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

5 January 1944

Subject : Shipment of Mules

To : Transportation Officer, Allied Garrison of Sardinia

Attention: Major J. C. Corine

1. Inclosed herewith translated copy of location of mules ready for shipment. This is the second batch of the group totaling 1030.

F. L. Simpson
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

1 Incl.

Location of Mules (Translation in duplicate)

File

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File Capt. Miller

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII ARMY CORPS)

3 January 1944

Subject: Handing over of Horses and Mules

To : The Commanding General, Allied Garrison of Sardinia, ELIAS

The following horses and mules are at disposal of your HQS:

65 saddle horses, and

210 pack mules, 140 of which fit for artillery service, assembled at Oristano, with the Cavalry Group Hqs. Sardinia;

140 mules, 25 of which are fit for artillery service, assembled at Sassari, with the 10th Artillery Regiment Depot;

35 mules, assembled at Tempio, with the 226th Division HQS;

25 mules, assembled at Cagliari, with the 13th Engineers Regiment HQS;

60 mules, assembled at S. Gavino Monreale, with the 236th Infantry Regiment;

30 mules, assembled at Iglesias, with the 295th Division HQS;

50 mules, assembled at Nuoro, with the 2nd Infantry Regiment.

Totaling: 65 saddle horses

590 mules, 65 of which are fit for artillery service.

Please communicate, 48 hours in advance, the day fixed for the consignment.

Col. G. Ladda
Chief of Staff

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Ladda (signed)

NOTE: Called Lt. Col. Spano who recognized error in addition and confirmed change from 590 mules to 550 mules.

5 Jan. 44 A.P.V.

File. Capt. Mullis

Sp.

COMANDO MI. TARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C.A.)
Ufficio Ordinamento

nr. 14 /ord. di prot.

P.M.50, 3 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: Cessione quadrupedi.

AL GENERALE COMANDANTE LA
GUARNIGIONE ALLEATA

E L M A S

Si mettono a disposizione di codesto comando i seguenti quantitativi di quadrupedi:

- n. 65 cavalli da sella;
- n. 210 muli da salma dei quali 40 idonei al servizio di artiglieria accentrati ad Cristano, presso il Comando Gruppo Squadroni Cav. della Sardegna;
- n. 140 muli dei quali 25 idonei al servizio di artiglieria; accentrati a Sassari presso il deposito del 40° rgt. artiglieria.
- n. 35 muli accentrati a Tempio presso il Comando della 226° divisione
- n. 25 muli accentrati a Cagliari presso il Com. del 13° rgt. genio
- n. 60 muli accentrati a S. Gavino Monreale presso il 236° rgt. ftr.
- n. 30 muli accentrati ad Iglesias presso il Com. della 205° divisione
- n. 50 muli accentrati a Nuoro presso il 22° rgt. ftr.

Totale n. 65 cavalli da sella

n. 590 muli dei quali 65 idonei al servizio di artiglieria.

Si prega di comunicare con un anticipo di 48 ore il giorno che verrà fissato per il carico.

d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI 2490
- G. Mezza -

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d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI

- G. Ledda -

2490

Red 1700
19 Jan 43

File Capt. Muller

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

13 January 1944

Subject: Shipment of Mules

To : Transportation Officer, Allied Garrison of Sardinia

Attention: Major J. C. Conine

1. Enclosed herewith translated copy of letter indicating location of 366 mules.

2. These mules are the last of those requested, totaling 1636 mules, including the 65 horses accepted in lieu of mules, riding.

For Col. F. L. Simmons

A.P. Vitali
Captain, Artillery

1 Incl.
Translated copy of letter

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File: Mules

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TRANSLATION A.P.V. 13 JAN. 1944

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA XIII ARMY CORP.

OPERATIONS OFFICE

R. 254/13 po.

A.P.O. 50 12 January 1944

Subject: Delivery mules to Allied Headquarters

To : Commanding General, Allied Garrison, ULEAS

As the third aliquot of mules, there is put at the disposition of your command 300 mules which are assembled at Cagliari at the depot of the 16th Artillery Regiment.

It is requested that you inform us 24 hours in advance the day set for the embarkation.

The Colonel Chief of Staff
- Gavino Loda -

Loda (Signed)

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File: Mules

Col. F. ...
Sp.
COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C.A.)

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 254/B di prot. ord.

P.M. 50, h 12 gennaio 1944

Risposta al foglio N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO: Cessione quadrupedi al Comando Alleato.-

AL GENERALE COMANDANTE LA
GUARNIGIONE ALLEATA

E L M A S

Quale terze aliquote di quadrupedi, si mettono a disposizione di codesto Comando n. 386 muli, accentrati a Cagliari presso il deposito del 16° reggimento artiglieria af.

Si prega comunicare con un anticipo di 24 ore il giorno che verrà fissato per l'imbarco.-

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AL GENERALE COMANDANTE LA
GUARNIGIONE ALLEATA

ELMAS

Quale terza aliquota di quadrupedi, si mettono a disposizione di codesto Comando n. 386 muli, accentrati a Cagliari presso il deposito del 16° reggimento artiglieria af.

Si prega comunicare con un anticipo di 24 ore il giorno che verrà fissato per l'imbarco.-

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D'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Gavino Ledda -

Ledda

File - Mules

Recd. 13 Jan 44
12:45
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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 520

ALGS

MESSAGE: (Incoming) (99999999)

DATE 6 JANUARY 44

ROUTINE 051716A

ACTION TO CO FERRARIAN DEPOT RPT FOR INFO TO CG FANNESA RPT HANGUSA
AND CG PINEULAR BASE SECTION

SIGNED LAMIN CITE 330TH DASU ONE SEVEN THREE EIGHT

MOVEMENT OF RULES ON SHIPPING ORDER IS SUBJECT CLM
REQUEST ADVISE OF RULES MOVED ON EACH SHIPPING ORDER PROMPTLY
UPON MOVEMENT

M/C NO 36

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ACTION TO CO TYPHELIAN BRITISH AIR FORCE TO CO TYPHELIAN BRITISH AIR FORCE
ANC CO PERIMETER BASE SECTION

SIGNED LAMIN CLIM STYUN DASH ONE SEVEN THREE EIGHT

MOVEMENT OF RULES ON SHIPPING ORDER IS SUBJECT CLM
RECEIPT ADVISE OF RULES MOVED ON EACH SHIPPING ORDER PROMPTLY
UPON MOVEMENT

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INFORMATION COPIES TO: INM AGS

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CENTER WITHOUT DELAY.

c/c

Rec'd
13:19 - 6 Jan 44
VJG.

File

ALLIED CARRISON OF SARDINIA
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(FLCS)
(HULL)

MESSAGE: (Incoming)

DATE 3 JANUARY 1944

PRIORITY 011545A

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PERCE TO HARDING ATTENTION TO FOR ACTION REURAD CITE AGSJ RPT AGSJ TWO
ONE CMA TO AISENHOWER ATTENTION COT AND LARKIN ATTENTION TO FOR
INFORMATION

SOLE SHIP ILLIANA EXPLORED SAIL FROM DMO RIT JULIO MORNING THREE
JANUARY PD CITE BPTIN RPT FIFTEEN FOUR FINE SEVEN PD ESTIMATED FINE OF
ARRIVAL LEVY RPT LEVY IS FOUR JANUARY AFTERNOON

PRIORITY 011545A

SECRET

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ONE CMA TO EISENHOWER ATTENTION COT AND LARKIN ATTENTION TO FOR
INFORMATION

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JANUARY PD CITE BROWN RPT BROWN FOUR NINE SEVEN PD ESTIMATED TIME OF
ARRIVAL LEVY RPT LEVY IN FOUR JANUARY AFTERNOON

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ACTION COPY-10: TYPED

INFORMATION COPIES TO: L F S C

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31 DECEMBER 1943

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C IN C AT VANDERBILT
ATTENTION PHOTO

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SIMONS AT TABLE

F L SIMONS
CORPORAL INFANTRY

REFERENCE YOUR CABLE TWO ONE SIX THREE ZERO OF THIRTY DECEMBER CMA
ESTIMATED MINIMUM NUMBER ORGANIC MILES RECOMMENDED TO REMAIN HERE
IS IN ADDITION TO BOMBS NOT HERE PD REE SUBJECT PD CABLE FROM
ASTON TO CHARLES ORCE THERREHAN REPT INFANTS INDIANA SCHEDULED
HERE EIGHT JANUARY INSTEAD OF TWO JANUARY AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

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S-E-R-E-T EQUALS BRITISH SECRET

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By

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M.O.

