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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MILA 24 1600 A
 TO : MILA IO SARDINIA

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RES YOUR Y661 (.) APPROVAL GIVEN BY A.F.S.C. FOR USE OF SEAPLANE (.)
 LIAISE WITH I.A.P. OFFICES YOUR END RE COLLECTION AND DESPATCH OF MAIL
 BY SEAPLANE ON DAYS STATED

PREFERENCE
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AUTHENTICATED.....
W.C. Porter

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Subject:- Reservation on Italian Plane.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) RCMR.

14/9/45
14 September, 1945.

To:-

H.Q. Allied Commission,
for Air Forces Sub Commission.

Reference our C/14/3 dated 21 Aug 45, copy to you.

1. The officers of the Headquarters Commandant have informed us that the matter was referred to you and that you were taking action.

2. May we be informed of your decision.

R.A. CURTIES
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.I.
(U. N. I. A.) ROME.

2/4/53

6 September 1953.

Subject:- Schomberg.

Ref:-
Ministry of War.

REF 1534/T/M

1. We have been informed by N.C.I.L. that the Italian Government has a number of prisoners which ~~is~~ ^{are} controlled by Commando Battalion Newell (C. B. N.).
2. Request for release of such vessels should be made by you direct to C.B.N. If they are unable to help themselves, C.B.N. should apply to the Mediterranean Board of War. No, the Allied equivalent organization, who control requisitioned vessels.

R.R.
R.A. CHARTERED Lt. Col.
For Major General.
H. M. I. A.

Copy to:- H. M. I. A.

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TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

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REF: 219093/11

221-4-1.

To: M.M.I.A. for information.

Date: 3/9/45.

Subject: Passage for military from and to Sardinia.

Reply to Letter 25888 dated the 31/8/45.

Sardinian Military personnel on the strength of various units of the Army, who as at today's date must still be sent to Sardinia for the leave granted every six months (leave which was not granted during the first six months of this year) amount ~~to~~ to approximately 12000 men. To this figure, those who must return to the island on compassionate leave or on convalescent leave which amount to an average of 400 men per month must be added.

The extremely small number of monthly vacancies put at the disposal of this Ministry (about 1000; between those allotted on passenger ships and those on men of war, which will be raised to 1800 when the four schooners which are being requisitioned will be available) does not allow us in any way to adhere to the request made by you.

We are extremely sorry about this, but whatever may be the reduction in vacancies for military personnel awaiting passage to Sardinia, this would aggravate the condition of the said military and the units on whose strength they are.

Lombardi.

Carter. *of*

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MMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION) LO SARDINIA

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q 579

UNCLASSIFIED (.) MR GRIFFITH AND ITALIAN ENGINEER ETA

CAGLIARI 5 SEPTEMBER 1200 HOURS

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AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Colonel

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COPY
TRANSLATION

From : Staggione Trasporti

29 Aug 45

To : Mov MMIA

Ref : 1534/T/M

Subject : Transport of Military Personnel between the Mainland & Sardinia.

Reference Q/14/3 dated 31 Jul 45 & Q/14/3 dated 22 Aug 45 of MMIA.

Considering that :-

It is impossible, at least for now, to use the S.S. 'MAGNETICO' or another S.S. for the above mentioned purpose.

Concerning Schooners as suggested by MMIA in above mentioned letters, it is advisable to use ships of a tonnage of over 350 Tons in order to give safety and regularity of the service also during Autumn and Winter; all ships over 350 Tons are requisitioned by the Allies.

Therefore, we beg you to request authorities concerned to release 4 Schooners having a ~~minimum~~ tonnage over 350 Tons and suitably equipped ~~to carry~~ to carry out weekly journeys on the route CIVITAVECCHIA - OLBIA.

MMIA's decision and release and employment procedure of above mentioned schooners should be notified to SMRE.

(Sgd) IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
(ERCOLE RONCO.

Action to 'Q' From MMIA LO.

