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Mules

Mar. - May 1944

MULE SITUATION

Animals shipped since 1 May 1944

168 mules (Rft. Pack Transport) C. Latour

450 replacement mules per serial 100
Anglo African

618 total

Animals to be rationed (for allied use)

805 saddle horses

500 draft horses for mid-east

624 mules (244 = 218)

1931 Animals to receive full service
ration scale

Animals to be rationed (held by Italians)

800 animals to receive $\frac{2}{3}$ service ration
scale

454 to be disposed of (not to be foraged
from Allied sources)

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3185 animals left on island (1931 + 800 + 454)

- 414 (400 saddle horses and 14 mules

leaving 13 May on Bolton Hall

2771 animals on island 14 May (over)

Animals by type left on the islandFor the Allies

	<u>13 May</u>	<u>14 May</u>
saddle horses	805	405
draft horses	500	500
mules	626	612
	<u>1931</u>	<u>1517</u>

For the Italian Army

800 draft horses (581 + 219)

Animals to be disposed of

340 mules

126 saddle horses

207 draft horses

673 - of this total 219 animals will be turned over to the Italian Army to bring the present number in their custody (581) up to 800.

454 actual totalTotals by Type

	<u>13 May</u>	<u>14 May</u>
saddle horses	931	531
mules	966	952
draft horses	<u>1288</u>	<u>1288</u>
<u>3185</u> Total	<u>3185</u>	<u>2771</u>

Mule Situation as of 1 May 1944As of 1 May 1944

No of animals available to allies

<u>Horses</u>		<u>Mules</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Saddle</u>	<u>Draft</u>	<u>Pack</u>	<u>Draft</u>	
805	500	792	452	2,549

No of animals remaining with It Army
 581 581

No of animals to be destroyed or
 handed over to farmers.
 126 207 231 109 673

As per letter MMDA SD/24 dated 7 May
 Italian Army will retain 800
 animals. 219 from the 673 which
 would otherwise be handed over to
 farmers or destroyed will be added
 to the 581 now in the hands of the
 Italian Army to make up its
 minimum requirement of 800
 animals. Remaining 454 will
 be disposed of.

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Total number of mules at the disposal of the allies.

<u>As of 1 May 1944</u>		1244
12 May. loaded on C. Latour	(AGSYDKE 141) 168	
12 " " " Anglo African	(AGSYDKE 142) 450	
22 " " " Bolton Hall.	(AGSYDKE 170) 14	632
Total remaining as of 27 May 1944		612

To AFHQ Info AAL Cite Queen Cma 19171A
From AGC Lardima signed Simmons

REFERENCE F 50160 CITE FH5UP ~~ADDITIONAL TOTAL~~
~~NUMBER SERVICEABLE MULES AVAILABLE TO ALLIED FORCES 1244 PD~~
~~632 OF THIS NUMBER 632 HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO ALLIES.~~

ALL SERVICEABLE MULES HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE AUTHORITY
TO ALLIED FORCES AS OF THIS DATE. C/n ^{Holm A-14} animals ^{in condition} available

to Allies for shipment one rpt one June small
mules six one two cma saddle horses two eight
five Pd See letter able able item cite one
year four six slant one slant queen one
dated two three May

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

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 (Desbo Div.)	158
58 Salmaria (Laguno 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 repeat to MIA and A.F.H.Q., cite FHCT. 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.R.E.

F. L. SIMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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Copy to:
M.M.I.A., A.G.S.,
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Latest Instructions from M.M.I.A.
as per cable 071550 April cite SD 657

No of animals to be used by Allies

Total 2549 { 805 saddle horses
1244 mules { 792 pack
452 draft
500 draft horses.

800 animals will remain with Italians
454 will be disposed of (not to be foraged
from allied sources SD/27-7 May

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Recommended
It is ~~suggested~~ that the remaining Italian army
mules be made available for selection.
The Mules of the 116th Artillery Group at Zibonico
and those of the 58th Reggimento Salmarino,
Cagliari to be given first consideration
by the selecting officers.

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18 March 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO : C.K. HARDING, Colonel, G-4, Allied Garrison of Sardinia.

1. An inspection of four hundred and twenty five (425) mules which have been chosen by the Italian Headquarters for shipment to the mainland to be used by the Allied Army was made by Major Martin, Capt Spong and Lt. Miller on 18 March 1944.

2. It was found that one hundred and eleven (111) of these mules had been set aside by the Italian Veterinary Officer as unsatisfactory due to emaciation or other reasons.

3. Of the remaining three hundred and fourteen (114) mules, forty eight (48) were selected as suitable and serviceable, two hundred and sixty six (266) were found not serviceable due to very poor condition by the inspecting officers.

4. Twenty nine (29) mules were reported as being hospitalized by the Italian veterinary officer and were not inspected.

5. It is recommended that the remaining Italian Army mules in Sardinia be made available for selection in order to fill the requirement of the Allied Forces.

List of Hoof Brands of Serviceable Mules:

No.	Sex	No.	Sex
18	F	141	M
680	M	None	M
189	F	None	M
430	F	1556	F
1	M	None	F
18	F	839	M
11	F	137	F
15	F	369	M
3	M	152	F
4	M	628	M
6	M	499	F
0022	F	3758	F
256	F	476	M
None	M	24	M
116	F	120	F
116	F	017	M
None	M	275	F
None	M	114	M
76	F	326	F
		5840	M
		527	M
		126	M

CAPTAIN SPONG, VC

No.	Sex
801	M
189	F
82	F
679	F
481	F
402	M
3659	M

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