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PRIORITY ADDSD FABLE FOR SIMMONS INFORMATION FATIMA

SIGNED C IN 3 SITE FIGHT RPT FHECT

362333A

SHIPMENT SIX THREE ZERO MULES CVA QUOTED YOUR WILLIAM MIKE ONE
THREE ZERO SEVEN OF TWENTY NINE DEG HOT TO ALL CVA SCHEDULED FOR
TWO JAN WILL PROCEED AS ARRANGED X TWO SHIPMENTS WHICH FOLLOW BEING
CONSIDERED HERE X WILL NOTIFY YOU OF DECISION X NO REFERENCE TO ONE
FIVE ZERO ZERO MULES IN YOUR WILLIAM MIKE ONE THREE ZERO SEVEN
X CAN HORSES REPLACE ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO MULES RELEASING MULES FOR
SHIPMENT X

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TARE OBOE PAREN RPT FOR INFO TO CHARLIE GEORGE NATOUSA
SIGNED LARKIN CITE SSTPN RPT SSTPN DASH ONE SIX SIX TWO

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THE FOLLOWING IS A REPEAT OF NATOUSA CABLE TWO ZERO SIX FOUR SIX

CITE NATPN RPT NATPN CMA DATED TWO NINE DECEMBER CMA FOR YOUR

INFORMATION PD PRIORITY OF SHIPMENT FOR MOVEMENT OF ONLY ONEONE (1135)

THREE FIVE OF ONE SIX THREE ZERO MULES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY

FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP PD REFERENCE YOUR LOVE DASH FOUR EIGHT FOUR

NINE OF TWO FOUR DECEMBER FOUR THREE PD TO BE SHIPPED ON INDIANA

RPT INDIANA ABOUT EIGHT JANUARY THERE ARE EIGHT ZERO ZERO SCHEDULED

PD ABOUT ONE FEBRUARY THREE THREE FIVE TO BE SHIPPED PD UPON RECEIPT

OF PRIORITY SHIPPING DATE WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR REMAINING FOUR NINE

FIVE MULES

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 520

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NUMBER: AGH 10

DATE: 29 DECEMBER 1943

Office of Origin: LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION OMA AGO

TO: C IN CAPTIVITY
ATTENTION PHOCT

FROM: SIMMONS AT PABLE

PRECEDENCE	DEGREE OF SECRET
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Any message not X'd for
precedence will be sent
Deferred

INITIALS

F L SIMMONS

REFERENCE CABLE NUMBER TWO ZERO SEVEN ZERO NINE OF TWENTY NINE
DECEMBER FIFTY FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY FIVE MILES AND SIXTY FIVE RIDING HORSES
SCHEDULED TO LEAVE AS FOLLOWS UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE OLN SECOND
JANUARY SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVEN NINE JANUARY FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY
FIVE SMCLN FIFTEEN JANUARY FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE PD THREE HUNDRED
AND SIXTY TWO MILES MARKED FOR THIRD PACK UNIT FOR LEONARD DIVISION PD
THIS LEAVES LESS THAN THREE HUNDRED MILES IN SARDINIA WHICH IS LESS THAN
SUFFICIENT FOR NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION TO REPLACE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING
MOTOR TRANSPORT PD RECOMMEND SECOND AND THIRD SHIPMENTS TOTALING ONE
THOUSAND MILES BE CANCELLED UNLESS THEY CAN BE REPLACED IN SARDINIA BY
MILES NOW IN CORSICA ACCORDANCE OUR CABLE TWENTY ONE DECEMBER PD
MILES FORM INTEGRAL PART OF MANY UNITS AND APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN HUNDRED
CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO MINIMUM MAINTENANCE NECESSARY

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By...

JCS

M.C.
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PRIORITY 291241A

ADDED FABLE FOR SIMMONS INFO FATIMA

SIGNED GING CITE FHCOT

DESIRE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON FATIMA CABLE NUMBER ONE SIX FOUR NINE OF
TWENTY SIX DECEMBER INFORMATION HERE INDICATES SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY
GOOD MULES AND FIFTEEN HUNDRED PACK HORSES WILL REMAIN IN SARDINIA AFTER
WITHDRAWAL OF SIXTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY MULES FOR UNITED STATES
REQUIREMENTS AND TWELVE HUNDRED MULES FOR FOUR ITALIAN PACK GROUPS CMA
ALREADY SHIPPED TO ITALY PD ARE REMAINING HORSES AND MULES SUFFICIENT TO
MAINTAIN ITALIAN TROOPS IN SARDINIA ON PRESENT SCALE PD WHAT IS EFFECT
ON LEGNANO DIVISION AND HOW MANY MULES ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE ITS
EQUIPMENT

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 509 520

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NUMBER: ACH 17 1291 DATE: 29 DECEMBER 1943
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TO: <u>G IN C AT FREEDOM</u> <u>ATTENTION FHCOT</u>	PRECEDENCE	DEGREE OF SECURITY
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	OPK-PRIORITY	RESTRICTED
	ROUTINE	
FROM: <u>SIMMONS AT FABLE</u> <u>F L SIMMONS</u> <u>COLONEL INFANTRY</u>	Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent	INITIALS
	Deferred	

REFERENCE CABLE FROM FATIMA TWO SIX DECEMBER CONCERNING PROCUIMENT OF MULES FROM ITALIAN FORCES SARDINIA CMA PLANS FOR SHIPMENT PROCEEDING AS ARRANGED UNLESS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY RECEIVED

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MULES

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ROUTINE TO FREEDOM RPTD FABLE

FROM FATIMA SIGNED JOYCE

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THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND SUBMIT THAT THE REGENT DEMAND FOR ONE
FIVE ZERO ZERO MULES FROM DARDINIA WILL PREVENT THE COMPLETE
EQUIPPING OF THE LEGNANO MOUNTAIN DIVISION AND WILL ADVERSELY
AFFECT THE MAINTENCE OF TROOPS IN SARDINIA

1500 Mules

SECRET NOT COPY

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THE ITALIAN HIGH COMMAND SUBMIT THAT THE RECENT DEMAND FOR ONE
FIVE ZERO ZERO MULES FROM SARDINIA WILL PREVENT THE COMPLETE
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Allied Force Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Land Forces Sub-commission
A.P.O. 509, U.S. Army

21 January 1944

Subject: Consignment of Mules

To : Transportation Officer, Tyrrhenian Base, CAGLIARI

1. Inclosed herewith a copy of translation of letter from the Italian Authorities turning over eleven more mules to take care of reported shortages and deaths.

F. L. SIMONE
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in Sardinia

1 Incl.
Translation of letter

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FILE. MULES

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TRANSLATION APV

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII ARMY CORPS)
Organizations Office

No. 113/13 Ori.

A.P.O. 50, 17 January 1944

Subject: Consignment of Mules

To : Headquarters Allied Garrison, ELIAS

Confirming our verbal agreement, 11 pack mules are placed at the disposition of your headquarters. They will be ready for shipment from IGLIAS after 22 January 1944.

APV

Has Major Corradi
been advised?

PSS

For the Commanding General
The Chief of Staff
- Gavino Ledda -

Ledda (Signed)

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FILE: MULES

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

N. 413/B di prot. ord.

P.M. 50, 17 gennaio 1944

OGGETTO: cessione quadrupedi. -

AL COMANDO GUARNIGIONE ALLEATA

E L M A S

A conferma accordi verbali, si mettono
a disposizione di codesto Comando n. 11
mulì da soma, pronti a muovere da Iglesias
dal giorno 22 del c.m. -

D'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Gavino Ledda -

AL COMANDO SVANTIGIONE ALBESARA

ELMAS

A conferme accordi verbali, si mettono
a disposizione di codesto Comando n. 11
muli da sella, pronti a muovere da Iglesias
dal giorno 22 del c.m. -

D'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Gavino Ledda -

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CONFIDENTIAL

HEADQUARTERS
TYRRHENIAN DEPOT
APO 397

30 December 1943

SUBJECT: P.O.M. (Mules to S/S Indiana) Amendment No. 1.

TO : Allied Control Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Representative in Sardinia, attn: Col. F. L. Simmons, Inf.

1. This confirms telephonic conversation (Col. Simmons - Major Conine) in which information was relayed by Col. Simmons that the Mules previously listed to entrain at Abbasanta are now reported for entrainment at SOLARUSSA.

2. The following changes are necessary in movement schedule of 29 December 1943 on this subject.

Under Entraining Point: DELETE - Abbasanta and in lieu thereof
ENTER Solarussa.

Under Entraining Schedule: DELETE - Abbasanta and in lieu thereof
ENTER Solarussa.