31/8/45. 2733

FROM:

MMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION)

LO SARDINIA

REFERENCE NUMBER

Q/14/1. File
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UNCLASSIFIED (.) MISTER F O GRIFFITH, AMERICAN CIVILIAN,
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT OFFICER, ALCOM AND ONE ITALIAN CIVILIAN
REQUEST PERMISSION TO VISIT SARDINIA FOR SEVEN DAYS BEGINNING
THREE SEPTEMBER (.) NO RATIONS TO BE FURNISHED EITHER PARTY
FROM US STOCKS (.) WILL NEED ONE VEHICLE FOR TRAVEL ON ISLAND (.)
PARTY COMING AT REQUEST OF HIGH COMMISSIONER (.) ADVISE IF
SATISFACTORY FOR PARTY TO COME AND IF VEHICLE CAN BE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL (.) ONE OBJECT OF PARTY IS TO INVENTORY
ARMY PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR TURN OVER TO CIVILIAN
PUBLIC WORKS ON MAINLAND (.) THEREFORE MR GRIFFITH WILL BE
FURNISHED AUTHORITY TO VISIT ITALIAN ARMY DEPOTS (.) ANY
EQUIPMENT SELECTED WILL BE TRANSPORTED FROM PRESENT LOCATION
IN MAINLAND UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY MR GRIFFITH WITH WHATEVER
HELP YOU CAN GIVE HIM

PRECEDENCE

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AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Colonel

from: M of W
 to: SMRE
 Copy to: M M 1A Q/14/3 26 Aug. 45
 Subject: Italian military personnel travelling to SARDINIA.

Translation

ref. 218443/II

221-4-1

26 Aug. 45

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Further to letter 217286/II dated 21/8.45
 & with ref. to letter Q/14/3 of M M 1A
 dated 22/8.45. — 142

We beg you urgently to charter or
 requisition 4 schooners of tonnage over
 350 tons, to be used on routes NAPLES-
 CAGLIARI or CIVITAVECCHIA OLBIA, for a/c
 military personnel. —

If SMRE should meet difficulties in
 the carrying out of a/c matter especially
 if the release is to be made by Allied
 Authorities who ~~in the past~~ ²⁰⁰¹ previously
 requisitioned these schooners.

P.T.D.

this Cabinet must be informed.
We shall pass ~~the~~ information to
MMAA. -

We would appreciate ^{to have} a detailed
draft concerning the working
system of the new service! -

LOMBARDI.

(Edgar)

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel Bound for Sardinia

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/14/3

22 August 1945

To : Minister for War

Reference your 217901/II of 19 August 1945

1. The question of transportation of military personnel to Sardinia has again been thoroughly discussed with the Naval Sub Commission. I find that the Italian ship, Mocenigo is allotted to the transportation of displaced persons from Civitavecchia to Sardinia at one trip per week and is therefore not available as you request. No other similar ship is available.
2. It is not possible, at this time, to arrange for further changes to handle military personnel for the reason that transportation of displaced persons and ex-prisoners of war have first to be catered for and this has been done by the Transportation Sub Commission.
3. It is suggested that you make such use of schooners as is possible, utilizing them on the short run.
4. The situation will be reviewed from time to time; and I can assure you that if it is possible to secure additional transport, that will be done. I am sure you realize that this whole question is a matter of priority for the limited shipping available which is in such great demand.

L. Browning

Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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Subject:- Reservation on Italian Plane.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. H. I. A.)

PCMR.

27 August, 1942.

For-

H. A. Allied Commission
for Establishments Section

1. During a recent conversation between Lt. Col. Mostin Alcom Liaison Officer and Major Long, M.H.I.A. Liaison Officer in Sicily, it was learned that the former may soon move his office from Palermo and proposes to give up the two seats reserved for Alcom in the Italian plane flying between Palermo and Rome.
2. The Italian Army has only two reservations on the plane which are sometimes taken away by the High Commissioner. Furthermore, Allied Air Service may soon be terminated.
3. In view of the above, it is requested that the two Alcom reservations be transferred to M.H.I.A. Liaison Officer at Palermo. When necessary, allocation to Alcom passengers would be made by him.

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A. A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. H. I. A.

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Copy to:- A.C. Air Forces Sub Commission.

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Subject: Sea Transportation Sardinia.

Land Force Sub Commission (L.F.)
(M. M. I. A.)
ROME.

