHTTN DATED 6 APRIL.

BOLTON HALL NOW LOADING DUKO ACCOUNT AIR CORPS FOR PADU. NORBASE

IS REQUESTED DISPATCH THIS VESSEL UPON COMPLETION DISCHARGE PADU

TO LEVY WHERE SHE WILL LOAD 450 REPLACEMENT MULES, DESTINATION DUKO.

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Mules
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Refers to cable 061734 B

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/rro RESCRIPT 8 APRIL 1944

PRIORITY Q71415B SECRET

TO FOR ACTION CG SOS NATOUA AND FLAMBO FOR DCOT AND TO FOR INFO

CG PBS AND EALCON

SIGNED CINC

CITE FHTPN F 28768

MULE VESSEL CHATEAU LATOUR UPON COMPLETION OF DUKO DISCHARGE
THEN PROCEEDS TO CAGLIARI. AT CAGLIARI LOADS MULES AND PER-
SONNEL FOR VOYAGE TO DUKO DESTINATION.

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RESERPT VJT. 7 APRIL 1944

PRIORITY 061734 B

TO FLAMBO FOR ACTION

TO AAI, FALCON, PENBASE AND CG SOS NATOUA FOR INFORMATION

SIGNED C-IN-C CITE FHTPN

F 28431

LOAD REPLACEMENT MULES TOTALING 450 NOW AT SARDINIA ON BOLTON HALL.

VESSEL NOW DISCHARGING MULES AT NAPLES PORT. THIS REFERS TO F 25411

AND F 27483 THE LATTER TO SOS ONLY

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no record of above mentioned cables

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
G-4 TRANSPORTATION
APO 534

5 April 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Army Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Shipment of Animals to Italy.

SHIPPING ORDERS

NO. LIVE ANIMALS (MULES)

SOS QM-1119	600
SOS QM-1334	600
SOS QM-1335	<u>430</u>

TOTAL 1630

SHIPMENT RECORD

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SHIP NAME</u>	<u>MULES</u>	<u>HORSES</u>	<u>APPLICABLE S.O. NO.</u>
9/1/44	Indiana	723	**65	SOS QM-1119 (Comp) SOS QM-1334 (Partial-188)
6/3/44	MONT EVEREST	<u>376</u>		SOS QM-1334 (Partial-376)
	TOTAL MULES	1099		
	TOTAL HORSES	<u>65</u>		
	TOTAL ANIMALS	1164		

SHIPMENT STATUS

	Previously Shipped	1164
TO BE SHIPPED :	(SOS QM-1134	36
	(SOS QM-1335	<u>430</u>
		1630

**Accepted in lieu of mules.

J. C. Conine
J. C. CONINE
Major, T.C.
Transportation Officer

File - Mules -

Y Hls/vjt.

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

APR 12
1 March 1944

SUBJECT: Selection of Mules, Replacement

TO : Commanding General, Administrative Echelon, A.A.I.

1. Of four hundred and fifty five (455) mules awaiting shipment to Duko as the final complement of sixteen hundred and thirty (1630) mules requisitioned from Italian Forces in Sardinia in December, 1943, only about fifty (50) are considered by Veterinary Officers to be in satisfactory condition. Three hundred and twenty seven (327) other mules are being held by the Italian Forces in three groups as follows:

116 Artillery Group (Pesbo Div.)	158
58 Salmarie (Legnano Div.)	134
Monte Granero Battalion (Alpini)	35
	<u>327</u>

These mules are in much better condition as to size and health than any of the others.

2. Information requested as to whether Mt. Everest should be loaded with the best mules in Sardinia, which would include the 327 listed above, or whether the 455 now awaiting shipment should be loaded. Reply by radio signal requested with report to WHIA and A.F.H.Q., cite FIDCT. If mules now in three units listed above are to be loaded, directive for same should be forwarded to Comando Militare Sardegna through S.M.H.E.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

Copy to:
S.M.I.A., A.G.S.,
Genl

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ROUTINE 311000A SECRET

SIGNED CINC CITE FHTPN

TO FLAMBO FOR ACTION TO AAI, FALCON AND PENBASE FOR INFORMATION
F 25411

CONTEMPLATE USING MOUNT EVEREST AFTER COMPLETION OF REFITTING AT
GIEN AND DISCHARGING FRENCH REMOUNT DEPOT AT DUKO. REFERENCE YOUR
2818 OF 28 MARCH CITE Q 26114, MOVEMENT OF 450 MULES SARDINIA TO
ITALY. THIS VESSEL HAS THE CAPACITY TO COMPLETE THIS LIFT IN ONE
TRIP AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT SAME TIME ANY OTHER LIFT COULD BE
ARRANGED

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30/3/44 no record of above mentioned cables

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PRIORITY 301545A CONFIDENTIAL

FROM FLAMBO

FOR ACTION FREEDOM FOR INFORMATION AAI MMIA FAICON FOR SIMMONS FARGO
FOR MACFARLANE CITE Q /26670

YOUR F 2359 ARME DATED 27 MARCH KAXA B NOT TO ALL. PLEASE SEE OUR
Q 20637 DATED 3 MARCH. CONSIDER THAT ALL MULES EX SARDINIA WHICH
MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME SERVICEABLE FOR ALLIED ARMIES SHOULD BE SHIPPED
MAINLAND IRRESPECTIVE CONDITION AND THAT THESE ANIMALS SHOULD BE
FED PRIOR TO SHIPMENT. FULL REPLY FOLLOWS BY FAST AIR

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3/3/44 no record F 2359 of 27 March
" " L 22687 of 3 March

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To Memo 65-1

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Precedence PRIORITY Security Classification SECRET

To: MMIA RPT FLAMBO

From: SIMMONS AT FALCON Originator's
Reference Number AGS YOKE 72

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE TWO TWO MARCH CLM SUBJECT MULES AND HORSES PD
OF ONE SIX THREE ZERO MULES REQUESTED BY ALLIES CLM SIX TWO NINE SHIPPED
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FOUR ZERO ZERO SMALL TYPE RIDING HORSES AWAITING SHIPMENT

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Prepared by	3. D. MARTIN	MAJOR	C.M.P.
	(name)	(rank)	(org)
Authenticated by	F. I. SIMMONS	COLONEL	TREASURY
	(name)	(rank)	(org)

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PRIORITY 221615A CONFIDENTIAL

FROM MMIA TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS RPT FLAMEO CITE AQ 801

REFERENCE MMIA SIGNAL ST 79 OF 29 FEBRUARY AND FREEDOM SIGNAL 58812
FHGEQ OF 1 MARCH COPIES TO YOU.

SUBJECT HORSES AND MULES ITALIAN FORCES.

DO YOU AGREE WITH FACTS AND FIGURES GIVEN IN 58812 FHGEQ OF 1 MARCH ?
PLEASE REPORT EARLIEST HOW THE MATTER NOW STANDS GIVING FIGURES .

ACKNOWLEDGE

*No record signal ST 79 of 29 Feb
58812 FHGEQ refers to signal 012047 H*

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*Time and date graph
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REPORT ON A SURVEY OF MULES AND HORSES IN SARDINIA.

1. In accordance with instructions received from G(Maint) AFHQ, I arrived in Cagliari Sardinia on March 13th 1944 for the purpose of making a survey of Military Mules and Horses on the Island.
I reported my arrival and purpose to representatives of the Staff of the Commanding General Allied Garrison.

2. I interviewed the Italian Military Commander of Sardinia and obtained from him the following particulars of Military Mules and Horses on the Island:-

(a) Requisitioned and awaiting shipment to Italy for use of the Allied Armies:-

Mules..... 451.
Horses (Riders)..... 402.