Under Train Schedule: DELETE - Abbasanta and below Paulilatino
ENTER Lv. Solarussa, 0645 31 Dec. 1943.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

DISTRIBUTION

Port Commander, Levy
MRD
CG AGS
CG PBS
TPN. OFF. PBS
SOS NATOUSA
COT AFHQ
Italian Military HWY'S Rep. (Major Depau)
Hiway Control Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
TYRRHENIAN DEPOT
APO 397

CONFIDENTIAL

29 December 1943

SUBJECT: P.O.M. (Mules to S/S Indiana)
S.O. QM - 1119

TO : Allied Control Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Representative in Sardinia, attn: Col. F. L. Simmons, Inf.

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

Number of Animals and Entraining Point

<u>Name of Unit supplying mules</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Abbasanta</u>	<u>Paulilatino</u>	<u>Sassari</u>	<u>Ploaghe</u>
47th (.81 guns) Bn.	Fontana Arrous	82			
47th gun Company	" "	52			
140th Inf. Regt.	Seneghe		30		
139th Inf. Regt.	Paulilatino		30		
31st (.81Guns) Bn.	Ossi				27
30th gun Company	Cargeghe				29
60th Inf. Regt.	Florinas				30
55th (.81 gun) Bn.	Sassari			37	
195th (gun) Company	Sassari			25	
299th (gun) Company	Sassari			45	
40th Artillery Regt.	Sassari			209	
59th Inf. Regt.	Sassari			30	
Total by entraining point.		134	60	346	86
Grand Total.		626			

Entraining Schedule

Abbasanta - P.M. 30th Dec. 1943
Paulilatino - P.M. 30th Dec. 1943
Sassari - P.M. 31st Dec. 1943
Ploaghe - P.M. 31st Dec. 1943

Equipment Ordered

18 cars
8 cars
42 cars
11 cars

Train Schedule

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Lv. Abbasanta	0526 - 31 Dec. 1943	
Lv. Paulilatino	0605 - 31 Dec. 1943	
Arr. Cagliari	1923 - 31 Dec. 1943	2973
Lv. Sassari	0410 - 1 Jan. 1944)	
Lv. Ploaghe	0513 - 1 Jan. 1944)	Two Trains
Arr. Cagliari	1341 - 1 Jan. 1944)	

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2. DOCUMENTATION: It is requested that nominal rolls be prepared for presentation to U.S. Military Railways representative at Cagliari upon arrival, such rolls to include names, grades, and serial numbers of handling personnel, also serial numbers or other customary identification lists for the mules.

3. In accordance with the preceeding, it is requested that you make the necessary arrangements with the Italian Army for movement orders to be issued in conformance.

For the Commanding Officer:

J. C. Conine

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

DISTRIBUTION

Fort Commander, Levy
MRS
CG AGS
CG PBS
TPN. OFF. PBS
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COT AFHQ

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URGENTE

20/12/1943

DA COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AT COMANDO DIVISIONE "BARI"

N. _____/ORD. OTTANTADUE MULI DA QUARANTASETTE BATTAGLIONE MORTAI ET
CINQUANTADUE DELLA 47^a COMPAGNIA CATNOTI DEBBOVO ESSERE
PRONTI AT PARTIRE DA STAZIONE FERROVIARIA DI ~~SCLARUSSA~~
~~DOMANI~~ ~~TRENTA~~ ~~QUATTRORE~~ ~~PUNTO~~ ~~SUCCESSIVO~~ ~~GIORNO~~ ~~TRENTINO~~
DICELERE
DEBBOVO ESSERE PRONTI PARTIRE TRENTA MULI DEL 11/139°
ET TRENTA DEL 140° PUNTO PER OGNI GRUPPO DI MULI SI DOVRA'
COMPIRE RUOLINO NOMINATIVO MILITARI (CASATO NOME GRADO
NUMERO DI MATRICOLA DEL PERSONALE) ET NUMERO DI MATRICOLA
E NOMINATIVO DEI MULI PUNTO DETTO RUOLINO SARA' PRESENTATO
ALL'ARRIVO IN CAGLIARI ALLA RAPPRESENTANZA DELLE FERROVIE
DEGLI ALLIATI FINE

GENERALE MAGLI

T _____ ad ore _____

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DEBONO E...
 ET TRENTA DEL 140° PUNTO PER OGNI GRUPPO DI MULI SI DOVRA
 COMPILARE RUOLINO NOMINATIVO MILITARI (CASATO NOME GRADO
 NUMERO DI MATRICOLA DEL PERSONALE) ET NUMERO DI MATRICOLA
 E NOMINATIVO DEI MULI PUNTO DETTO RUOLINO SARA' PRESENTATO
 ALL'ARRIVO IN CAGLIARI ALLA RAPPRESENTANZA DELLE FERROVIE

DEGLI ALLEATI FINE

GENERALE MAGLI

T _____ ad ore _____

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*Left for by Lt Spurio in re change of position
 handle from Passasanta to Sella Campa
 number*

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From: Italian HCS Sardinia

To : The Commanding General, Allied Garrison Sardinia

Subject: Supply of mules

A 1st supply of artillery mules is at disposal of this HCS, as follows:

No. 82 to be drawn from the 47th (.81 guns) Battalion, located at Fontana Arruon
(Abbasanta)
No. 52 to be drawn from the 47th (gun) Company, located at Fontana Arruon
(Abbasanta)
No. 30 to be drawn from the 139th Infantry Regiment, located at Paulilatino
No. 30 to be drawn from the 140th Infantry Regiment, located at Seneghe (Units
of RARI Division)
No. 27 to be drawn from the 31st (.81 guns) Battalion, located at Ossi
No. 29 to be drawn from the 30th (gun) Company, located at Cargeghe
No. 37 to be drawn from the 55th (.81 guns) Battalion, located at Sassari
No. 25 to be drawn from the 195th (gun) Company, located at Sassari
No. 45 to be drawn from the 29th (gun) Company, located at Sassari
No. 209 to be drawn from the 40th Artillery Regiment, located at Sassari
No. 30 to be drawn from the 59th Infantry Regiment, located at Sassari
No. 30 to be drawn from the 60th Infantry Regiment, located at Florinas,
(Units of CALABRIA Division)
Total: No. 629 mules.

The 29 mules exceeding the above first supply shall fill up all possible deficiencies of
the last few days in the above units, due to cases of death or unfitness.
The remaining mules to be supplied are located all over the island.
The various gathering spots will be made known as soon as possible.

By order of the Colonel
Chief of Staff.

Solarussa

29/12/43

ALS (from Lt. Col. Spanno)

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FILED MULES

(Original not received by Simmons, but only a copy of the
translation)

SP.

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

N° 17910 Ord. di prot.

P.M. 50 - 24 dicembre 1943

OCCETTO: Cessione quadrupedi.

Al Generale Comandante
Guarnigione Alleata della Sardegna

ELMAS

Seguito foglio N. 17718/Ord. in data 22 o.m.

Quale 1^a aliquota si mettono a disposizione di codesto comando i seguenti muli per artiglieria:

- n° 82 da trarsi dal 47° btg. mortai da 61 dislocato a Fontana Arruos (zona di Abbasanta).
- n° 52 da trarsi dalla 47^a cp. cannoni dislocata a Fontana Arruos (zona di Abbasanta)
- n° 30 da trarsi dal 139° rgt. ftr. dislocato a Paulilatino
- n° 30 da trarsi dal 140° rgt. ftr. dislocato a Seneghe reparti della divisione "Bari".
- n. 27 da trarsi dal 31° btg. mortai da 81 dislocato ad Ossi
- n. 29 da trarsi dalla 30^a cp. cannoni dislocata a Cargeghe
- n. 37 da trarsi dal 55° btg. mortai da 81 dislocata a Sassari
- n. 25 da trarsi dalla 195^a cp. mortai dislocata a Sassari
- n. 45 da trarsi dalle 299^a cp. cannoni dislocata a Sassari
- n. 209 da trarsi dal 40° rgt. art. dislocato a Sassari
- n. 30 da trarsi dal 59° rgt. ftr. dislocato a Sassari
- n. 30 da trarsi dal 60° rgt. ftr. dislocato a Florinas reparti dipendenti dalla div. "Calabria"

Totale 629 muli.

I 29 muli in eccedenza all'aliquota prevista a 2869

Seguito foglio N. 17718/Ord. in data 22 c.m.