2/11/3

21 August 45.

To:-

M.M.I.A. L.O.
SARDINIA

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Reference your letter dated 15th August, same subject.

Present arrangements provide for the permanent allocation of 200 berths on each of the ships *Abbasia* and *Campidoglio*, making a total allocation of 400 berths each way per month. But of the 200 berths 190 are for the Army and 10 for the Air Force, thus making an availability of 380 Army and 20 Air Force berths each way per month.

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M. A. GURTES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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TransmittalVery Urgent

From: Ministry of War

General Langley Browning
Head of M.M.I.A., Rome

Q/4/3.

Ref. No. 217901/II

Date: August 19, 1945

Subject: Italian military personnel bound for Sardinia.

Government to letter No. 216998/II of the 10th inst.

I have directed the S.M.R.E. to look into the question of chartering or requisitioning motor schooners in order to speed up the movement of Italian military personnel between the continent and Sardinia, and vice versa.

Before taking any action in the matter, it is, however, necessary for me to point out certain disadvantages closely bound up with the use of those means.

Motor schooners of a tonnage in excess of 350 tons are all requisitioned by Allied organizations or HQ's. Those of less carrying capacity are greatly influenced by the condition of the sea, and with the end of the fair weather season their use - as is also confirmed by merchant marine authorities - would become extremely questionable, especially on the longer route from Palermo to Cagliari.

(Palermo - Cagliari: 380 miles; Naples - Cagliari: 238 miles; Civitavecchia - Olbia: 130 miles). Such

motor schooners:

- a) do not afford sufficient protection of the men's lives because they lack adequate individual and collective life-saving equipment.

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a) do not afford sufficient protection of ~~the~~ men's lives because they lack adequate individual and collective life-saving equipment.

The latter, moreover, is hard to find and would -

- if stored on deck - create congestion and cut down even further the already limited carrying capacity of these motor schooners.

b) do not make possible an adequate accommodation of the personnel ^{aboard} the vessels, thus forcing the men to remain ^{almost} immobilized on deck for the duration of the trip. Such duration would, on the Palermo - Cagliari run, average from 50 to 60 hours. The average cruising speed of

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these craft is, in fact, about 6 or 7 miles per hour.

To which I should add that the formalities connected with the requisition or chartering and the outfitting of these motor schooners would take a considerable amount of time and would thus retard their utilization.

Apart from this, I must point out that despite this solution and the means provided, the problem is not yet solved; and that, therefore, at the Naples garrison there will inevitably arise situations detrimental to military discipline — which this Ministry, no less than MMIA, intends to prevent in the future.

The attached table summarizes the numerical data relative to the important problem under consideration:

It will be readily seen that such data confirm my foregoing statements and that only the solution offered by this Ministry can remedy the situation.

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I therefore confirm once more the recommendation made with letter No. 216145/II of July 23rd last, concerning the placing under direct management of the Transport Office of S.M.R.E. of a merchant steamer of adequate tonnage, with a carrying capacity of about 500 men, to be used on the Naples-Cagliari run and back. This steamer — which could make 8 complete voyages (7 times) every month — might be the "Moscovitz".

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This steamer - which could make 8 complete voyages (round trips) every month - might be the "Mocenigo", which was already requested of the Navy Ministry by S.M.R.E., or some other similar steamer which the aforementioned Ministry declared it was ready to furnish.

If acceptable, this solution would possess the following advantages in that it would make possible:

- a regular, well-ordered, assured outflow of about 4000 men per month
- an improvement in the civilian service, because once the "Mocenigo" is obtained, it would be possible

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Navy Sub C. state
the Mocenigo
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to ferry the planes assigned to military command on the vessels "Albergo" and "Campidoglio" now in service between Naples and Cagliari;

- the freeing of the destroyer - as announced by MMIA with letter No. Q/14/3 dated July 31st last - in favor of other services.
- assistance in the transportation of returning soldiers between the Continent and the Island, in a measure to be agreed upon and subject to prior approval by MMIA,

Were acceptance of this recommendation impossible because of superior military necessity with which I am acquainted, I will issue instructions forthwith to organize the service with motor schooners. Such service, however, will have to be put into effect on the shorter routes of Civita Vecchia - Olbia or Naples - Cagliari, instead of - as prescribed by MMIA - on the longer one of Palermo - Cagliari, by using vessels of over 350 tons which may be granted by the Allied organizations which requisitioned them, only upon intervention by MMIA.

