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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
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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(Translation)

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

No. 17869 Ord. di prot.

P.M. 50 - 21 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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(signed)

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

N° 17869 Ord. di prot.

P.M. 50 - 24 dicembre 1943

OGGETTO: Cessione quadrupedi.

AL COMANDO ALLEATO

ELMAS

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 o 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 avere norma per l'avviamento dei militari di cui sopra ad un distretto militare vicino - re che dovrà provvedere alle successive operazioni.--

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



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Comando Militare della Sardegna (VII C. d'A.)

N. 1004 di prot. Sp.

P. M. 50, li 22 dicembre 19

Risposta al foglio N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO: Richiesta di muli.-

AL COMANDO ALLEATO DELLA SARDEGNA

SASSARI

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

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

Vist.

Gen. O. B. B.

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Translation (by GPO)

Military Headquarters of Gardinia

File No. 1001, Op.

A.P.O. 50, 22 December 1943

Subject: Request for Mules

To: Allied Headquarters of Gardinia
Assani

With reference to your request of 18 December it is assured that the requested mules can be withdrawn from all the units in Gardinia. As a result, all the units in Gardinia will remain almost absolutely without mules.

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

LEDDA (signed)

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Gen. B. BERARDI (signed)

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Date 12/24/43

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

Al Generale Comandante
Guarnigione Alleata della
Sardegna - ELMAS

Prot. N. 17718/ord. Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO Fornitura di muli.

La richiesta di muli fatta con foglio del 16 dicembre è di tale entità che questo comando non può 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 -

Ledda

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Trattare con ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'articolo del regolamento.

Indirizzo telegrafico: ... c/o postale n. ...

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ALLIED GARRISON OF SARDINIA
AFG 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 18 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
470 Mules, Cargo Pack

10 January, 1944 - 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

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APV/vjt

Allied Garrison of Sardinia
APO 920

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	665
Mules, riding	65
Mules, cargo, pack	900
Total	<u>1630</u>

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 P. 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 454.2/244 Q4-0

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	665
Mules, riding	65
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 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 completed as shipment becomes available.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - G-4
- 1 - G-5
- 2 - CG, Fifth Army
- 2 - CG, SOS, MATOUSA
- 2 - CG, PEB
- 2 - CG, Tyrrhenian Depot
- 2 - Colonel Pickering, c/o CG, 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 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
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Allied Regional Commissioner,
SARDINIA

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ACTION TABLE FOR WENSTER INFO HARDING
SIGNED COMMANDER IN CHIEF CITE FHSUP

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

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FROM: SIGNED CINC

TO : TABLE FOR HARDING FOR ACTION INFORMATION FLAMBO, C.G.
SOS NATCUSA, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, C.G. F.B.S.
ALLIED REGIONAL COMMISSIONER AT SARDINIA CITE FHSUP
AND PHEDI

PARAPHRASE BY FREEDOM OF OUR 6575.

.....
PROCUREMENT OF SIX THOUSAND NEW PACK 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 LAIA BY OUR 4543 DATED 23 NOVEMBER. ALL
SHIPMENTS TO BE EXPEDITED
NEW SUBJECT. FOR FLAMBO
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THIS HEADQUARTERS IS DISTRIBUTION

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ACTION TO C O TYRRHENIAN DEPOT WFT INFORMATION TO C G PENINSULAR BASE
SECTION

SIGNED LARKIN CITE SSCMC-3542

SELECT AND OBTAIN WITHOUT DELAY FROM ITALIAN ARMY AUTHORITIES IN SARDINIA
BY REQUISITION 65 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 OF ICERS 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 OM-1119 APPLIES. MATOUSA 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 SMILLEN 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 GROUPS BEING ORGANIZED.

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