Quale 1^a aliquota si nettano a disposizione di codesto comando i seguenti muli per artiglieria:

n° 82 da trarsi dal 47° btg. mortai da 81 dislocato a Pontana Arruos (zona di Abbasanta).

n° 52 da trarsi dalla 47^a cp. cannoni dislocata a Pontana Arruos (zona di Abbasanta)

n° 30 da trarsi dal 139° rgt.ftr. dislocato a Paulilatino

n° 30 da trarsi dal 140° rgt.ftr. dislocato a Seneghe reparti delle divisione "Bari".

n. 27 da trarsi dal 31° btg. mortai da 81 dislocato ad Ossi

n. 29 da trarsi dalle 30^e cp. cannoni dislocata a Gargeghe

n. 37 da trarsi dal 55° btg. mortai da 81 dislocata a Sassari

n. 25 da trarsi dalla 195^a cp. mortai dislocata a Sassari

n. 35 da trarsi dalla 299^a cp. cannoni dislocata a Sassari

n. 209 da trarsi dal 40° rgt.art. dislocato a Sassari

n. 30 da trarsi dal 59° rgt.ftr. dislocato a Sassari

n. 30 da trarsi dal 60° rgt.ftr. dislocato a Florinas reparti dipendenti dalle div. "Calabria"

Totale 629 muli.

I 29 muli in eccedenza all'aliquota prevista devono essere perocopiare eventuali deficienze verificatesi in questi ultimi giorni presso i sopracitati reparti per decessi e riforma.

I rimanenti muli da fornire si trovano dislocati in tutta l'isola.

Verrebbero comunicate quanto prima le varie località di accentramento.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.

- H. Zedda -

Zedda

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

26 December 1943

Subject: Furnishing of mules and destination thereof

To : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia

1. In reply to your letter of 24 December 1943, you are informed that the personnel and mules referred to therein will debark at the port of Naples.

F. L. Simmons (Signed)
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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SP.

(Translation)

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

No. 17869 Ord. di prot.

P.M. 50 - 24 December 1943

SUBJECT: Supply of mules

TO : Allied Headquarters, ELMAS

Considering that the soldiers escorting the mules to be supplied to your Headquarters are not to return to this island, there will be assigned for such service Sicilian soldiers or soldiers from other freed provinces belonging to classes already discharged.

Your Headquarters is requested to send, if possible, information as to the port of disembarkation on the peninsula so that these same soldiers may be sent to some nearby military district for further orders.

G. Ledda
Col. Chief of Staff
(signed)

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SP.

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

copy 30-12-43

Ro 17869/Ord.di prot.

P.M. 30 - 24 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Cessione quadrupedi

AL COMANDO ALLEATO

ELRAS

Nella considerazione che i militari in accompagnamento dei quadrupedi in via di cessione a codesto comando non dovranno più rientrare nell'isola, verranno destinati per tale servizio militari siciliani e delle altre provincie liberate appartenenti a classi ricollocate in congedo.

Si prega codesto comando compiacersi comunicare se possibile il porto di sbarco nella penisola allo scopo di averne norme per l'avviamento dei militari di cui sopra ad un distretto militare viciniero che dovrà provvedere alle successive operazioni.-

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- G. Ledda -

Ledda (Signed)

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COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA

N. 1001 di prot. Op.

P.M. 50, 11 22 dicembre 1943

Risposta al foglio N. del

OGGETTO: Richiesta di moli.

AL COMANDO ALLEATO DELLA SARDEGNA

SASSARI

.....
Con riferimento alla Vostra richiesta del 18 dicembre
si assicura che i moli richiesti possono essere tratti da
tutti i reparti della Sardegna. In seguito tutti i reparti
della Sardegna resteranno quasi assolutamente privi di moli.

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Gavino Ledda -
(signed)

Visto.

Gen. B. Berardi (signed)

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P.M.50 - 22 dicembre 1943 - A.

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

Al Generale Comandante
Guarnigione Alleata della
Sardegna - S L M A S

Prot. N. 17718/ord.

OGGETTO Fornitura di muli.

La richiesta di muli fatta con foglio
del 18 dicembre e' di tale entita che questo
comando non puo' aderire direttamente ma solo in
base ad autorizzazione dello Stato Maggiore
R. Esercito.

Si prega pertanto la cortesia di codesto comando
di voler fare la richiesta a detto Stato Maggiore
tramite la missione militare alleata.-

d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- G. Ledda -
(signed)

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 520

A-1-1

21 December, 1943

Subject: Procurement of Mules.

To : COMMANDING GENERAL, Italian Army, Sardinia.

1. You have been advised of a directive issued by the Commander-in-Chief, Allied Forces, concerning the requisitioning of mules under your control in a letter from this headquarters dated 15 December, 1943.

2. No reply has been received from you at this time.

3. In order to comply with the directions of the Commander-in-Chief it will be necessary that you furnish on or before the following dates, at places to be designated by you, the animals described:

25 December, 1943 - 600 Mules, Artillery Pack.

3 January, 1944 - 65 Mules, Artillery Pack.
65 Mules, Riding

10 January, 1944 - 470 Mules, Cargo Pack
430 Mules, Cargo Pack

At the same dates and at the same places mentioned above, it will be necessary for you to furnish muleteers on the basis of one for each four animals. These muleteers will accompany shipment and will not be returned to Sardinia. Only halter and halter shank will be furnished with each mule.

4. Reply to this communication must be made in writing to reach this office by noon, 22 December, 1943.

ROBERT M. WEBSTER
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

2963

Allied Garrison of Sardinia
APO 520

18 December 1943

Subject: Procurement of Mules and Saddles

To : Commanding General, Italian Army in Sardinia

1. Pursuant to authority granted by the Commanding General, Allied Force Headquarters, to obtain mules and pack saddles from the Italian Army authorities in Sardinia for the Allied Forces, requisition is hereby made for the following:

Mules, artillery, pack	65
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900
Total	1030

Saddles, pack, complete, new 6000

2. The mules are to be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units now stationed in SARDINIA, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups already shipped and of the two Italian groups now in the process of shipment. The pack saddles requested herein are also exclusive of the 2000 pack saddles now in the process of shipment.

3. It is requested that the first priority for preparation for shipment be given to the mules, artillery, pack and the mules, riding, and for the pack saddles. The mules, cargo, will then be shipped as shipping becomes available.

For the Commanding General:

John F. Doyle
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief of Staff

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

2 December 1943

AG 454.2/24 340

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army.

TO : Commanding General, SOS, MATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army

1. Authority has been granted, and it is desired that you select and obtain without delay from Italian Army authorities in Sardinia, by requisition, the number of mules listed below by type. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units stationed in Sardinia, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at Cagliari now being shipped and the two additional Italian pack groups being organized for shipment, and shipped to Peninsular Base Section.

Mules, artillery, pack	645
Mules, riding	45
Mules, cargo, pack	900
Total	<u>1630</u>

2. Mules, artillery, pack, and mules, riding, selected will be held for issue to the 601st and 602nd Field Artillery Battalions (75mm Pack B) (Mountain) upon their arrival. Mules, cargo, pack, selected are for replacements in pack troops assigned the Fifth Army.

3. Captain Spong, Veterinary Corps, and three veterinary officers assisting him are now making a survey of animals in Sardinia. They are available to assist in the selection of the required animals.

4. Shipment of mules, artillery, pack, and mules, riding, should be completed prior to 15 January 1944 in order to provide for the Field Artillery battalions referred to above. Shipment of mules, pack, will be completed as shipment becomes available.

By command of General HISENHOWER:

A.B. King
Major, AID,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 - G-4
1 - G-1
2 - CG, Fifth Army
2 - CG, SOS, MATOUSA
2 - CG, PBS
2 - CO, Tyrrhenian Depot
2 - Colonel Pickering, c/o CO, Tyrrhenian Depot
2 - AG Records

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

1 December 1943

AG 454.2-1 SUP - AGM

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army

TO : Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA

1. Advice is furnished that authority has been granted the Commanding General, SOS NATURA, to select and obtain from Italian Army authorities in SARDINIA, by requisition, the number of mules listed by type below for Fifth Army:

Mules, artillery, pack	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900
Total	1630

2. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units now stationed in SARDINIA, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at CAGLIARI now being shipped, and the two Italian pack groups being organized for shipment.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS.
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

Copy to:
AFHQ Adv Admin Ech, FLAMBO
15th Army Group
ACC
Allied Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA

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ACTION TO C O TYRRHENIAN DEPOT RPT INFORMATION TO C O PENINSULAR BASE
SECTION