I feel certain that you will be kind enough ^{will} to give this question renewed consideration and to approve the recommendation submitted by me with a view to achieving a complete solution of this thorny and controversial question.

I await the favor of your reply, 27th Jan,

(signed) Jacini

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counterbalancing question.

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Tacini
(signed)
Minister

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Translation

Enclosure No. 1 re: Letter No. .../II
of August 1945

Transportation of personnel to and from Sardinia

- 1) Number of places available monthly on:
 - steamer "Albergo" and "Campioglio" 400
 - Navy destroyers 600
 - 4 motor schooners, requisitioned or chartered, to be used on the route Palermo-Cagliari (capacity: 50 places each - 4 monthly trips) 800
 - (1) Total 1,800

2) Military personnel to be transported from the Continent to Sardinia (2) during the period August - December 1945:

for a six months' leave not yet spent during the first 6 months of the current year 12,000

for a six months' leave already spent in the first 6 months of the current year and to be spent in the second 6 months' period 1,000

for leave granted on various compensations or for convalescence or for seasonal farm work (from monthly averages obtained in the period January - July 1945) 2,000

on duty (from monthly averages obtained in the period January - July 1945) 27,000

for release from the service (leaves from 1915 to 1919) (3)

Total 15,100

2) Military personnel to be transported from the island of Sardinia (2) during the period August - December 1945:

for a six months' leave not yet spent during the first 6 months of the current year	12,000
for a six months' leave already spent in the first 6 months of the current year and to be spent in the second 6 months' period for leave granted on various compassionate grounds or for convalescence or for seasonal farm work (from monthly averages obtained in the period January-July 1945)	2,000
on duty (from monthly averages obtained in the period January-July 1945)	27,041.00
for release from the service (classes from 1915 to 1919) (3)	15,100
Total	56,141.00

3) Time required to transport to Sardinia the 15,100 men estimated for the period August - December 1945 with 1800 places available per month (MMA solution):
8 1/2 months (i.e. from August 1945 to April 1946)

4) Time required to transport to Sardinia the 15,100 men estimated, with 4000 places available per month (Ministry of War solution): 4 months (i.e. from August to November 1945)

- (1) With the end of the fair weather season (September) motor schooners will be able to make only one or two ^{per month} trips instead of four; accordingly the number of places available will be cut from 400 to 200.
- (2) The problem of transporting military personnel from Sardinia to the Continent is not considered, since it does not offer any particular difficulty.
- (3) According to our estimates they should number about 3,000. They are not figured separately because they are already included among the 13,000 men who are estimated to travel to the Island in 6 months' furlough.

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FROM NYIA

TO CHANCE PALMER

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FOR NYIA 10 (.) FOR 1039/2 OF 14 AUG (.) FORWARD DETAILS OF
ORGANIZATION AND RETURN AIR PASSAGE FOR APPROPRIATE

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Subject: - Sea Transport - Sardinia.

Land Forces Sub Comm. L.C.
(M.M.I.A.A.)

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124/1. 4TH attachment.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Further to Ministry of War letter 216145/11 dated 23
Jul/45 and MMIA letter Q/14/3 dated 31 July 45.

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1. Arrangements have been made with Navy Sub Commission and the Regia Marina for a destroyer to make five round trips a month between Naples and Cagliari for the conveyance of Italian Military personnel. The destroyer "Clis" left Naples for Cagliari a few days ago.

2. This service will only be used for personnel in the following categories:-

- a) Personnel proceeding on duty specifically authorized by orders in their possession to travel on this destroyer.
- b) Leave personnel, within the authorized allowance and in possession of papers specifically authorizing **9741** on this destroyer.
- c) Personnel of the present Army who have been demobilized in accordance with present orders and who are returning to their homes in Sardinia, such personnel being in possession of proper demobilization papers and orders specifically authorizing travel on this destroyer.