(b) With Italian Organic Units and required for their fighting formations:-

Mules..... 587.
Horses (Riders)..... 1068.
Horses (Draught)..... 1751.
Total. 3406.

Note.- These figures were stated to be correct up to February 29th 1944. Many deaths have occurred since that date but no details were available.
According to the Italian Military Authorities all unserviceable animals had previously been destroyed so that the above figures represent serviceable animals according to Italian standards.

3. Points raised by the Italians in regard to these animals were as follows:-

(a) The majority of the mules formed part of the equipment of the 150 Units on the Island and consequently they were opposed to any further requisition by the Allies if the Italian Garrison of Sardinia was to remain effective.

(b) Opposition to requisition was also offered in respect of Mules and Draught Horses required for Unit and General Garrison Transport duties.

Of the total of 587 Mules, 372 form part of the equipment of 3 Mountain Units and if use is to be made of them, no requisition of their Mules would be possible.
The balance of 215 constitute Unit Transport for 150 different Units on Sub Units.

I therefore consider that the 215 could be made available for Allied use and replaced by Draught Horses.
Difficulties of collection and replacement would be considerable and in any case could not be effected until the Draught Horses are in a condition to be moved.

Baron (Magnum) Reg. 1131.

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4. As the animals were widely dispersed throughout Sardinia it was only possible in the time available to inspect a representative sample. Inspections of the following were carried out:-

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- (a) Requisitioned and awaiting shipment:-

Mules..... 451.
Horses (Riders)..... 326.
Details of inspections as at appendix "A2"

- (b) Not requisitioned and with Italian Units:-

Mules..... 531.
Horses (L.D. & Riders) 179.
Details of inspections as at appendix "B"

5. Grazing Facilities.

The Country as a whole is a sheep Country and the grass is only suitable for the maintenance of sheep. Where sheep have grazed there is little grass left for horses. The Country "dries up" towards the end of June and no grazing for Horses or Mules is available after that date.

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FILE: MULES (COPY: INSPECTION NOTES) --- 17 COL RIX

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The Horse and Mule situation as a whole in Sardinia may be reviewed as follows:-

- (a) A large proportion of the Military Horses and Mules exist in small groups of from 1 to 20 animals.
Such animals have maintained fair condition by making use of grazing and should continue to do so until the end of June.
- (b) Italian Animals held in large numbers such as those at Cagliari, Seirai and Sassari are in a deplorable condition owing to lack of forage.
Many are dying of starvation and will continue to do so unless forage is supplied.
7. Availability of forage from local resources.....Nil.
8. Civilian owned Mules and Horses.
Sardinia uses mostly Oxen and Horses for draught purposes and the Mule population is comparatively small.
The few seen were of good type and suitable for Military requirements.
Lt. Colonel. Long the British Co Director of the Allied Local Resources Board Sardinia has promised to obtain figures for the civilian owned Mules on the Island and will report in due course.

9. Recommendations.
(a) All animals requisitioned or earmarked for the Allied Forces should be concentrated and shipped to the mainland as soon as possible.
While so concentrated their maintenance should be supervised by a detachment of qualified Allied Personnel quartered in the camp.
At present 2 U.S. Veterinary Officers are in charge and I do not consider this is adequate without a detachment of O.R. personnel living on the spot.
- (b) All requisitioned animals should be branded, numbered and listed.
- (c) Whether or not a decision is taken to requisition part or all of the remaining animals, all should be provided with a subsistence ration of forage (2/3 Field Scale) to prevent a very bad state of affairs becoming even more deplorable and valuable livestock dying of starvation.

10. On March 19th 1944 I arrived in Naples and reported as above to D.D.V. & R.S. at H.Q. Admin Bebelon, A.A.I. and returned to Algiers on March 20th 1944.

March 21st 1944.
CLO

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DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS OF REGISTRATIONED ANIMALS.

SECRET(a) MULES 456

comprising approx. 40% A.T. and 60% M.A.

All intended for U.S. Army.

Location:- These animals are maintained by a detachment of Italian Army personnel in covered stables at SAN BARTOLOMEO, CAGLIARI.

Condition:- 25% Fair, requiring 2 months conditioning.

50% Poor.	"	3	"
25% Debility.	"	4-5	"

Age:- 8 to 18 years.

Forage:- Field Service scale of forage. (less salt).

No bedding was available.

Limited grazing facilities exist in the vicinity of the barracks.

Disease:- 16 cases of Psoroptic Mange were in isolation and undergoing treatment by Italian Veterinary Officers. It seems likely that other cases exist among the remainder.

Malleined 1943.

Shoeing, All mules were shod all round with high calkins on hind shoes.

Clipping, Some clipped all over; some unclipped.

Equipment, 1 Italian neck strap and rope per mule.

A total of 326 earmarked for registration on British Account.

Location:- CRISTANO, 262 Riders small type maintained by Gruppo Squadroni Cav. Sardegna.

Condition:- 25% Good, requiring 1 months conditioning.

25% Fair.

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(b) Horses 326. A total of 326 earmarked for requisition on British account.

Location:- ORISTANO. 262 Riders small type maintained by Gruppo Squadron Cav. Sardegna.

Condition:- 25% Good, requiring 1 months conditioning.

25% Fair. " 2 " "

50% Poor. " 3 " "

Age:- 6 to 16 years.

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Forage:- Field Service scale (less salt)

No bedding.

Disease:- 5 cases of Psoroptic Mange isolated and undergoing treatment by Italian Veterinary Officers.

Malleined:- January 1943. No reactors.

The Italian Veterinary Officer gave the impression of being keen and capable and stated that no cases of Epizootic Lymphangitis had occurred in the Squadron for 12 months.

Shoeing:- All horses were shod all round.

Clipping. All were unclipped, except those being treated for Mange.

Equipment. Italian head collars and head ropes in good repair.

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 General:- These animals were well maintained and of quite good type, and will improve in condition provided that the same scale of forage can continue to be supplied.

The horses will be grazed as soon as they are fit enough to be ridden the considerable distance to the grass area.

(11) MULES 4 miles from ORISTANO.

A farm in course of preparation for the reception of 120 Riding horses was inspected.

It is adequate in every respect and surrounded with sheep pasture.

The horses had not yet been collected and were scattered around the country, so no inspection of these was made. When concentrated in the farm, the animals will be maintained by a detachment of Gruppo Squadroni Cav. Sardegna.

(111) SAN MARTINO, CAGLIARI.

20 Riding Horses. Maintained by the same Italian personnel as the Mules in the same location.

Condition:- All poor 2 emaciated.

Age:- 5 to 12 years.

Forage:- Field scale less salt.

No bedding.

Limited grazing facilities.

Diseases:- One unconfirmed case of Epizootic Lymphangitis isolated and under treatment by an Italian Veterinary Officer. Two cases of skin disease suspicious of Mange were pointed out and are now under investigation.

Shoeing:- Shod all round.

Clipping:- Some clipped, some unclipped.

Equipment:- Neck straps, headcollars and ropes in fair repair.

General:- These animals have suffered severely from lack of forage and bad management.

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Appendix "B"
DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS OF ANIMALS NOT REQUISITIONED AND REMAINING WITH ITALIAN UNITS.

Horses and mules at the following locations and units were inspected.

(i) SAN BARTOLOMEO, with 58 Reparto Legnano Div.

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<u>MULES.</u>	<u>HORSES.</u>
A.T. 40.	Riders. 31.
M.A. 90.	L.D. 51.

Condition:- Fair. (M.A.)
A.T. all poor.
L.D. Horses. some extremely emaciated and dying of starvation.

Age:- 8 to 14 years.