SIGNED LARKIN CITE NSQMO-3552

SELECT AND OBTAIN WITHOUT DELAY FROM ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES IN SARDINIA
BY REQUISITION 655 MULES, ARTILLERY, PACK, 65 MULES, RIDING, 900 MULES
TOTAL 1630. MULES WILL BE SELECTED FROM THOSE BELONGING TO ITALIAN ARMY
UNITS STATIONED IN SARDINIA, EXCLUSIVE OF TWO ITALIAN PACK GROUPS NOW
BEING SHIPPED AND TWO ADDITIONAL NOW BEING ORGANIZED FOR SHIPMENT.
SHIP MULES TO PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, SHIPMENT BEING COMPLETED PRIOR
TO ONE FIVE JANUARY. UNDERSTOOD DETAIL OF VETERINARY OFFICERS NOW ON
HAND MAKING SURVEY OF ANIMALS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN THE
SELECTION OF THE REQUIRED ANIMALS. ADVISE PRACTICABILITY ACCOMPLISHMENT
THIS TASK AND SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORT WEEKLY. APPLICATION FOR SHIPPING
SHOULD BE MADE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANIMALS
BECOMES KNOWN. SHIPPING ORDER NUMBER Q-1119 APPLIES. MATOKA LETTER
TWO DECEMBER IS REFERENCE

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ACTION FABLE FOR WEBSTER INFO HARDING
SIGNED COMMANDER IN CHIEF CITE PRSUP

IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH ANIMAL SURVEY REQUEST NECESSARY AUTOMOTIVE
TRANSPORTATION BE FURNISHED CAPTAIN SPONGE

SVC 1168

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FROM: SIGNED CIRC

TO : FABLE FOR HARDING FOR ACTION INFORMATION FLAMBO, C.G.
SOS HATOUSA, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.G. P.B.S.
ALLIED REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AT SAMENIA CITE PRSUP
AND PHGHS

PARAPHRASE BY FREEDOM OF OUR 6575.

.....
PROCUREMENT OF SIX THOUSAND NEW PACK SAMPLES FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY
AT TEMPIO IS AUTHORIZED. REQUEST THAT THESE BE SHIPPED TO PBS BY
YOU. YOUR 8677 DATED 21 NOVEMBER IS REFERENCE. ADDITIONAL 2000
DIRECTED SHIPPED FROM LBLA BY OUR 1506 DATED 23 NOVEMBER. ALL
SHIPMENTS TO BE EXPEDITED

NEW SUBJECT. FOR FLAMBO

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THIS HEADQUARTERS IS DISTRIBUTION

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TO: ACTION CABLE FOR HARDING INFO PICKERING AND CG SOS NATOUNA
FROM: CG NATOUNA CITE MAQMC

SPONG AND HORNBACKER CAPTAINS, LIEUTENANT SMILLER AND STEEBER, VETERINARY CORPS, REPORTING TO ASSIST COLONEL PICKERING IN SURVEY TO DETERMINE NUMBER AND TYPE OF SUITABLE ANIMALS AVAILABLE ITALIAN ARMY UNITS AND ELSEWHERE ON ISLAND. PARA. INITIAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE ARTILLERY PACK MULES, SIXTY FIVE RIDING MULES NINE HUNDRED CARGO PACK MULES, FOR UNITED STATES FORCES, AND FOUR HUNDRED ARTILLERY PACK MULES FOR BRITISH. PARA. ADVISE AVAILABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION ADVISE TOTAL NUMBER AND TYPES AVAILABLE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE FOR PROCUREMENT UNITED STATES REQUIREMENTS WILL FOLLOW THROUGH CG SOS NATOUNA. ABOVE SURVEY SHOULD EXCLUDE BUT EXCLUDE THESE MULES IN TWO ITALIAN PACK GROUPS NOW UNDER ORDERS AND TWO ITALIAN GROUPS BEING ORGANIZED.

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Allied Force Headquarters
A.P.O. 512

AG 154.2-1 SUP-AGH

1 December 1943

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army

TO : Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA

1. Advice is furnished that authority has been granted the Commanding General, SOS NATOUNA, to select and obtain from Italian Army authorities in SARDINIA, by requisition, the number of mules listed by type below for the Fifth Army:

Mules, artillery, pack	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900

Total 1630

2. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units now stationed in SARDINIA, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at CAGLIARI now being shipped, and the two Italian pack groups being organized for shipment.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

Copy to:
AFHQ Adv Admin Ech, FLAMBO
15th Army Group
ACC
Allied Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA

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22 Dicembre 1943.

Al; S. M. R. E.

Il comandante in Capo Forze Alleate ha ordinato tramite il Generale Comandante le Forze Alleate in Sardegna l'invio immediato in Italia di 1630 muli, di cui 665 per Artiglieria il 25 Dicembre et 965 altri muli fra il 3 e il 10 Gennaio.

Il Comandante Alleato in Sardegna insiste avere risposta entro giorno 23 Dicembre.

Presente richiesta este in piu reparti in approntamento con pregiudizio costituzione gruppo Artiglieria Divisione "Legnano".

Cosvamaggiore Ledda

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Not signed and not sent.

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COMANDO MILITARE SARDEGNA

li 22 Dicembre 1943.

Al: Comando Alleato in Sardegna.

In esito a quanto richiesto circa l'invio Italia di n° 1630
mulì, pregasi voler trasmettere allo S. M. R. E. e p.c. al Comandante
in Capo Forze Alleate l'unita radiogramma.

Capo di Stato Maggiore

Colonello LEDDA

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Not signed & not dated

Notes on Conference with Col. LEDDA, C/S XIII, on 19 Dec. 43,
reference 1630 mules:

- (a) Shipped early Dec.
- (b) Process of shipment
- (c) earmarked for "LEGNANO" DIV.

600
616
182
1398

Mule sum of all ARTY units
for LEDDA 182
other 350
182
612 ARTY mules

- (d) Available with 6 REPARTO SALMERIA
- (e) With organized Ital. Arty. Unit
- (f) " " " " " "
- (g) Miscellaneous throughout island

382
250
100
100
912

Requested 145 by ARMY
82 - 21

(h). Total remaining mules on island from all possible sources - 1000 mules

Ital. command strongly urges against the disruption of highly trained mountain artillery groups in (e) and (f) above, but that the units be used intact.

They do not profess to know where Col. Pickering or Col. Harding got the figure of 3500 mules available in SARDINIA.

Recapitulation:

Already shipped or earmarked	1398
Requested in this order	1630
Total	3028

Assuming Col. Pickering's estimate to be correct, then

3500
-- 3028
472

472 - the balance ~~to remain~~ ^{remains} unrequisitioned. This figure is roughly the number of mules in the two Italian Artillery Units which the Italian Command contend should be kept intact.

Col LEDDA further stated that should any of the above mules be requisitioned, the accessories - halters, covers, etc. - are not in such good condition as those sent with the units already gone.

There is no question about the pack saddles. Orders have been issued to get them ready.

There are no mules, riding, - but horses, riding, can be substituted therefor.

Rescript

7 January 1944

Capt. Speng of the Vet. Corps. called in person and left the following notes and message;

The Commanding Officers of three units did not furnish collars and chains with the mules they delivered since they were not requested according to those C.O.s. As a result it leaves about 150 mules without means of leading.

Captain Speng received from the 13th C.F. letters addressed to the three C.O.s the text of which is:

"1. In accordance to letter of December 21, signed General Webster, it is requested that halters and stumps or collars and chains be furnished at the rate of 1 each per mule from your unit.

2. It is requested that feed bags be furnished for mules from your unit at the rate of one each.

3. It is requested that folding water buckets be furnished at the rate of 1 per 5 mules."

It would be appreciated if Captain Vitale would write, in Italian, letters to the C.O.s in question asking for the return of above mentioned collars and chains as well as the equipment mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.

The units that retained the collars and chains are;

47th Bat. guns Ol Solarussa

47th Guns Comp. 47/32 Solarussa

110th Regg. Panteria Guns Comp. Senaghe

Kuttsiel Col Ladd 7 Jan 44

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11 December 1943

Allied Force Headquarters
A.P.O. 512

AG 454.2-1 SUP-AGM

1 December 1943

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army

TO : Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA

1. Advice is furnished that authority has been granted the Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA, to select and obtain from Italian Army authorities in SARDINIA, by requisition, the number of mules listed by type below for the Fifth Army:

Mules, artillery, pack	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900

Total 1630

2. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units now stationed in SARDINIA, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at CAGLIARI now being shipped, and the two Italian pack groups being organized for shipment.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

Copy to:
AFHQ Adv Admin Ech, FLAMBO
15th Army Group
AOC
Allied Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA

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ACTION FABLE FOR BOULNOIS, WEBSTER AND HARDING INFO COLONEL PICKERING
FIFTH ARMY
SIGNED C IN C CITE FHEUP

INFORMAL INFORMATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS INDICATED REPORT OF
COLONEL PICKERING RELATIVE TO SURVEY OF MULES WAS FILED FOR TRANS-
MISSION ON 29 NOVEMBER. REPORT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS X REQUEST REPORT BE FORWARDED X CONFIRM HARDING HAS
RECEIVED OUR MESSAGE EIGHT SIX SEVEN SEVEN OF TWENTY NOVEMBER
CONCERNING PACK SADDLES AT TEMPLO

Alleged Central Information

10 DEC 43

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*Copy of outgoing cable by Col. Harding
(all pencil lines are my own - am)*

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C IN C AFHQ

13 Dec. 43

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EXEC. OFF.