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Jul/15 and MILA letter 2/16/3 dated 31 July 45.

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3. This service will make it possible to lift a total of approximately 600 per month in addition to personnel carried on the SS-Campidoglio and Abruzzo.

4. It is not possible to fix a definite time table, but, it appears that the craft will be available every 6 days to lift approximately 120 men.

5. You will keep in contact with Lieutenant Gracchi, Italian Liaison Officer at Navy House, Naples, who will be in a position to inform you when the craft is available.

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6. In order to make the best use of this service, and to avoid unnecessary delay, you will arrange for personnel under paragraph 2 to be divided into groups of about 120 men, each group being given a shipping ticket, according to the journey on which they are to travel.

7. You will ensure that a group is always held in readiness, and as one group leaves, the next group is called forward.

8. The accommodation for Italian leave personnel on the Campidoglio and Abruzzo is in NO WAY affected by this new arrangement and 190 places per month will continue to be available on each ship as previously.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel.
for Major General,
K.M.I.A.

Copy to:- 13 Corps
1 District
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Naval Sub Comm. AC
N.O.I.C. NAPLES
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803 " RAVISCAPIA
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Translation

From M of War
To MMIA

10 Aug 45
Re 216998/II

Subject - Italians - Military sent to Sardinia.

Reference letter Q/14/3 dated 31 July 45.

I have taken note of that communicated concerning the question of the Sardinian soldiers sent to Sardinia through demobilization, through service or through leave, and I thank you for the measures adopted in this respect.

The question concerning the hiring or the requisition of the schooners is under consideration and, I will inform you as soon as possible as to the results of the inquiries.

Feb 12-41 1. 7th attachment

I am awaiting your letter advising me of the Cruiser allotted to increase transport facilities to the Island. As regards the discipline problem arising from the influx and stay at Naples of the numerous military from Sardinia, I have already sent instructions in letters 215000/II, 216000/II, 217100/II of dates 8 and 22 July and 4 August respectively this year. However, I will emphasize these whenever I have to publish new orders on the matter which may be issued.

It is incumbent upon me to point out that even though the question is very much improved for the Military belonging to the Italian Armed Forces who go to Sardinia released, on duty or on leave, the same cannot be said of the solution of the burning problem of the ex prisoners of War traveling to the Island in order to ~~definitely~~ definitely rejoin their homes.

If the outgoing movement of such Military from Naples cannot also be assured a regularly, the situation, from a disciplinary point of view, in the Garrison will never right itself, and the inconveniences and the annoyances complained of will repeat themselves. The question is however being studied at the Office of POW and Repatriation of this Ministry and I will in due course revert to this matter with the authorities concerned of the A.C.

L. Carne

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L. Carme

Sgd Jacini

Translation

URGENT

From : MCH
To : SMRE Transport Office
Independent ex-POW and
Repatriates Office.
Info : MMIA
Naples Mil. Terr. Command.
Subject : Italian soldiers headed for Sardinia.

Ref. : 217393/II/221-4-1
Date : August 10, 1945

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Ref. MMIA's letter 9/14/3 dated July 31, 1945 (sent for info to Transport office and extract enclosed for Independent ex-POW Office and for Naples Mil. Terr. Command.

In regard to what was reported by MMIA with the a/m letter, we beg:

- the SMRE - Transport Office - to kindly see to the hiring of or requisitioning of ~~two~~ vessels (schooners or clippers) mentioned in the a/m letter, bearing in mind that said vessels must ensure the monthly passage to Sardinia of not less than 200 soldiers. Please take necessary action and report on this matter urgently;
- the Independent ex-POW and repatriates Office, ON the basis of orders contained in enclosed letter from MMIA, to approach the AG Sub Commission concerned in regard to the ~~normal~~ return to Sardinia of POWs entitled to discharge, bearing in mind that according to ~~the~~ orders issued by MMIA, the ex-POWs and Repatriates who are being discharged can no longer have access to the vessels at the disposal of the soldiers mentioned in No. 1, letter a of the enclosed letter.