Forage:- None supplied from Allied Sources and small quantity of straw ex Italian Army being fed. Limited grazing.

Disease:- Dermatitis suspicious of Mange was noticed in a number of these animals.

Clipping:- Mostly clipped.

(ii) IGLESIAS, with 45 Inf. Div.

<u>MULES.</u>	<u>HORSES.</u>
A.T. 21.	Riders. 27.
M.A. -	L.D. -

Condition:- All were very poor, some emaciated. The horses were in a deplorable condition.

Forage:- Small quantities of straw being fed. No advantage was taken of the limited grazing available.

(iii) INVERIGO, with 116 Gruppo 75/13 Montegrupo Div. (Alpine Troops)

Mules, M.A. = 165. Horses, M.A. = 34.

Condition:- These were all in fairly good condition, clean and well cared for. The utmost use was made of the available grazing.

Age:- 8 to 14 years.

(iv) MONTEBELLUNA, with Reparto Carlini.

Disease:- Dermalitis suspicious of mange was noticed in a number of these animals.

Clipping:- Mostly clipped.

(iii) IGLESIAS, with 45 Inf. Div.

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Condition:- These were all in fairly good condition, clean and well cared for. The utmost use was made of the available grazing.

Age:- 8 to 14 years.

(iv) MISTRORE, with Reparto Carifrio.

Mules = M.A. 3. A.T. 12.

Condition:- Fair.

Forage:- Nil. Occasionally a little straw. Grazing continually.

General:- These animals were not included in the Location statement supplied by Italian H.Q., but were discovered by chance.

(v) VILLASOR, with 552 Bnt. 203 Inf. Div.

Horses 8. Riders.

Condition:- Fair.

Forage:- Straw and small quantity of oats.

(vi) ORISTANO, Gruppo Squadrono Cav. Sardegna.

Horses 28. Riders. Conditions:- Poor.

The majority of these animals are serviceable in regard to type, age and conformation but all are in very low condition.

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THE MILITARY HQS. OF SARDINIA (XIII A. C.)
ORGANIZATION OFFICE

FILE NO. 3381/B.

P.M. 50.
April 1, 1944

SUBJECT: Animals.

TO : Allied Garrison Hqs. Elmas.
(For Col. Simmons).

In reference to the verbal request from your Hqs, it is hereby advised that all the animals that the Italian units left behind in Corsica have been handed over to the French authorities.

The total number of the consigned animals is the following:

- 347 horses.
- 2476 mules.

None of the Italian units at present in Corsica is in possession of or is using any animals.

The Chief of Staff
Col. Gavino Ledda

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*File: Mules
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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (NMI C.A.)

Ufficio Ordinamento

n° **3381/B**/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 30, 1 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Quadrupedi.-

AL COMANDO GUARNIGIONE ALLEGATA DI

(per il Col. Simmons)

E L M A S

In relazione alla richiesta verbale di codesto Comando, si comunica che i quadrupedi che i reparti italiani hanno lasciato in Corsica sono stati tutti ceduti alle autorità francesi.

Il numero totale delle cessioni effettuate è di:

- n° 342 cavalli

- " 2476 muli.-

Nessuno dei reparti italiani attualmente in Corsica ha in dotazione o impiega comunque quadrupedi.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

-Col. di S.M. Gavino Leode-

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PRIORITY 212001A

SECRET M/C NO. 8

SIGNED C IN C CITE FHTPN TO AAI FOR ACTION TO CG SOS NATOUA,
FALCON PASS TO 310 SERVICE GROUP, PENBASE FOR INFORMATION

MOVEMENT OF MULES IS SUBJECT. PRIORITY OF REPLACEMENT MULES E X
SARDINIA WAS REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 8 OUR 60018 OF 4 MARCH.
SOS REPORTS 528 MULES ARE READY FOR SHIPMENT NOW AND IS PRESSING
FOR A APPROXIMATE DATE OF MOVEMENT WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON PRIORITY
YOU ASSIGN

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*No record cable 60018 of 4 March
referred to above.*

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PRIORITY 2018/2 A SECRET

FROM CG SOS NATOUSA SIGNED LARKIN

FOR ACTION FALCON PASS TO 310 SERVICE GROUP FOR INFO, ^{CG}NATOUSA;

CG PEN BASE CITE SSTPH 337

MOVEMENT OF MULES IS TOPIC. HAVE ISSUED 3 SHIPPING ORDERS COVERING
1630 MULES BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

QUARTERMASTER - 1111194 600 MULES, QUARTERMASTER - 1334 FOR 600
MULES, AND QUARTERMASTER - 1335 FOR 430 MULES. REPORTED SHIPPED
BY 310 SERVICE GROUP ARE 600 MULES ON INDIANA OF 9 JANUARY
COMPLETE ORDER QUARTERMASTER 1119; AND 126 MULES ON INDIANA ON
9 JANUARY PLUS 376 MULES ON MOUNT EVEREST IN MARCH MAKING TOTAL
502 MULES SHIPPED AGAINST QUARTERMASTER - 1334. ALSO REPORTED
SHIPPED ARE 129 HORSES. ASSUME THESE HORSES DO NOT APPLY
AGAINST SOS SHIPPING ORDERS. MULES REMAINING UNSHIPED ARE
THE 430 MULES ON SHIPPING ORDER QUARTERMASTER - 1335, AND 98
MULES ON SHIPPING ORDER QUARTERMASTER - 1334, OR TOTAL OF 528
MULES TO BE SHIPPED.

TO COMMANDING GENERAL NATOUSA ONLY: REQUEST ALLOCATION OF LIFT
FASTEST POSSIBLE, WITH ADVICE TO SOS, PEN BASE, AND 310 SERVICE
GROUP OF NOMINATION

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

20 March 1944

SUBJECT: Transport

TO : C.G. Army Sub-commission, A.C.C.

1. Reference is made to your G/11/1/22 dated 7 March 44.
 Following information on trucks and staff cars furnished by Intendenza Militare Sardegna as of 20 Feb 1944.

a. Trucks:	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
Small van trucks	22	12	34
Auto trucks	1586	1073	2659
Special auto trucks	111	56	167
Small trucks	54	19	53

b. Staff cars:	Serviceable	Unserviceable	Total
	223	133	356

c. Horses: Following information on horses furnished by Intendenza Militare Sardegna as of 29 Feb 44:

Saddle horses: 1470 Draft horses: 1751 Total: 3221.
 Four hundred two (402) of total horses requested by Allies.

d. Following information on mules furnished by Intendenza Militare Sardegna as of 15 March 1944:

Mules: 455 mules requested by Allies awaiting shipment.
 587 mules remaining with Italian Army.
 1042 Total

2. As of 19 March, Lt Tommasi, officer in charge of motor transport of Gen Lazzarini's headquarters, states that the Italian Army in Corsica had under its control the following vehicles:

Staff cars	Fiat	13	(5)
Truck, light	Spa L29	1	(1)
Truck, medium	Fiat	8	
	Spa 308	7	
	Spa Devunque 35	4	(15)
Truck, heavy	Lancia 3 RO	5	
	Fiat 666	1	
	O.H. Titamus	1	
Truck, wrecker	(seccoreo) Spa 38	1	(1) crane
Mobile repair shop		1	(1) broken
Trailer		1	(1)
Ambulances		10	(10)
Motorcycles		14	(3)

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Definite information as to the number of above vehicles which can be put in good running order was unobtainable as the officer in charge of the vehicles, Lieut Tommasi, claims he has not yet had time to inspect them, his mobile repair unit having moved into the present location only about two weeks ago. The best estimates made appear in parenthesis in the above list. Lieut Tommasi claimed that no repair materials are on hand, the French having taken all repair materials on the island. The above vehicles have been earmarked for shipment to Sardinia. The claimed reason why these vehicles are so poor is that the French authorities after inspecting all of the Italian vehicles, selected the best for themselves.