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REFERENCE IS YOUR 11261 CITING INSUP OF 8 DECEMBER PD PAREN FROM CG AGS TO C IN C
AFHQ SIGNED HARDING CITE TD-11 PAREN PD FOLLOWING IS RPT OF OUR D-27 OF 29 NOVEMBER
PD QUOTE TO CG TWELFTH AFSC FROM CG AGS PASS TO HQAF C IN C SIGNED HARDING PD
COLONEL PICKERING FIFTH ARMY HAS COMPLETED SURVEY ANIMALS AND PACK EQUIPMENT
SARDINIA AND REPORTS AS FOLLOWS PD [NO RPT NO CIVILIAN ANIMALS PD ITALIAN
MILITARY HAS THREE FIVE ZERO ZERO MULES SERVICABLE AND AVAILABLE OF WHICH 950 (?)
ARE SCHEDULED FOR SHIPMENT TO NAPLES PAREN LOADING SIX HUNDRED OF LATER NOW
STARTING PAREN ALSO HAS ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO HORSES SERVICABLE AND AVAILABLE PD
THERE ARE FIVE FIVE ZERO ZERO PACK SADDLES AND THREE THREE ZERO TROOP RIDING
SADDLES ALL EXCLUSIVE OF THOSE IN HANDS ORGANIZED UNITS OF THESE PACK SADDLES
2000 ARE EAR MARKED SHIPMENT TO PATTALO PAREN CITE YOUR 1518 HQAGS PAREN 75
PER CENT CONDITION OF ANIMALS FAIR BALANCE POOR PD AND REQUIRE TWO WEEKS OR
MORE PROPER FEEDING AND CONDITIONING PD NO FEED AVAILABLE SARDINIA PD PICKERING
RECOMMENDS ANIMALS BE MOVED EARLIEST TO REMOUNT POSANA PD PICKERING'S REPORT
CONSIDERED MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION PRESENT STATUS PD DISBELARD MY AND OTHER
PREVIOUS REPORTS PD NEW SUBJECT COLON GARISON COMMANDER IS CONCERNED

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Outgoing Message, Hq. Tyrrhenian Depot, TD-14, 13 Dec. 43, (cont'd)

OVER REMOVAL FOREGOING ANIMALS BY SARDINIA WITHOUT APPRECIATION ITS AFFECT
UPON CIVILIAN AGRICULTURE ACTIVITY IN VIEW CRITICAL FOOD SHORTAGE PD PRE-
SUMABLY CERTAIN QUANTITY ANIMALS IN HANDS MILITARY SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO
FARMERS FOR THIS PURPOSE WHICH WOULD ALTER PICKERING'S FIGURES ON AVAILABILITY
PD APPRECIATION BEING INITIATED TO DETERMINE QUANTITIES SURPLUS TO ISLANDS
OVERALL NEEDS WHICH WILL BE REPORTED PD UNQUOTE SINCE ABOVE QUOTED MESSAGE
WAS DISPATCHED SURVEY BY ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION HAS REVEALED THAT REMOVAL
OF MILITARY TYPE ANIMAL WILL HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON CIVILIAN AGRICULTURE
ACTIVITIES DUE TO TYPE OF MILITARY ANIMALS WHICH ARE NOT REPEAT NOT USABLE
FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES PD FROM HARDING TO C IN C AFHQ CITE TD-14 PD
NEW SUBJECT CLN PARAPHRASE OF YOUR MESSAGE 8677 RECEIVED BY HARDING PD ARRANGE-
MENTS NOW UNDERWAY TO OBTAIN AND TRANSPORT SADDLES FROM OLFIA AND TELPTO TO
CAGLIARI BY RAIL FOR WATER SHIPMENT TO DESTINATION

17 Dicembre 1943-

SEGRETERIA

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA

P.M. 50

- A MANO -

Prot.n. 2/4278/S.19-

OGGETTO: Richiesta materiale vario e quadrupedà.-

Il Comando Americano ha invitato la scrivente a interessarsi presso codesto Comando perchè si compiacia rilasciare urgente autorizzazione per il ritiro, per conto della V^a Armata Alleata operante nel continente i quadrupedi e materiali seguenti:

2800 Basti completi per trasporti munizioni e materiale segnalato esistente nel deposito Artiglieria di Telti;

3200 Basti come sopra depositati ad Ozieri;

65 Selle e redini complete per cavalcatura esistenti presso il deposito di Oritano;

100 Cavalli da soma esistenti ad Oritano;

1665 Muli per carico materiali Artiglieria, esistenti vicinanze di Sassari;

1900 Muli da trasporto esistenti in località varie della Sardegna (da precisare);

Quanto sopra dovrà essere urgentemente imbarcato

S. Ozieri.

Il Comando Americano ha invitato la scrivente a interessarsi presso codesto Comando perchè si compiacca rilasciare urgente autorizzazione per il ritiro, per conto della V^a Armata Alleata operante nel continente i quadrupedi e materiali seguenti:

2800 Basti completi per trasporti munizioni e materiale segnalato esistente nel deposito Artiglieria di Telti;
 2200 Basti come sopra depositati ad Ozieri;
 63 Selle e redini complete per cavalcature esistenti presso il deposito di Oristano;
 100 Cavalli da soma esistenti ad Oristano;
 665 Muli per carico materiali Artiglierie, esistenti vicinanza di Sassari;

900 Muli da trasporto esistenti in località varie della Sardegna (da precisare):

Quanto sopra dovrà essere urgentemente imbarcato a Cagliari.

Pregasi compiacersi rilasciare le autorizzazioni 2948 necessarie per il ritiro che sarà effettuato dal Comando Am-
 ricino. =

IL CAPO DI S.M. AT SEVITI
 (COL. A. R. E. P. I. L. A. M. P. T. R. E.)

Per il C. Del Giudice -

Rimetto copia della lettera di una
 indagine di tipo per la Sardegna

data la uniformità di parlare
 con il Comando Militare della Sardegna
 lo completò la presente lettera da
 recapitare a mano a mano ufficiale
 a Prodigio. Sapete per caso delle persone
 a Lepiani del nuovo C. D. M. del Comando Militare
 lo consegnare a lui quest'ultima lettera - la autorizzarmi per il ritiro dei quadrupedi

materiali esistenti nel continente i quadrupedi e materiali seguenti:

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A/over 'quad' = none given?

B/over 'stat' = confirmed?; recovered with M.D.C.?

1 report salmon / 300/

1 " " (150) lemano

in the 1' vertebrae

cultiv 2 egg salmon

per run total 1,1200 grasses

1 'quad' lemano essence
accompany?

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ACTION TO C O TYRRENIAN DEPOT RPT INFORMATION TO C G PENINSULAR BASE
SECTION

SIGNED LARKIN CITE SSQMC-3552

SELECT AND OBTAIN WITHOUT DELAY FROM ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES IN SARDINIA
BY REQUISITION 665 MULES, ARTILLERY, PACK, 65 MULES, RIDING, 900 MULES
TOTAL 1630. MULES WILL BE SELECTED FROM THOSE BELONGING TO ITALIAN ARMY
UNITS STATIONED IN SARDINIA, EXCLUSIVE OF TWO ITALIAN PACK GROUPS NOW
BEING SHIPPED AND TWO ADDITIONAL NOW BEING ORGANIZED FOR SHIPMENT.
SHIP MULES TO PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, SHIPMENT BEING COMPLETED PRIOR
TO ONE FIVE JANUARY. UNDERSTOOD DETAIL OF VETERINARY OFFICERS NOW ON
HAND MAKING SURVEY OF ANIMALS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN THE
SELECTION OF THE REQUIRED ANIMALS. ADVISE PRACTICABILITY ACCOMPLISHMENT
THIS TASK AND SUBMIT PROGRESS REPORT WEEKLY. APPLICATION FOR SHIPPING
SHOULD BE MADE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN DATE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANIMALS
BECOMES KNOWN. SHIPPING ORDER NUMBER QM-1119 APPLIES. NATOUSA LETTER
TWO DECEMBER IS REFERENCE

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TO: ACTION CABLE FOR HARDING INFO PICKERING AND CG SOS NATOUSA
FROM: CG NATOUSA CITE NAQMC

SPONG AND HORNBACHER CAPTAINS, LIEUTENANT SMILLER AND STIEBER, VETERINARY CORPS, REPORTING TO ASSIST COLONEL PICKERING IN SURVEY TO DETERMINE NUMBER AND TYPES OF SUITABLE ANIMALS AVAILABLE ITALIAN ARMY UNITS AND ELSEWHERE ON ISLAND. PARA. INITIAL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SIX HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE ARTILLERY PACK MULES, SIXTY FIVE RIDING MULES NINE HUNDRED CARGO PACK MULES, FOR UNITED STATES FORCES, AND FOUR HUNDRED ARTILLERY PACK MULES FOR BRITISH. PARA. ADVISE AVAILABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION ADVISE TOTAL NUMBER AND TYPES AVAILABLE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE FOR PROCUREMENT UNITED STATES REQUIREMENTS WILL FOLLOW THROUGH CG SOS NATOUSA. ABOVE SURVEY SHOULD EXCLUDE RPT EXCLUDE THESE MULES IN TWO ITALIAN PACK GROUPS NOW UNDER ORDERS AND TWO ITALIAN PACK GROUPS BEING ORGANIZED.