(Sgd) Lombardi

Cpl. VDO W

Rao

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : M M I A

TO : COMNOB PALERMO FOR MMIA LO

INFO : ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY FOR PELLIGRA

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UNCLASSIFIED (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE AIR PASSAGE EARLIEST FOR ITALIAN
LT.COL. APPICCIUTOLI FROM PALERMO TO ROME (.) WAR MINISTRY URGENTLY
NEED OFFICER FOR SUPPLY WORK IN NORTH ITALY (.) WAR MINISTRY SENDING
ORDERS TO PALERMO TERRITORIAL COMMAND (.) ACK

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Lt.Col.

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FROM MMIA

TO PENSOUTH

INFO MMIA LO SARDINIA

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FOR MMIA LO (.) CARIBALDI WILL BE AVAILABLE ONE LEFT MAXIMUM
 1200 NAPLES CAGLIARI 5 AUG (.) INFORM ALL CONCERNED WITH OBJECT
 REMOVING PRESENT CONGESTION IN NAPLES INCLUDING IN PRIORITY ONE
 AUTHORIZED LEAVE PERSONNEL IN POSSESSION OF PROPER PAPERS TWO
 AUTHORIZED DISCHARGED PERSONNEL IN POSSESSION OF PROPER PAPERS THREE
 NON-MILITARY PERSONNEL INCLUDING EX PW AND DISPLACED PERSONS (.)
 NO AUTHORITY 1915 CLASS BE RELEASED NOR CAN PRESENT LEAVE QUOTA BE
 INCREASED

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TO PENSOUTH

INFO MMIA LO SARDINIA

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FOR MMIA LO (.) CARIBALDI WILL BE AVAILABLE ONE LEFT MAXIMUM
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P. K.
Colonel

Subject:

Military Personnel Proceeding to Sardinia

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/14/3

31 July 1945

*attached to 134.*To : Minister for WarReference your 216145/11 of 23 July, above subject.
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1. a. In connection with the transportation to and from Sardinia, MMIA is concerned with only the following classes of personnel of the present Armed Forces:

(i) Personnel traveling on duty.

(ii) Personnel traveling on authorized leave, i.e., within the allotment of transport authorized.

(iii) Personnel of the present Army who have been demobilized in accordance with present orders and who are returning to their homes in Sardinia, such personnel being in possession of proper demobilization papers.

- b. All other people, including ex-POW who have not been enrolled in the present Army and repatriates, are handled by the civil government and transport for them is not a concern of the War Ministry and MMIA.

2. The present arrangements provide for 400 places each month on the "Abbazie" and "Campidoglio". It is fully realized that this allotment will not satisfy the normal leave demands.

3. The following courses are open:

- a. Retention of the allotment of 400 places each month on the ships as in Para 2 above.

- b. Assignment of a ship of the Italian Navy to supplement the lift in Sub-para a above.

- c. Charter or requisition, by War Ministry, of a ship or ships now in the hands of their civilian owners to supplement a and b above (as has already been done by the Italian Maritime Command).

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2. The present arrangements provide for 100 places each month on the "Abbasia" and "Campidoglio". It is fully realized that this allotment will not satisfy the normal leave demands.

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b. Assignment of a ship of the Italian Navy to supplement the lift in Sub-para a above.

c. Charter or requisition, by War Ministry, of a schooner or ex-schooners now in the hands of their civilian owners to supplement a and b above (as has already been done by the Naples Territorial Command).

4. With reference to para 3b above, the Navy Sub Commission, ALCOM advises that it will be possible to assign on a more or less permanent basis one destroyer, which can carry 600 per month. All this subject to the 400 (Para 2) and a lift of 1,000 per month is permitted.

5. With reference to para 3c above, it is known that a number of submarines are now in the hands of civilian owners. These submarines are not controlled by the Allies and the War Ministry can arrange with the owners for the use of these submarines on a charter basis, or in leave the owners would be required to build and operate the submarines. It is suggested that the submarines be requisitioned by the Italian Navy. Submarines may be provided for transport from Sardinia to Sardinia, as no other transport is available between Sicily and Sardinia.)

6. It is not considered that the problem will be solved by the assignment of the destroyer (600 places per month), but for the time being all three courtes enumerated in Para 3 above must be employed. At the same time it is necessary that only the classes of personnel shown in Para 1a above be considered by you.