In addition to the above vehicles, the Italians have under their control at present, and available for their use, but earmarked for transfer to the French, the following vehicles:

Staff cars.....	8
Truck, light.....	33
Truck, heavy.....	30
Truck, medium.....	18
Motorcycles.....	20
Motocycles (three wheeler).....	48
Autobus.....	1
Water truck.....	2

All of these vehicles are claimed to be in good running order.

3. As of the 17th of March, Capt Mauchi, Acting Chief of Staff for Gen Lazzarini of the Italian Army in Corsica, states that they have no horses or mules.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SUBJECT: Lpt.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (INDIA)
LEQUILE (LEGGE)
G/11/1/22
7 Mar 44

S.M.R.E.

Copy to :

No 1 District

Col. Simmons H.Q. Allied Comd. SARDINIA

1. Will you please let us know as soon as possible the numbers and details of (a) Trucks (b) Staff cars (c) Horses (d) Mules in:

- (i) SARDINIA
- (ii) SICILY
- (iii) CORSICA (if possible)

2. Will you please include the above in your SITUAZIONE DEI REPARTI in future as in the case of MAINLAND troops.

CGL.

*attach to
letter
20 MARCH*

Halbuchman Dunlop
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Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Y LAG/rro

Allied Force Headquarters
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Land Forces Sub-commission
 A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

18 March 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Inspection Tour

TO : Col. Simmons, ACCLPSC

March 8. Visited Gruppo Squadrone Cavalleggeri at ORISTANO with Lt. Miller, Vet. officer, to inspect 262 horses requested for use by the Allies. The horses were in good condition and were extremely well taken care of.

March 9. Went to Intendenza at CAGLIARI and received 200 halters and 250 chains needed to equip mules requested by Allies and concentrated at SAN BARTOLOMEO.

March 10. Conference with Major Cadeddu, C.O. of Gruppo Squadrone Cavalleggeri and Lt. Miller at ORISTANO concerning the possibility of his taking care of an additional 140 horses at his camp. This latter number represents balance of horses requested by Allies and still remaining on Sardinia. The advantages of such a plan would (1) Concentrate all horses requested by Allies in one place, (2) The feeding of the animals would thus be simplified. Major Cadeddu agreed to the added responsibilities and stated that he would make a list of all requirements and present them to me at Cagliari on March 12. He gave me as an initial basis, the following information: (1) Sheds available at TANCA SPINALEA, 7 km. East of ORISTANO, capable of covering 140 horses (2) A detail of 70 men and 1 officer needed to administer the new camp.

March 11. On the basis of conference with Major Cadeddu, presented my case to Col. Harding, G-4. Col. Harding stated that sheds at TANCA SPINALEA could be ready for use by March 20. He told me to contact Lt. Monami at Italian Air Force Headquarters who would furnish men and materials required to set up the new camp.

March 12. Conference with Major Cadeddu, Lt. Monami, Capt. Maniscalco and Lt. Miller at Italian Headquarters. Capt. Maniscalco stated that he could send the necessary personnel and could effect the movement of horses requested for use by the Allies to TANCA

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SPINALBA by March 21-23. Accompanied Major Gadeddu, Lt. Wonani, Lt. Miller to TANKA SPINALBA to make a final survey of the sheds and pasture land available.

March 13. Accompanied Lt. Col. Rix, Veterinary and Remount Section, AFHQ, to SAN BARTOLOMEO to inspect mules which have not as yet been requested for use by the Allies. All of the animals inspected were in poor condition and were undernourished.

March 15. Accompanied Lt. Col. Rix and Lt. Miller to 552 Battalion at VILLASOR to inspect 8 horses, 2 of which had already been requested for use by the Allies. The animals were in a fair condition. They are being fed 3 pounds of oats and 1 1/2 pounds of hay per day.

LOUIS A. GERUTTI,
Capt, Cavalry.

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

19 March 1944

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Mules and Horses in Corsica

TO : Col. Simmons

The Italians have no mules or horses. Their claimed disposition is shown in list attached hereto marked 1.

JEROME KESSNER.
Lt. Col., Inf.

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*From original: make
copy for Lt. Kessner*

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SITUAZIONE QUADRUPEDI

	Cavalli	Muli	Totale
Quadrupedi consegnati alle AA. Milit. Francesi	342	2676	2618
Quadrupedi trasferiti in Sardegna	291	311	602
Quadrupedi deceduti o abbattuti (after the operations)	101	72	173
Quadrupedi venduti da riforma prima della consegna alle AA. Milit. Francesi	20	67	87
TOTALI	1. 754	2926	3680
Situazione originale quadrupedi esistenti in Corsica	2. 903	3107	4010

(as shown on records prior to military
operation--Differences 1. and 2. caused by
losses in operation)

All transfers completed prior to end of 1943.

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ALLIED GARRISON OF CARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 65-1

Msg Center No. (de not use) Date 17 MARCH 1944

Headquarters of Origin LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION CHA ACC

Precedence PRIORITY Security Classification SECRET

To: MILA CITE QUEEN SEVEN FIVE EIGHT RPT FLAMBO CHA FATHA CHA

FREEDOM CITE FHGCT

From: SIMMONS AT FALCON Originator's Reference Number ACS YORK 64

FOUR FIVE FIVE MULES REQUESTED BY ALLIES NOW AWAITING MEET LEFT TO DUKO PD
FIVE EIGHT SEVEN MULES REMAINING HERE IN ITALIAN ARMY PD TWO ONE FIVE
NEEDED FOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION PD BALANCE OF THREE SEVEN TWO REMAINING PD
NEW SUBJECT PD AUTHORITY CAPO SUGAR MIKE ROGER EAST CHA CHARLIE MIKE SUGAR
HOLDING FOR SHIPMENT CLN ONE FIVE EIGHT FOR MEMMO DIVISION CHA ONE THREE
FOUR FOR LERNANO DIVISION AND EIGHT ZERO FOR MONTEGRANERO RN PD NONE LEFT
FOR ANY FURTHER REQUEST BY ALLIES

To: MIIA CITE QUEEN SEVEN FIVE EIGHT RPT PLAMBO CMA PATINA CMA

FREEDOM CITE FRGCT

From: SIMMONS AT FALCON

Originator's
Reference Number AGS YOKB 64

FOUR FIVE FIVE MULES REQUESTED BY ALLIES NOW AWAITING NEXT LIFT TO DUKO PD
FIVE EIGHT SEVEN MULES REMAINING HERE IN ITALIAN ARMY PD TWO ONE FIVE
NEEDED FOR INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION PD BALANCE OF THREE SEVEN TWO REMAINING PD
NEW SUBJECT PD AUTHORITY CAPO SUGAR MIKE ROGER EASY CMA CHARLIE MIKE SUGAR
HOLDING FOR SHIPMENT CLN ONE FIVE EIGHT FOR MEMBO DIVISION CMA ONE THREE
FOUR FOR LEGHANO DIVISION AND EIGHT ZERO FOR MONTEGRANERO BN PD NONE LEFT
FOR ANY FURTHER REQUEST BY ALLIES

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Prepared by S. D. MARTIN

MAJOR

C.M.P.

