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SARD/290 Serial 95(81) Montegranero Bn.

Apr. - May 1944

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 201300 B SECRET

FROM AAI

TO FALCON FOR SIMMONS, ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA PLEASE PASS;
FOR INFORMATION TO MMIA, MAIN 8TH ARMY, DISTHREE, MOV NAPLES
CITE SD 1968

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IN VIEW URGENT OF DEMAND FOR MONTEGRANERO BATTALION SHIPPING
PRIORITY LIST SEVEN NOW RAISED TO 81A

REQUEST YOU HASTEN ARRIVAL REMAINDER OF UNIT AND SIGNAL DETAILED
COMPOSITION INCLUDES VEHICLES AND WAGONS AND MAJOR DEFICIENCIES
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TRANSLATION DT 11 May 1944

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

No. 4787 di prot. Ord. /B/

APC 50, 11 May 1944

SUBJECT: "M. Granero" Alpine Battalion

TO : Colonel Simmons, Allied Commission, Elmas

The "M. Granero" Alpine Battalion is ready to take part in war operations.

I believe that it would be very useful for the purpose of their task if the Battalion could be intrusted to leave with one battery of 75/13 mule drawn artillery.

If you agree I will take the necessary steps to alert such battery and will inform S.M.R.E.

THE COMMANDING GENERAL
Giovanni Magli /t/
Giovanni Magli /s/

Alone less mules
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FILE: A. GRANERO



COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C.A.)

= Ufficio Ordinamento =

N° 4787 di pret.Ord./B/ =

P.M.n°50, li 11 maggio 1944.

OGGETTO: Battaglione alpini "M.Granero".

AL SIGNOR COLONNELLO SIMMONS
-Commissione Alleata -

E L M A S

Il battaglione alpini "M.Granero" é approntato
per prender parte ad operazioni di guerra.

Penso che sarebbe molto utile ai fini dei compiti
che potranno essere affidati a tale battaglione farlo parti-
re con una batteria da 75/13 semeggiata.

Se Lei é d'accordo provvedo subito all'appronta-
mento di tale batteria ed informerò poi lo S.M.R.Esercito.

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Giovanni Magli -

Giovanni Magli 2521

~~EX~~ C XVII Gruppo *no un foc*

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

12 May 1944

SUBJECT: Release of Impounded Radio Equipment Montegrano
Alpine Battalion

TO : Commanding General, Allied Garrison of Sardinia
(Attention Chief Signal Officer)

1. In view of the imminent departure of the Montegrano Alpine Battalion to the mainland, it is requested that the following impounded radio equipment be released at once to the Commanding Officer that organization or his authorized representative:

4 sets HF - 3 GA
2 sets HF - 2

Copy: C.M.S.
C. G. Montegrano Bn
G-5, A.G.S.

F. L. SIMMONS
Colonel, Infantry
Representative in
Sardinia

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N. 2909 (208) del C.A.
(R. 1911 - Anno XX)

P.M. 50 - 8 maggio 1944 - A.

COM. MILIT. SARDEGNA
(XIII C.A.)

Al COM. GUARNIGIONE ALLEATA
IN SARDEGNA - Ufficio del
Col. Simmons

S.M. - Uff. Op.

Risposta al foglio del

Prot. N.

Allegati

Div. Sez. N.

OGGETTO / *6148/1/17*
Affluenza a Cagliari battaglione
"Monte Granero".

Il Battaglione Monte Granero afflui
rà a Cagliari martedì 9 corrente.

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

Ledda

Traattare per ogni lettera un solo argomento ed indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo
e l'ufficio cui si risponde.

Inviare telegrammi, c/c postale n.

Inviare telegrammi

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FILE : MONTEGRANERO

URGENT SECRET 062340 B

TO SMRE INFO FALCON FOR SIMMONS RAI EIGHTH ARMY,

THIS IS MESSAGE NUMBER OYD 601 CITE JC 507B. CANCEL OUR Z 4313

WHICH THIS MESSAGE IS REPEAT OF

AFTER SERIAL 90 IN SHIPPING LIST AAI WILL BE CALLING FORWARD. REQUEST
YOU PROCEED WITH MONTEGRANERO ALPINI BATTALION FOR SHIPMENT FROM
SARDINIA TO MAINLAND COMPLETE WITH PERSONNEL STORES TRANSPORT AND
ANIMALS.