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ACTION FABLE FOR WEBSTER INFO HARDING
SIGNED COMMANDER IN CHIEF CITE FMSUP

IN ORDER TO AC OMPLISH ANIMAL SURVEY REQUEST NECESSARY AUTOMOTIVE
TRANSPORTATION BE FURNISHED CAPTAIN SPONGE

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FROM: SIGNED CINC

TO : FABLE FOR HARDING FOR ACTION INFORMATION FLAMBO, C.G.
SOC MATOUSA, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.G. P.B.S.
ALLIED REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AT SARDINIA CITE FMSUP
AND PHDS

PARAPHRASE BY FREEDOM OF OUR 6579.

.....
PROCUREMENT OF SIX THOUSAND NEW PACE SADDLES FROM THE ITALIAN ARMY
AT TEMPLO IS AUTHORIZED. REQUEST THAT THESE BE SHIPPED TO FBS BY
YOU. YOUR 8677 DATED 21 NOVEMBER IS REFERENCE. ADDITIONAL 2000
DIRECTED SHIPPED FROM LBIA BY OUR 4546 DATED 23 NOVEMBER. ALL
SHIPMENTS TO BE EXPEDITED.

NEW SUBJECT. FOR FLAMBO

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THIS HEADQUARTERS IS DISTRIBUTION.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

1 December 1943

AG 454.2-1 SUP-ACM

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army

TO : Allied Garrison Commander, SARDINIA

1. Advice is furnished that authority has been granted the Commanding General, SGS MATOUSA, to select and obtain from Italian Army authorities in SARDINIA, by requisition, the number of mules listed by type below for Fifth Army:

Mules, artillery, pack	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900

Total 1630

2. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units now stationed in SARDINIA, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at CAGLIARI now being shipped, and the two Italian pack groups being organized for shipment.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

T. J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General.

Copy to:

AFHQ Adv Admin Ech, FLAMBO
15th Army Group
ACC
Allied Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA

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HEADQUARTERS
NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 534

2 December 1943

AG 454.2/244 CM-O

SUBJECT: Procurement of Mules in Italian Army.

TO : Commanding General, SOS, NATOUSA, APO 750, U. S. Army

1. Authority has been granted, and it is desired that you select and obtain without delay from Italian Army authorities in Sardinia, by requisition, the number of mules listed below by type. Mules will be selected from those belonging to Italian Army units stationed in Sardinia, exclusive of the two Italian pack groups at Cagliari now being shipped and the two additional Italian pack groups being organized for shipment, and shipped to Peninsular Base Section.

Mules, artillery, pack	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	700
Total	1430

2. Mules, artillery, pack, and mules, riding, selected will be held for issue to the 601st and 602nd Field Artillery Battalions (Team Pack H) (Mountain) upon their arrival. Mules, cargo, pack, selected are for replacements in pack troops assigned the Fifth Army.

3. Captain Spong, Veterinary Corps, and three veterinary officers assisting him are now making a survey of animals in Sardinia. They are available to assist in the selection of the required animals.

4. Shipment of mules, artillery, pack, and mules, riding, should be completed prior to 15 January 1944 in order to provide for the Field Artillery battalions referred to above. Shipment of mules, pack, will be complete as shipment becomes available.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

A.E. KING
Major, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

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2 - Colonel Pickering, c/o CG, Tyrrhenian Depot
2 - AG Records

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ACTION FLAMED INFO ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP, FIVE ARMY, EIGHT ARMY, C G SOS
NATOUSSA, C G PBS, C G IBS, NUMBER ONE DISTRICT, NUMBER TWO DISTRICT,
NORTH AFRICA DISTRICT, CABLE FOR HARDING

SIGNED EISENHOWER CITE FHGDT, FHSUP, PHODG

PARAPHRASE BY FREEDOM OF SEVEN SEVEN NINE EIGHT

PROVISIONAL DAILY FORAGE SCALE FOLLOWING SUPERSEDES ALL OTHER FORAGE
SCALES AND WILL APPLY FORTHWITH FOR ALL ANIMALS FED FROM U S OR BRITISH
ARMY STOCKS X READ IN THREE COLUMNS

COMMODITY	QUANTITY IN POUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	REMARKS
PART ONE BASIC SCALE FOR PACK COMPANY MULES		

GRAIN

OATS OR BARLEY CRUSHED

EIGHT

HAY OR TIBBEN

SALT

TWO

OUNCES

FOR HORSES AND MOUNTAIN ARTILLERY MULES

GRAIN

OATS OR BARLEY CRUSHED

TEN

HAY OR TIBBEN

ONE FOUR

SALT

TWO

OUNCES

PART TWO

ALTERNATIVES QUANTITIES AND MAXIMUM PROPORTION PER DAILY RATIONS
POUND FOR POUND EQUIVALENT FOR GRAIN EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED X
MAY ONLY BE INCREASED ON RECOMMENDATION VETERINARY OFFICER X

MAIZE CRUSHED

SEVEN FIVE PER
CENT BASIC SCALE

MILLET

FOUR

BLAN

TWO

MAY BE INCREASED FOR
ANIMALS HELD BY
VETERINARY
OR MOUNT UNITS ON
AUTHORITY OF UNIT

PEAS SPLIT OR CRUSHED

TWO

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IN LIEU TWO POUNDS GRAIN WHEN
AUTHORIZED BY ANIMAL UNIT.

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COMMODITY	QUANTITY IN POUNDS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED	REMARKS
GRAIN	TWO	
WHEAT	TWO	
CARROTS	TWO	IN LIEU ONE POUND GRAIN
CAROB BEAN CRUSHED	TWO	
BEANS SPLIT OR CRUSHED	THREE THREE	THREE POUNDS EQUIVALENT
GREEN PODDER		PERCENT BASIC SCALE TO ONE POUND HAY OR TIBBEN
		HAY OR TIBBEN
TWO X BEDDING X ON HARD STANDING ONLY SIX POUNDS STRAW PER DAY PER ANIMAL		

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AFHQ FOR INFORMATION PASS TO FLAMEO FOR ACTION
FROM: HARDING TYRENIAN DEPOT

CITE FROM REFERENCE SHIPMENT TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO ITALIAN PACK SADDLES EX SARDINIA
TO PATTALO PAREN OR IS IT PATTANG OR PASSANO PAREN PD SADDLES NOW AT OLIA PD-
PORTED BY ITALIAN MILITARY HQ TO BE AWAITING SHIPMENT BY ITALIAN MOTOR VESSEL
GLORIA WHOSE WHEREABOUTS AND THE AGENCY SUPPOSEDLY ARRANGING SUCH SHIPMENT
ARE UNKNOWN IN SARDINIA PD I PROPOSE MOVE SADDLES OVER LAND TO CAGLIARI CMA
THENCE VIA FIRST AVAILABLE LIFT TO NAPLES PAREN PROBABLY ONE OF THOSE CARRYING
MULES EX SARDINIA PAREN PD REQUEST CONFIRMATION AND OR INSTRUCTIONS

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INSPECTION NOTES ON TOUR OF 25 DECEMBER 1943

Inspected were the mules of 4th and 5th Pack Train Units; the former commanded by Capt. LUBIANO and the latter by Capt. GALLO.

Both units were said to be identical in strength and composition which were as follows:

8 officers (including 1 Med. Off.)	per unit
390 S.M.	" "
308 cargo mules	" "
8 draft mules	" "
7 riding horses	" "
4 mule carts	" "

Each unit also had a Veterinary Officer, Lieut. BALIKWI being the one assigned to the 5th Pack Unit.