Authenticating by P. L. SIMMONS

COLONEL

INFANTRY FILE: MULES

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ROUTINE 15 NPT CONFIDENTIAL

TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS INFO FLAMBO
FROM MIA CITE Q 758

ADVISE TOTAL NUMBER OF ITALIAN ARMY MULES IN SARDINIA AND NUMBER
REQUIRED FOR USE OF ITALIAN ARMY UNITS IN SARDINIA. CAN BALANCE
BE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT TO MAINLAND WHEN SHIPPING BECOMES AVAIL-
ABLE. FLAMBO 89/Q2 REFERS

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File Mules

Mules situation on the Island of 15 MARCH 1944

Census as of 1 November 1943, they were NO. 3231

Sent to mainland :

- With the 1st Reparto <i>Motoleons</i> Salmeris.....	NO.	208	} left for continent for I, VII Amies
- With the 2nd " "	"	208	
- With the 4th " "	"	316	
- With the 5th " "	"	316	
Total....		1048	

Given to the American Command :

- Already sent to Mainland on 24th december 1943	NO.	629	- shipped
- " " " " 3rd January 1944	"	105	- shipped
- " " " " 4th March 1944	"	376	- not sent
- Still on the Island at the 16 adf. depot	"	424 (1)	} Legnano
- " " " " 13 genio	"	25	
- " " " " Gr. sq. cavalli	"	6	- ORSINI
Total :		1565 as per request of 21st december	

Still on the Island :

- With the 116 Gr. da 75/13 " Nembo Division "	NO.	158	- Iglesine
- " " 58 reparto "Legnano Division"	"	134	- San Bartolomeo
- " " Btg. alpini " Montegranero Division "	"	80	- 35 San Bart 45 Iglesine (Dep 45 24)
Total :		372	

Total mules shipped to the mainland, delivered to the American Command, and used by the alerted units on the Island..... NO. 3016

Still with the units " 215

Total : 3231 as per census as
of 1 November 43.

(1) Dead mules to be subtracted

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Situazione muli dell'Isola da 15 MARZO 1944

Con censimento alla data del 1° novembre 1943 erano n° 3231

Avviati nella penisola:

- con il 1° reparto salmerie	208
- con il 2°	208
- con il 4°	316
- con il 5°	316
Totale.....	1048

left for contents Army

Ceduti al Comando Americano:

- già avviati nella penisola il 24/12	629 shipped
- " " " 3/1	105 shipped
- " " " 4/3	376 MT Everest
- ancora nell'isola pr. il dep. 16° adf.	424 (1) } - Carlini
- " " " 43° genio	25
- " " " Gr. sq. cavall.	6
Totale	1565 come da richiesta del 21/12

Ancora nell'isola:

- in forza al 116 Gr. da 75/13 "Vembo"	158
- " " " 58 reparto "Legnano"	134
- " " " btg. alpini "Montegranero"	80
Totale	372

Totale muli avviati nella penisola, ceduti al Comando Americano e impiegati per i reparti in approntamento..... 3016

Ancora presso i reparti 215 (1)

Totale 3231 come da censimento del 1°/11/1943.

(1) - Sono da portare in diminuzione i decessi avvenuti nel frattempo.-

- già avviati nelle penisola il 24/12 . 629 *effici*
 - " " " 3/1 105 *suppl*
 - " " " 4/3 376 *MT Everest*
 - ancora nell'isola pr. il dep. 16° adf. 424 (1) } - *Cagliari*
 - " " " 43° genio 25
 - " " " Gr. sq. cavall. 6 *Oristano*
 Totale 1565 come da richiesta del 21/12

Ancora nell'isola :

- in forza al 116 Gr. da 75/13 "Membo" 158 *- Dflesim*
 - " " 58 reparto "Legnano" 134 *- D. Sant'Elia*
 - " " " btg. alpini "Montegranero" 80 *- 35° at 13a8 45 Dflesim (Dep 45 Df)*
 Totale 372

Totale muli avviati nella penisola, ceduti al Comando Americano e impiegati per i reparti in approntamento..... 3016

Ancora presso i reparti 215 (1)

Totale 3231 come da censimento del 1°/11/1943.

(1) - Sono da portare in diminuzione i decessi avvenuti nel frattempo.-

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372
215
587

Total Station Campy mules not requested.

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ROUTINE 141700A CONFIDENTIAL

FROM FLAMBO

TO FREEDOM FOR ACTION RPTD FLACON, FARGO, MMIA FOR
INFO CITE Q/22991

REFERENCE YOUR 61651 DATED 8. LT COL RIX ON WAY TO
SARDINIA TO UNDERTAKE SURVEY. COL RIX REPORTING THIS
HQ ON COMPLETION. FULL REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED ON HIS
RETURN.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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*File: Personal
Lt. Col. Rix*

/rre 2 APRIL 1944

REPORT ON A SURVEY OF MULES AND HORSES IN SARDINIA

SECRET

1. In accordance with instructions received from Q(Vaint) AHFG, I arrived in Cagliari Sardinia on March 18th 1944 for the purpose of making a survey of Military Mules and Horses on the island.

I reported my arrival and purpose to representatives of the staff of the Commanding General Allied Garrison.

2. I interviewed the Italian Military Commander of Sardinia and obtained from him the following particulars of Military Mules and Horses on the Island:-

(a) Requisitioned and awaiting shipment to Italy for use of the Allied Armies:-

Mules.....451.
Horses (Riders)....402.

(b) With Italian Organic Units and required for their fighting Formations:-

Mules.....587
Horses (Riders).....1068
Horses (Draught).....1751
Total 3406

Note.-- These figures were stated to be correct up to February 29th 1944. Many deaths have occurred since that date but no details were available.

According to the Italian Military Authorities all unserviceable animals had previously been destroyed so that the above figures represent serviceable animals according to Italian standards.

3. Points raised by the Italians in regard to these animals were as follows:-

(a) The majority of the mules formed part of the equipment of the 150 Units on the Island and consequently they were opposed to any further requisition by the Allies if the Italian Garrison of Sardinia was to remain effective.

(b) Opposition to requisition was also offered in respect of Mules and Draught Horses required for Unit and General Garrison Transport duties.

Of the total of 587 Mules, 372 form part of the equipment of 3 Mountain Units and if use is to be made of them, no requisition of their Mules would be possible.

The balance of 215 constitute Unit Transport for 150 different Units or Sub Units.

I therefore consider that the 215 could be made available for Allied use and replaced by Draught Horses.

Difficulties of collection and replacement would be considerable and in any case could not be effected until the Draught Horses are in a condition to be moved.

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REPORT ON A SURVEY OF MULES AND HORSES IN SARDINIA Cont'd.

4. As the animals were widely dispersed throughout Sardinia, it was only possible in the time available to inspect a representative sample.

Inspections of the following were carried out:-

(a) Requisitioned and awaiting shipment:-

Mules.....451.

Horses (Riders).....326.

Details of inspection as at appendix "A"

(b) Not requisitioned and with Italian Units:-

Mules.....1331.

Horses (L.D. & Riders).....179.

Details of inspections as at Appendix "B".

5. Grazing Facilities

The country as a whole is a sheep country and the grass is only suitable for the maintenance of sheep.

Where sheep have grazed there is little grass left for horses.

The country "dries up" towards the end of June and no grazing for Horses or Mules is available after that date.

6. The Horse and Mule situation as a whole in Sardinia may be reviewed as follows:-

(a) A large proportion of the Military Horses and Mules exist in small groups of from 1 to 20 animals.

Such animals have maintained fair condition by making use of grazing and should continue to do so until the end of June.

(b) Italian Animals held in large numbers such as those at Cagliari, Seirai and Sassari are in a deplorable condition owing to lack of forage.

Many are dying of starvation and will continue to do so unless forage is supplied.

7. Availability of forage from local resources.....NIL.

8. Civilian Owned Mules and Horses

Sardinia uses mostly Oxen and Horses for draught purposes and the Mule population is comparatively small.