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a. MMIA will proceed with securing the assignment of the destroyer from the Naval Sub Commission, and you will be advised of the final arrangements which must be handled by MMIA with the Flag Officer, Italy, who will deal with the Ministry of Marine.

b. You should proceed to charter or requisition schooners, as necessary, as outlined in Para 5 above..

c. The allotment of spaces on the two civilian ships will continue as heretofore

8. I am directed to inform you that firm orders must be issued by you, and fully enforced, so that large numbers of men will not congregate at Naples awaiting transport to Sardinia. Only men in the classes outlined in Para 1a will be authorized to proceed to Naples and then only after proper arrangements for transport have been assured in advance. This will require a definite allotment of available space and an enforced order that men for whom transport is not available are not allowed in Naples, otherwise the use of the Naples Port may be prejudiced as large congregations of men waiting around Naples interferes with the Allied war effort.

9. It is desired that I be fully informed of the action taken by you, especially in regard to Para 7b and 8 above.

cc: Chief Commissioner, ALCOM
Executive Commissioner, ALCOM
COS, F.O.I.L. - Capt Blackburn
Naval Sub Commission, ALCOM
Regional Commissioner, ALCOM
All MMIA LO's

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Major General
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Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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6.32 am 11.11.44
Major General
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Subject:- Sea Transport - SARDINIA

Land Forces Sub-commission, AG.
(M. L. F. A.)

✓ 14/3
29 July 45

Headquarters, ALLIED COMMISSION
(for Navy Sub-commission)

1. The War Ministry have requested that the present facilities for transport of personnel between NAPLES and CAGLIARI may be increased.

The present arrangements provide for the permanent allocation of 200 berths (100 Army, 10 Air Force) in the S.S. "Albania" and "Campioglio" giving a lift of 400 each way per month.

2. The traffic comprises:-

- (a) personnel proceeding on duty
- (b) leave personnel
- (c) men discharged from the Army.

It is requested that a suitable naval craft may be placed at the disposal of the War Ministry for the conveyance of these categories.

3. The total numbers involved are liable to fluctuation but depending on the guaranteed lift to and from NAPLES a proportion of the 400 vacancies now allotted by Transportation Sub-commission (see para 1) could be given up.

It is requested that you will confirm a ship can be made available, commencing at the earliest possible date, and that you will indicate the passenger capacity and rate of turn round.

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It is requested that you will confirm a ship can be ready ^{by} available, commencing at the earliest possible date, and that you will indicate the passenger capacity and rate of turn round.

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Major General,
H. M. I. A.

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Chief of Staff

Captain S.H. BLACKBURN, ESQ., R.N. - F.O.I.L. (Chief of Staff) Tel. 298.
Room 14/6th. Floor.
Lt. Cdr. HEADINGTON A.V. 507 - Navy Sub-commission

1. C. in C. Med., now Caserta, shortly moves MALTA.

Flag Officer ITALY at ROSS will deal with Italian Govt.

All Italian Naval craft selected for operational duties (Class A)

under C. in C.

All others (Class B) under Ministry of Marine subject to control

by F.O.I.L.

2. F.O.I.L. deals direct with Ministry of Marine concerning Class B ships and arranges so far as possible to meet in Sub-commission's demands which include Disp. Persons and P.W. Sub-commission bids.

Navy Sub-commission will sponsor any request received from us for provision Class B naval craft for SARDINIA ferry.

28 July 45.

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RAE CURTIS, Lt Col
A.Q.M.G., H.M.I.A.

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From:- Ministry War.

Ref: 216125/11
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To:- General Ianley Browning.

Date:- 25 July 45.

Subject:- Military Personnel Proceeding to Sardinia.

The question of military personnel proceeding for leave, discharge or service reasons, to Sardinia, has reached a point where (if we wish to avoid occurrences of grave and troublesome manifestations of collective indiscipline) it should be given the closest and profoundest attention.

Moreover, these manifestations already begin to reveal themselves at the Naples Office for the Assistance of Military Personnel in transit, where the Sardinian soldiers are concentrated, awaiting embarkation.