RESRIPT VJT. 7 MAY 1944

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No record signal z 4313

OPERATIONAL PRIORITY 301000 B SECRET

FROM MMIA

TO FOR ACTION SMRE FOR INFO FALCON FOR SIMMONS, AAI, 8TH ARMY

CITE H 1 SD 601

PLEASE CLAIM MONTEGRANERO ALPINI BATTALION FOR SHIPMENT TO MAINLAND
FROM SARDINIA WITH ALL TRANSPORT STORES PERSONNEL AND ANIMALS. AAI
WILL CALL FORWARD ^(AFTER) OPEN SERIAL 90 IN SHIPPING LIST 7.

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

7 May 1944

SUBJECT: Montegranero Alpini Battalion
TO : Commanding General, Italian Forces in Sardinia.

1. It is requested that the Montegranero Alpini Battalion
be move to Cagliari immediately for staging and preparation to
move to the Continent.

For Colonel F. L. SIMMONS

S.D. MARTIN
Major, G.M.P.

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SECRET

FROM MMIA (ENCIPHERED DISTWO)

ACTION SMRE INFO FALCON FOR SIMMONS, AAI

REQUEST YOU PROCEED WITH MONTEGRANERO ALPINI FOR SHIPMENT FROM
SARDINIA TO MAINLAND COMPLETE WITH PERSONNEL STORES TRANSPORT AND
ANIMALS. AAI WILL BE CALLING FORWARD AFTER SERIAL 90 IN SHIPPING LIST.

RESRIPT 4 MAY 1944 /rro

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TRANSLATION GC/vjt 26 APRIL 1944

MILITARY HEADQUARTERS OF SARDINIA (XIII ARMY CORP)
Chief of Staff - Operations office

No. 5512/1/11/op

A.P.O. 20, 25 April 1944

SUBJECT: "M. Granero Battalion"

TO : Colonel Simmons

Forwarded is a chart regarding the table of organization of the "M. Granero" Battalion, and the existing personnel as of 24 April 1944.

We confirm as already verbally stated, that the battalion does not have at its disposal any 75/13 artillery.

There exists in Sardinia, however, the CXVI Artillery Group of 75/13 artillery composed of two battalions.

In addition, there exists of the island 75/13 materiel for the forming of another group, providing the Allied Headquarters could assign about 170 mules from those already at their disposal.

THE COLONEL CHIEF OF STAFF
- Gavino Ledda -
Ledda /s/

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p. l/a. mob
COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (XIII C.A.)
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

n. *5572/1/11* /op. di prot.

P.M. 50 11, *9* aprile 1944

OGGETTO: battaglione "M. Granero".

AL COLONNELLO SIMONS
presso Comando Alleato

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Si trasmette specchio relativo alla costituzione organica del battaglione alpini "M. Granero" e la consistenza effettiva al 24 aprile c.a.

Si conferma quanto già comunicato verbalmente che il battaglione non dispone di artiglierie da 75/13.

Esiste però in Sardegna il CXVI Gruppo Artiglieria da 75/13 su due batterie. ~~due batterie artiglierie da 75/13~~

Inoltre, esiste nell'Isola il materiale da 75/13 per la costituzione di altro gruppo, sempre però che il Comando Alleato vi possa destinare circa 170 muli da trarsi da ~~quelli~~ già a sua disposizione.



d'ordine

IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.
- Gavino Ledda *2513*

Ledda

*Rec'd 19100
28 April 44*

allegato PS 19/1/11 del 29.4.44 -

ORGANICO BTG. ALPINI "M. GRANERO"

	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Muli	Autocarrette	Biciclette	F.M.	Mitra 37	Mortai 81
Organico cp. (3) alpini	7	9	257	45	3	1	9	3	-
Organico cp. comando	10	9	171	46	8	2	-	-	4
Totale btg.	31	36	942	181	17	2	27	9	4
(su 1 compagnia comando e 3 compagnie alpini)	CONSISTENZA EFFETTIVA								
Totale btg.	32	41	918	35	16	2	254	9	4