The few seen were of good type and suitable for Military requirements.

Lt. Colonel Long, the British Co-Director of the Allied Local Resources Board Sardinia, has promised to obtain figures for the civilian owned Mules on the Island and will report in due course.

9. Recommendations.

(a) All animals requisitioned or earmarked for the Allied Forces should be concentrated and shipped to the mainland as soon as possible.

REPORT ON A SURVEY OF MULES AND HORSES IN SARDINIA, Cont'd

While so concentrated their maintenance should be supervised by a detachment of qualified Allied Personnel quartered in the camp.

At present 2 U.S. Veterinary Officers are in charge and I do not consider this adequate without a detachment of O.P. personnel living on the spot.

(b) All requisitioned animals should be branded, numbered and listed.

(c) Whether or not a decision is taken to requisition part or all of the remaining animals, all should be provided with a subsistence ration of forage (2/3 Field Scale) to prevent a very bad state of affairs becoming even more deplorable and valuable livestock dying of starvation.

10. On March 16th 1944 I arrived in Naples and reported as above to D.D.V. & R.S. at H. Q. Ada. Echelon, A.A.I. and returned to Algiers on March 20, 1944

March 21st 1944.
CLC

/s/ J. C. RIX
Lt. Colonel, SAVC.
A.D.V. & R.S.
A.F.H.Q. M.N.A.F.

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Appendix "A"

DETAILS OF INSPECTIONS OF REQUISITIONED ANIMALS

(a) MULES 456 comprising approx. 40% A.T. and 60% M.A.

All intended for U.S. Army.

Location:- These animals are maintained by a detachment of Italian Army personnel in covered stables at SAN BARTOLOMEO, CAGLIARI.

Condition:- 25% Fair, requiring 2 months conditioning.

50% Poor, " 3 " y

25% Debility. " 4-5 " "

Age:- 6 to 18 years.

Forage:- Field Service scale of forage. (less salt).

No bedding was available.

Limited grazing facilities exist in the vicinity of the barracks.

Disease:- 16 cases of Paoroptic Mange were in isolation and undergoing treatment by Italian Veterinary Officers. It seems likely that other cases exist among the remainder.

Malloined 1943

Shoeing. All mules were shod all round with high calkins on hind shoes.

Clipping. Some clipped all over; some unclipped.

Equipment. 1 Italian neck strap and rope per mule.

(b) HORSES 326 A total of 326 earmarked for requisition on British Account.

Location:- ORISTANO. 262 Riders small type maintained by Gruppo Squadroni Cav. Sardegna.

Condition:- 25% Good, requiring 1 month conditioning.

25% Fair. " 2 " "

50% Poor. " 3 " "

Age:- 6 to 16 years.

Forage:- Field Service scale (less salt)

No bedding.

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Appendix "A", Cont'd

Diseases:- 5 cases of Psoroptic Mange isolated and undergoing treatment by Italian Veterinary Officers.

Valleined:-January 1943. No reactors.

The Italian Veterinary Officer gave the impression of being keen and capable and stated that no cases of Epithelial Lymphangitis had occurred in the Squadron for 12 months.

Shoeing:- All horses were shod all round.

Clipping:- All were clipped, except those being treated for Mange.

Equipment. Italian head collars and head ropes in good repair.

General:- These animals were well maintained and of quite good type, and will improve in condition provided that the same scale of forage can continue to be supplied.

The horses will be grazed as soon as they are fit enough to be ridden the considerable distance to the grass area.

(11) NUXIS 4 miles from ORISTANO.

A farm in course of preparation for the reception of 120 riding horses was inspected.

It is adequate in every respect and surrounded with sheep pasture.

The horses had not yet been collected and were scattered around the country, so no inspection of these was made. When concentrated in the farm, the animals will be maintained by a detachment of Gruppo Squadroni Cav. Sardegna.

(11) SAN BARTELOMEO, CAGLIARI.

20 Riding Horses. Maintained by the same Italian personnel as the Mules in the same location.

Condition:-All poor, 2 emaciated.

Age:- 8 to 12 years.

Forage:- No bedding.
Field scrub less salt.

Limited grazing facilities.

Appendix "A", Cont'd

Disease:- One unconfirmed case of Epizootic Lymphangitis isolated and under treatment by an Italian Veterinary Officer. Two cases of skin disease suspicious of Mange were pointed out and are now under investigation.

Shoeing:- Shod all round.

Clipping:- Some clipped, some unclipped.

Equipment:- Neck straps, head collars, and ropes in fair repair.

General:- These animals have suffered severely from lack of forage and bad management.

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Appendix "B"

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DETAILS OF INSPECTION OF ANIMALS NOT REQUISITIONED AND RATIONING WITH ITALIAN UNITS.

Horses and Mules at the following locations and Units were inspected.

(i) BAR BARTELOMO. with 58 Reparto Legnano Div.

	<u>MULES</u>			<u>HORSES</u>	
A.T.		M.A.	L.D.		Riders.
40.		90.	51.		51.

Condition:- Pair. (M.A.)
A.T. All poor.
L.D. horses, some extremely emaciated and dying of starvation.

Age:- 8 to 14 years.

Forage:- None supplied from Allied Sources and small quantity of straw ex Italian Army being fed. Limited grazing.

Disease:- Dermatitis suspicious of Mange was noticed in a number of these animals.

Clipping:- Mostly clipped.

(ii) IGLESIA. with 45 Inf. Div.

	<u>Mules</u>			<u>Horses</u>	
A.T.		M.A.	L.D.		Riders.
21		-	-		27

Condition:- All were very poor, some emaciated. The horses were in a deplorable condition.

Forage:- Small quantities of straw being fed. No advantage was taken of the limited grazing available.

(iii) INGLESIA. with 116 Gruppo 75/13 Montegarero Div. (Alpine Troops)

Mules. M.A. = 165 Horses, Riding = 54.

Condition:- These were all in fairly good condition, clean and well cared for. The utmost use was made of the available grazing.

Age:- 8 to 14 years.

(iv) MISTERONE. with Reparto Cariffio.

Mules = M.A. 3. A.T. = 12.

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Appendix "3", Cont'd.

Condition:-Fair.

Forage:- Nil. Occasionally a little straw.
Grazing continually.

General:- These animals were not included in the location statement supplied by Italian H.Q., but were discovered by chance.

(v) VILLASOR. with 552 Bn. 203 INF. DIV.

Horses, 8, Riders.

Condition:-Fair.

Forage:- ~~Straw~~ and small quantity of oats.

(vi) ORISTANO. Groupe Squadrone Cav. Sardegna.

Horses 28. Riders.

Condition:-Poor.

The majority of these animals are serviceable in regard to type, age and conformation, but all are in very low condition.

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ALLIED GARRISON OF CARDINIA
OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

ANNEX NO 2

To Memo 65-1

Msg Center No (do not use)

Date 9 MARCH 1944

Headquarters of Origin LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION CMA AGO

Precedence PRIORITY Security Classification SECRET

To: WETA

From: MARTIN FOR SHIMONS AT PALCON Originator's Reference Number AGS FORK 60

REFERENCE SUGAR DOG THREE ONE NINE DATED SEVEN MARCH PD
YOUR SUGAR DOG THREE SIX SEVEN NOT RECEIVED HERE PD LATEST SUGAR DOG
WE HAVE FROM YOU IS NUMBER THREE THREE ZERO PD REQUEST INFORMATION

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From: MARTIN FOR SIMMONS AT FALCON Originator's Reference Number ACS YORKE 60

REFERENCE SUGAR DOG THREE ONE NINE DATED SEVEN MARCH PD
YOUR SUGAR DOG THREE SIX SEVEN NOT RECEIVED HERE PD LATEST SUGAR DOG
WE HAVE FROM YOU IS NUMBER THREE THREE ZERO PD REQUEST INFORMATION

Prepared by S. D. MARTIN MAJOR (S.D.)
Authenticated by S. D. MARTIN MAJOR (S.D.)