The C.O.'s complained that to operate effectively as a pack train, each unit should have about 50 more men to take care of overhead tasks, as well as to assist in keeping loads tight during a march.

The men were reported to be armed with a carbine or a rifle. They all had one complete wool uniform, including the overcoat, and a change of shirt and underwear. Their shoes were in good condition, although they had only the ones they were wearing.

The units were fully equipped with halters, halter-shanks and good serviceable pack-saddles etc. The 4th Unit had a stock of spare shoes; the 5th Unit had requisitioned some but had not yet received any.

The mules themselves were reported to be of ages ranging from 5 to 12 years. Spot-checks and oral examinations brought out only those in the higher age group. The animals were all very thin and had little flesh on them, probably weighing less than 800 lbs. each. They had been fed on a diet of oats and barley; but very little forage. Occasionally, wheat chaff was fed to them. There were no pastures available, since all the land in the vicinity was private property. There appeared to be no respiratory or other infectious disease present.

*departed from Cagliari on the ship
"INDIANA" at 0800 hours 28 DEC 43 with*

*646 mules
796 men*

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12-17-43

Col. Simmons

TYRRHENIAN DEPOT
OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
APO 397

17 December 1943

SUBJECT: POM (Italian Mule Transport Companies)

TO : Allied Control Commission
Land Forces Sub-Commission
Representative in Sardinia, Att'n: Col. F.L. Simmons, Inf.

This confirms telephone conversation with Capt. Vitali of your office in regard to above subject.

It is expected that embarkation of the two mule companies will take place on or about 24 December 1943. It is accordingly requested that you inform the necessary authorities to have the companies available at Cagliari on 22 December. Movement to Cagliari to be accomplished in following manner:

From Sassari (one company - 308 mules & handlers)-

Lv. Sassari

Arrive Cagliari

One trainload - 20 Dec.	21 Dec.
One trainload - 21 Dec.	22 Dec.

These trains set-up by this office. Details of entrainment can be arranged between unit CO and Stationmaster, Sassari.

From Iglesias (one company - 300 mules & handlers)-

By road march to arrive Cagliari 22 Dec.

It is requested that nominal rolls of units be prepared prior to entrainment for presentation to U.S. Army Port Commander, Cagliari upon arrival.

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

cc: CG AGS
COTD
Port Commander

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

17 December 1943

Subject: Movement Two Groups Miles
To : Transportation Officer, Allied Garrison of Sardinia
Attention: Major J. C. Conine

1. Pursuant to telephone conversation had this morning, enclosed herewith is a copy of cable received this date referring to lift for two groups of miles at CAGLIARI about 21 December 43.

2. Italian authorities have been advised to move the group in SASSARI by rail on 20 December 43 and 21 December 43, and the group in BULSASAS by foot so that both groups will be at CAGLIARI by 22 December 43.

For Col. Simmons

A. P. Vitali
Captain, Field Artillery
Acting Representative
in Sardinia

1. Incl.
Copy of Cable 161711A

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 509 522

TO: ACH 15

DATE: 17 DECEMBER 1943

ORIGIN: LAND FORCES SUBCOMMITTEE ICH CMA ACC

TO: FREEDOM FOR C IN C SITE FUGOT

FROM: VITALI FOR SIMMONS AT FABLE

A P VITALI
CAPT F A

PRECEDENCE	DEGREE OF SECRECY
URGENT	SECRET
PRIORITY	CONFIDENTIAL
OPR-PRIORITY	RESTRICTED
ROUTINE	
DEFERRED	

Any message not X'd for
precedence will be sent
Deferred

INITIALS

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT YOUR SIX ONE SEVEN ONE ONE ABLE PD
REFERENCE LEFT TWO MULE GROUPS AT CAGLIARI ABOUT TWENTY FOUR
DECEMBER

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S-E-C-R-E-T EQUALS BRITISH SECRET.

Code Room 42ND. WING

Incoming Message

Time Received 2313 Time Left 3320 Decoded 38 M.C. 137
Code Room 2313 Code Room 2320 By ... Lt.

PRIORITY 161711A

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ADDSD FABLE FOR SIMMONS INFORMATION FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP FOR MMIA RPT
MMIA CMA FIVE ARMY CMA FATIMA SIGNED CINC CITE FHGCT RPT FHGCT X

VESSEL WILL ARRIVE AT CAGLIARI REFERENCH YOUR MV RPT WILLIAM MIKE FIVE
NINE FIVE CMA FIFTEENTH DEC CMA ABOUT TWENTY FOUR DEC X ACK X
WILL LIFT TWO MULE GROUPS AS SPECIFIED

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ANIA CMA FIVE ARMY CMA FATIMA STARED CING CITE FHGCT RPT FHGCT X

VESSEL WILL ARRIVE AT CAGLIARI REFERENCH YOUR MM RPT WILLIAM MIKE FIVE
NINE FIVE CMA FIFTEENTH DEC CMA ABOUT TWENTY FOUR DEC X ACK X
WILL LIFT TWO MULE GROUPS AS SPECIFIED

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THIS MESSAGE IS CLASSIFIED IN SECRET CODE. THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS
MESSAGE IS PROHIBITED. ONLY SUCH EXTRACTS AS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR
RE MIKE ASO A PAPER SECRET. THIS IS BELIEVED SECRET, THIS COPY WILL BE
GUARDED WITH THE GREATEST CARE AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE ORIGINATOR
WITHOUT DELAY.

SECRET BYALS FRINISH SECRET

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

15 December 1943

Subject: Cable

To : Commanding Officer, Tyrehanian Depot

Attention: Major Conine

1. Enclosed herewith a copy of cable sent this date pursuant to conference had this morning.

For Colonel F. L. Simmons

A. P. Vitali
Capt. F.A.
Acting Representative
in Sardinia

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Copy of Cable "AGH 14" in re matter

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
APO 509 520

NUMBER: AGH 14

DATE: 15 DECEMBER 1943

Office of Origin: LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION GMA AGC

TO: FREEDOM FOR C IN C ~~AFH~~ CITE PROGE
GMA 508 GMA FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP
GMA FIFTH ARMY GMA FAYLA

FROM: VITALI FOR SIMONS AT FABLE

A P VITALI
CAPT F A

PRECEDENCE	DEGREE OF SECURITY
URGENT	SECRET X
PRIORITY X	CONFIDENTIAL
OPR-PRIORITY	RESTRICTED
ROUTINE	
DEFERRED	
Any message not X'd for precedence will be sent Deferred	
INITIALS	

REFERENCE FIRST ONE THREE TWO ZERO TWO EIGHT ABLE PD
TWO ITALIAN MULE GROUPS READY PD WILL BE MOVED TO PORT OF LEVI
UPON ADVICE AS TO ETA OF FITTED SHIPS PD REQUIRES LIFT FOR SIX
ZERO ZERO MULES AND EIGHT ZERO ZERO PERSONNEL GMA LIFE SAVING
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*Interview with Lt Col. Forster, Exec. Typhus on Base, and Maj. Cowell,
Transportation Officer, Typhus on Base 15 Dec 43*

- 1. Fifth Army has already received two groups of mules.*
- 2. There additional two groups are now located, one at
SASSARI and one at IGLIERS, each group containing
300 mules. These will be moved to CANTONE (code
LAVY) upon advice as to shipping arrangements from HQHQ.*
- 3. Above and beyond these mules, there is active
negotiations to obtain more 1500 additional mules
and saddles for C B, SAS 1500000. This is being
handled for General Harris by Col. Pickering who
is assisted by a group of Veterinary Officers headed
by Capt. Horstach. (See letter from HQHQ, AG 454.2-1 to
Allied Prison Command, Sardinia, dated 1 Dec 43)*
- 4. A reply to this cable was framed by 2931 and
sent addressed to all interested parties.*

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FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP, FIVE ARMY, FLAWBO.

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NOTIFICATION YOUR ACTION NOT RECEIVED OUR CABLE 2614 DATED 18 NOVEMBER
PARAPHRASE FOLLOWS: SIMILAR TO BACK TRANSPORT COMPANIES ITALIAN PAR-
MARKED FOR FIFTH ARMY IN SARDINIA, FORM TWO ADDITIONAL GROUPS. SHIPPING
DATA WILL BE DETERMINED WHEN THIS HEADQUARTERS NOTIFIED OF READINESS AND
LOCATION. END OF PARAPHRASE. ACKNOWLEDGE. DESIRE IMMEDIATE REPLY.

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PAIRS IN 29 SACKS, ESCORT 2 MEN, MAJOR FOSSETT. ETA LEVI 1 NOVEMBER.

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