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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 26 APRIL 1944

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TO:

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From:

ACC SARDINIA SIGNED STENOGR

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FIRST PD MONTENEGRO BATTALION ACTUALLY ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS CMA THREE TWO
OFFICERS CMA FOUR ONE NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS CMA NINE ONE EIGHT BELIEVED
MEN CMA THREE FIVE MILES CMA ONE SIX AUTOCARS CMA TWO BICYCLES CMA TWO SEVEN
MACHINE GUNS CMA NINE MACHINE GUNS CMA FOUR MORTARS EIGHT ONE MINE NINE PD
BATTALION PREPARILY ORGANIZED AND TRAINED FOR MOUNTAIN WARFARE PD SECOND PD
NO ORGANICAL SEVEN FIVE MINE MINE MORTARS IN BATTALION PD ²⁵¹BATTALION CAN
BE ORGANIZED TO FIGHT WITHOUT MULES PROVIDED WARFARE NOT CONDUCTED IN

THESE OFFICERS PD MOTOR TRANSPORT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REACH

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TO: AAI RPT MIA CITE SUGAR DOG ONE FOUR ONE FOUR

From: AGC SARDINIA SIGNED SIMONE Originator's
Reference Number AGS YOKO 108

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MOUNTAINOUS REGIONS PD MOTOR TRANSPORT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REPLACE NILES
PD INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT EQUIPMENT IN GOOD CONDITION PD CLOTHING AND SHOES
BADLY WORN PD BATTALION REGULARLY ORGANIZED AND IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AS
TO PERSONNEL PD

Prepared by L. A. CERUETI CAPTAIN CAVALRY
Authenticated by (name) L. S. SIMON (rank) (org)
INFANTRY

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FROM AAI

TO FOR ACTION FALCON FOR SIMMONS FOR INFO MMIA, 8TH ARMY
CITE SD 1414.

REF MMIA SD 561 OF 21 APRIL.

FIRST. REQUEST YOU FORWARD FOLLOWING PARTICULARS MONTEGRANERO BN.
ORGANIZATION AND ROLE OF BN IN GENERAL TERMS. ARMAMENT. STATE OF
EQUIPMENT. NUMBER OF VEHICLES.

SECOND. ARE 75 MM HOWITZERS PACK EQUIPMENT OR ROAD MOUNTED? CAN BN
BE ORGANIZED TO FIGHT WITHOUT MULES? IF SOMEWHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED
TO REPLACE MULES?

THIRD. INTEND TO EMPLOY BN IN OPERATIONAL ROLE IF STATE AND QUANTITY OF
EQUIPMENT PERMITS.

FOURTH. REQUEST YOU SIGNAL INFO ABOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

RESRIPT 24 APRIL 1944 /rro

ROUTINE 22ND SECRET

PARAPHRASE OF MMIA MSG DTG 2100B BY CRYPTO FILPOT
TO AAI RPTD 8TH ARMY FALCON, ALLIED GARRISON PLEASE PASS.
CITE SD 561
FROM MMIA

YOUR SD 1351 OF 19 APRIL
MONTEGRANERO BATTALION STRENGTH 32 OFFICERS 1011 OTHER
RANKS INCLUDES TROOP OF 475 MM HOWITZERS READY TO EMBARK
NOW IN SARDINIA BUT WILL REQUIRE ABOUT 230 MULES WHICH
YOUR Q 1026 OF 19 APRIL SAYS ARE BEING REQUISITIONED .

RESRIPT /rrc 22 APRIL 1944

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NO RECORD SD 1351

ROUTINE 22NIL SECRET

FROM MMIA

TO AAI RPTD 8TH ARMY FALCON (ALLIED GARRISON SARDINIA PLEASE PASS)

CITE SD 561

MONTEGRANERO BATTALION

STRENGTH 32 OFFICERS 1011 OTHER RANKS INCLUDES TROOP OF 475 MM

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YOUR SD 1351 OF 19 APRIL

PARAPHRASE OF MMIA MSG DTG 212100B BY CRYPTO FILPOT

/rro RESCRIPT 23 APRIL 1944

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