File: Mules

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7 MARCH 1944

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 070115A

CRYPTO FREEDOM RELAY PARAPHRASE OF SD 319 FROM MMIA ADDRESSED TO FALCON
FOR SIMMONS

WITH COPY TO ACMF AND FLAMBO ANSWER OUR SD 367 FIRST PARAGRAPH

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File: Mule

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SECRET

YOUR 337 OF 3 MAR. FIGURE OF 4000 TO 5000 HORSES AND MULES IS NOT UNDERSTOOD IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS FIGURES OF SERVICEABLE ANIMALS NOTIFIED LAST DECEMBER AT TOTAL OF 3500 MULES AND 1500 HORSES OF WHICH 1988 MULES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED. THERE SHOULD THEREFORE REMAIN IN SARDINIA THE FOLLOWING SERVICEABLE ANIMALS: 842 MULES AND 400 HORSES STILL AWAITING SHIPMENT FOR ALLIED REQUIREMENTS IN ITALY, 670 MULES AND 1100 HORSES WITH ITALIAN FORCES IN SARDINIA . IF THERE ARE IN FACT ANY MORE MULES IN THE ISLAND SUGGEST THAT A NEW SURVEY BE UNDERTAKEN AT ONCE (A) TO REPORT FINAL NUMBERS TO BE MAINTAINED IN SARDINIA ON ALLIED ACCOUNT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES (B) PHASED FORAGE REQUIREMENTS (C) ANY OTHER MEASURES NECESSARY FOR LOOKING AFTER THEM. WILL SEND COL. RIX, V & R S TO REPORT ON CONDITION OF ANIMALS AWAITING SHIPMENT IF YOU AGREE. CITE FHGDQ, FHGDS, FHQME

Co-ord: QM
G-4(A)

G-3
G-4
G-4(B)
DST
QM
G-4(Mov & Tn)
V & RS

ROUTINE

Q(MAINT) 486

/s/ W.J. BARNISH, MAJOR
/s/ W.J. BARNISH, MAJOR,
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File: Mules

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ROUTINE 031815A

TO AFHQ INFO MILA-FALCON FOR SIMMONS, FARGO FOR MACFARLANE, AOMF CITE
Q 20637
FROM FLAMEO

REFERENCE FREEDOM 58812 DATED 1 MARCH. CONFIRMED MULE SUPPLY EX
SICILY AND AVAILABILITY OTHER SOURCES ADEQUATE PRESENT REQUIREMENTS.
CONFIRM NO FURTHER REQUISITIONING OF HORSES REQUIRED. DO NOT CON-
SIDER FUTURE MULE SITUATION ALLOWS US DISREGARD ANY SUPPLY MULES
AND CONSIDER ALL MULES EX SARDINIA WHICH MAY ALTIMATELY BECOME
SERVICEABLE BE SHIPPED MAINLAND IRRESPECTIVE PRESENT CONDITION.
ENSURE MULES EX SARDINIA ARE SHIPPED BEFORE HORSES.

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File: mules

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RESRIPT 7 MARCH 1944

ROUTINE 031644A

CITE FHDC FROM FREEDOM FOR ACTION TO MMIA INFO FLAMBO FALCON
FOR SIMMONS FARGO FOR MAC FARLANE ACMF.

REF THIS HQ MESSAGE 58812 DATED 1MARCH SUBJECT HORSES AND MULES IN SA*
RDINIA. FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION FOR INFORMATION. WORDS AFTER " SHIPPED
BEFORE APRIL AND " SHOULD BE VIDE AFHQ 57716 OF 28 FEBRUARY.

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File: mules

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RESCIPT

PRIORITY 012305A

TO CG ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA ATTENTION TRANSPORTATION OFFICER FOR
ACTION TO ACMT, CG CITY ADMINISTRATION FIVE ARMY REAR, CG PER
PAGE 350 AND FLASCO FOR INFORMATION

SIGNED CG MATCUSA CITE BATPR

LOAD ANIMALS AND EQUIPMENT OF CARABINIERI ASSEMBLED AT FALCON ON
MOUNT EVEREST, REFERENCE MESSAGE CG CITY ADMINISTRATION 5 ARMY REAR
25th DATED 1 FEBRUARY. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO REPLACEMENT ANIMALS PD
NEW SUBJECT: SHIP MOUNT EVEREST HAS BEEN DELAYED DUE TO REPAIRS AND NOW
EXPECTED TO SAIL IN AMS 160 HAPLES DESTINATION. THIS WILL DELAY LEFT
OF REPLACEMENT ANIMALS FROM LEVI TO DUKO PD APPROXIMATE ETA NOW
20 FEBRUARY THIS YEAR

*Notes
Carabinieri Horses
and (3)*

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*File C.C.R.R.
mt Everest*

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VJT. RESCRIPT 29 FEBRUARY 1944

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 281813 A

TO FALCON FOR ACTION TO ACMF, FLAMBO AND CG SOS NATOUSA FOR INFORMATION
SIGNED C-IN-C CITE FHTPN

ANIMAL SHIPMENTS TO THE MAINLAND OF ITALY REFERENCE YOUR WMD 1452, OF
27 FEBRUARY IS CONTROLLED ON A PRIORITY BASIS AS SET FORTH BY ACMF,
WHICH IN TURN IS EVACUATED IN TERMS OF NEED. THE SHIPPING PROGRAM AS
SET UP BY THIS HEADQUARTERS TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE PRIORITIES AND
ANIMALS FROM SARDINIA ARE BEING LIFTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PRIORITY
LIST. REGRET INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY LOSS OF SHIPS EITHER THROUGH
ENEMY ACTION OR MECHANICAL DIFFICULTIES BUT HIGHER PRIORITY ANIMALS
MUST BE SHIPPED FIRST. SHIP MOUNT EVEREST IS ENROUT TO LEVY FOR ONE
LIFT OF 450 ANIMALS TO DUKO. UPON DISCHARGE TO RETURN GLEN FOR MAJOR
REPAIRS. ANIMALS OF THE 4.M4 WILL FILL ALL AVAILABLE LIFT FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH, THEREFORE REMAINING 792 ANIMALS CANNOT BE MOVED BEFORE
THE MONTH OF APRIL. OWING TO THIS DELAY SUGGEST DISPERSING ALL ANIMALS
FOR GRAZING TO OVERCOME FORAGE SHORTAGE. NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE
SHIPPING WILL BE GIVEN IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW COLLECTION OF ANIMALS
TO EMBARKATION PORTS

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File: Mules

RESRIPT VJT 2 MARCH 1944

ROUTINE 012047 A

CITE FHGDQ FROM FREEDOM

FOR ACTION MMIA. FOR INFORMATION FLAMBO, SIMMONS, ^{Deigo} MACFARIANE, ACMF.
PARAPHRASE BY CRYPTO FREEDOM, MESSAGE IS IN DISARFANGED SEQUENCE OF
6 PARTS, HAS TO BE PUT IN PROPER COMPLETE NUMERICAL SEQUENCE FROM 1 TO 6.

PART I

FIGURE 5000 BY COL. SIMMONS NOT UNDERSTOOD. ORIGINAL FIGURE
SERVICEABLE MULES UNDERSTOOD TO BE 3500 FROM WHICH DEDUCT 1630
REQUISITIONED BY CG SOS NATCUSA OF WHICH 842 AWAITING SHIPMENT
4 ITALIAN PACK TROOPS FOR EX EACH 300 LEAVING BALANCE 670 MULES.
FABLE MESSAGE WM 742 OF 14 FEBRUARY VARIES NUMBER AWAITING SHIPMENT
AND STATES 360 EARMARKED BY ITALIAN ARMY FOR 1 PACK ARTILLERY GROUP
AND 1 PACK TPT GROUP AND APPROXIMATELY 300 SCATTERED THROUGH ITALIAN
UNITS TOTAL 660 WHICH AGREES BALANCE ABOVE.

PART II

HORSES ORIGINAL NUMBER REPORTED 1500 OF WHICH CG SOS NATCUSA
REQUISITIONED 400.

PART III

ANIMALS NOW AWAITING SHIPMENT 842 MULES 400 HORSES OF WHICH
APPROXIMATELY 450 DUE TO BE SHIPPED BY MOUNT EVEREST NOW ENROUTE
REMAINING 792 CANNOT BE SHIPPED BEFORE APRIL AND AFHQ 57716 OF FEB. 28
ORDERED TO BE DISPERSED TO FACILITATE GRAZING BUT THIS SHOULD NOT
BE CARRIED OUT UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

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ROUTINE 0120/7 (CONT'D)

PART IV

FORAGE FOR ANIMALS HELD AGAINST ALLIED ACCOUNT SHIPPED AS FOLLOWS
180 TONS GRAIN ON ROBERT OWEN ETA 7 MARCH, 200 TONS HAY ON COASTER
BALTIC ETA 12 MARCH WHICH ESTIMATED SHOULD PROVIDE 30 DAYS FEEDING
850 MULES AND 400 HORSES. [SUBJECT IS HORSES AND MULES IN SARDINIA
YOUR ST 79 OF 29 FEBRUARY 1944 REFERS.] NO RECORD ST 79 OF 24 FEB

PART V

FOR FLAMBO. WE ASSUME MULE SUPPLY BY PURCHASE EX SICILY AND
AVAILABILITIES OTHER SOURCES ADEQUATE FOR KNOWN REQUIREMENTS AND NO
INTENTION OBTAINING FURTHER MULES EX SARDINIA PARTICULARLY HAVING
REGARD SERVICEABILITY. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM. IN RESPECT HORSES WE
ASSUME NO FURTHER REQUISITIONING LIKELY. REQUEST YOU CONFIRM BEARING
IN MIND DIFFICULTY FORAGE POSITION.

PART VI

FOR MMIA. SUBJECT TO REPLIES BY FLAMBO; WE HAVE NO FURTHER
REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES OR MULES EX SARDINIA AND RECOMMEND THAT
ANIMALS UNABLE TO BE MAINTAINED BY ITALIANS SHOULD BE DESTROYED OR
OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF.

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OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 261156

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TO FLAMEO ATTENTION DCOT FOR ACTION

TO FALCON FOR INFORMATION

SHIP MOUNT EVEREST, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED, IS IN NEED OF MAJOR REPAIRS THEREBY NOT BEING ABLE TO MAKE THE SCHEDULED SARDINIA TRIP TO LIFT ANIMALS. REQUEST VERIFICATION, AND EXTENT OF REPAIRS NEEDED SO THAT THE ANIMAL SCHEDULED CAN BE REVISED ACCORDINGLY.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
G-4, TRANSPORTATION SECTION
APO 534

21 February 1944

SUBJECT: P.O.M (Mules to Mont Everest) S.O. QM-1334, S.O. QM-1335

TO : A.C.C., I.F.S.C., Representative in Sardinia, Attn: Col. F. L. Simmons

1. Movements of mules to Port Area has been scheduled as detailed below:

MULES	UNIT	LOCATION	LOAD	DEPART LOADING POINT	ARRIVE CAGLIARI
140	40th Art. Reg.	Sassari	PM 21 Feb.	0650 22 Feb.)	
105	Cav. Group Hq.	Oristano	Noon 22 Feb.	1300 22 Feb.)	1700 22 Feb.
60	236th Inf. Reg.	San Gavino	Noon 22 Feb.	1400 22 Feb.)	
30	295th Inf. Reg.	Iglesias	AM 23 Feb.	1500 23 Feb.	1700 23 Feb.
*50	22nd Inf. Reg.	Nuoro	AM 23 Feb.	0420 24 Feb.	1700 24 Feb.
35	226th Div. Hq.	Tempio	1300 23 Feb. (At Orschiri)	0855 24 Feb.	1700 25 Feb.

* - 22nd Inf. Reg. Loads Nuoro AM 23 Feb., Arrives Macomer 1300 23 Feb., Loads
Macomer ~~AM 24 Feb.~~ ^{Arrive} Departs Macomer 0420 24 Feb., Arrives Cagliari 1700 24 Feb.

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Major, T. C.
Transportation Officer

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17 February 1944

Military Headquarters of Sardinia (XIII C.A.)
Personnel Office

File No. 1033/B/Ord.

P.M. 50, 6 February 1944

Subject: Mules consigned to the Allied Command

To: The Allied Headquarters of Elmas

Near the various railway stations of the Island there are still centralised the echelons of mules recently assigned to your Command.
The improvised bivouacs and the reduced forage-rations in distribution, considering the very limited availability, it is advisable to transfer them out of the Island, this Command not being in condition to substitute the losses, already in great number, caused by death or by being taken into the infirmary.
We will be grateful to your Headquarters if the operations of embarkation will be hastened.

For the Commanding General
The Chief of Staff
The Colonel, Chief of Staff, Gavino Ledda 28.3

Signed Ledda

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C.A.)
Ufficio Ordinamento

1093/B Ord. di prot.

P.M. 50, 6 febbraio 1944

OGGETTO: Muli ceduti al Comando Alleato.-

AL COMANDO ALLEATO DI

ELMAS

Presso i vari scali ferroviari dell'isola sono tuttora accentrati gli asceglioni di muli di recente ceduti a codesto Comando.-

Gli accantonamenti di fortuna e le ridotte razioni foraggio in distribuzione, date le limitatissime disponibilità, rendono quanto mai consigliabile il loro trasferimento fuori dell'isola, non essendo questo Comando in condizioni di sostenere le perdite per mortalità e per ricoveri all'infermeria, già numerosi.-

Si resterebbe grato a codesto Comando qualora ne volesse accelerare le operazioni d'imbarco.-

d'ordine

UFFICIO DI STATO MAGGIORE

-COPIA DI S.M. Gevino Ledda-



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To Memo 65-1

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Headquarters of Origin Land Forces Sub Commission - AGC
Precedence Priority Security Classification Secret
TO: MILITARY REPORT FROM CMA PLANO CMA ACUP
From: SIMMONS AT FALCON Originator's
Reference Number AGS YORK 39

REFERENCE CABLE DATED SEVEN FEBRUARY CMA SUBJECT MILES IN SARDINIA AND
CORSICA PD SARDINIA CMA EIGHT FOUR ONE MILES FORMING PART OF PREVIOUS
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ROUTINE 071140A

FABLE FOR SIMMONS RPTD FREEDOM FLAMBO ACMF
FROM MMIA

STATING HOW MANY MULES ARE ON HAND, WE DESIRE THAT INFORMATION
CONCERNING THE MULE SITUATION IN SARDINIA AND CORSICA BE FORWARDED
TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. FORMATION OF 4 PACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES
IS INCLUDED IN THE MARCH PROGRAMME

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File mules.

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TRANSPORTATION OFFICER FOR INFORMATION

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