It is necessary, therefore, to take action, and promptly.

I consider it useful, in order to give a complete picture of the situation, to review what has been done from last January up to the present.

In the first place, M.I.I.A. in accordance with requests made by my predecessor, granted 90 berths on the steam-boat "Abbazia", employed on fortnightly voyages between the mainland and the island and return.

This grant of berths (which only leave personnel were permitted to occupy, since those who had to go to the island for discharge or service reasons, were able to do so by means of warships) lasted until the 2 July of this year. Through this, all told, 876 military personnel travelled from the mainland to Sardinia and 124 from Sardinia to the mainland.

Commencing with the voyage of the 17 July, there came into force, originating from M.I.I.A. new orders for the above mentioned voyages, which are precisely "490 berths for each monthly voyage of the ship "Abbazia" and "Campidoglio", to be divided between all military personnel sent to Sardinia or the mainland for whatever reason (50% leave - 50% discharge and service reasons) - excluding ex-F.C.Ws." At the same time, it was communicated that, on behalf of the considerable numbers of these ex-F.C.Ws. concentrated at Naples and Cagliari, the cruiser "Garibaldi" would make (in addition to the regular men normally employed in the transport of ex-F.C.Ws.) ²⁷⁶¹ special voyages for the dispersal of such personnel, which no one but those who were ex-F.C.Ws. would be able to take advantage of.

As is seen, the situation had already become complicated, in view of the fact that alone, the Sardinian soldiers who qualify for a six-monthly leave (not enjoyed during the first six months of this year) amount to about 42,000 men. Naturally this number excludes all those to whom leave must be granted upon request, either for urgent family reasons (death of a close relative) for convalescence, or for seasonal

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Lately, all reports upon the morale of the troops, and all information furnished by the censoring authorities, have clearly shown the considerable resentment felt by Sardinian military personnel towards the treatment of the delicate subject of leave.

Local efforts and direct contact with the M.M.I.A. have not removed the obstacles surrounding this matter.

Therefore, on the 12 July 45, the cruiser "Caribaldi" left Naples, carrying about 200 ex-P.O.Ws. and leaving on the quayside about 400 soldiers proceeding on leave to Sardinia for various reasons (which are: for serious family reasons = 42, in convalescence = 164, for examinations = 40, for agricultural work = 31, for six-monthly leave = 95).

The concentration, at Naples, of military personnel proceeding to Sardinia, should take place periodically at the dates fixed and along the lines laid down in the attached dispatch No. 24500/41 of 8 July 45. Difficulties of various kinds (transport, lack of timely

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arrival of orders from H.Qs. to dependent units, mistaken initiative of some outlying Commands) have however, unfortunately, caused at Naples, a critical situation, which could be solved, or least reduced.

I have already ordered, as far as it is in my power, in the attached dispatch No. 24600/41, for the elimination of the above mentioned inconveniences, provisions which, if they ease a critical situation, do not solve the whole grave and delicate problem.

I am, therefore, writing directly to your respected self, because, with your usual kindness and noted benevolent interest in all matters appertaining to our army - you may choose to consider as acceptable one of the following proposals:-

To grant, under the direct administration of the Transport Officer of S.M.R.E. (and thence to the Transport Delegation of Naples) an Italian merchant steam-ship of a suitable tonnage to convey about 5,000 men, for employment on the Naples-Cagliari and (return) route. The concession of such a vessel, which would be able to make the voyage about once a week, would assure all military traffic (leave personnel, discharge personnel, service voyages, a considerable quota of ex-R.O.Ws.) and would permit of the freeing for civilian use, of the 200 berths at present reserved for military personnel (150 for the Army - 10 for the Air Force) in the boats "Abbazia" and "Campifoglio", and would in future, limit to causes of extreme gravity and absolute necessity, the further employment of war-ships (of "Garibaldi" type) in the dispersal of ex-R.O.Ws. or large numbers of discharged personnel. (This last is particularly important in view of the not far distant discharges of classes up to that of 1919).

Regarding this, the S.M.R.E. has already sought to interest the department concerned of M.M.I.A., but it would seem that such a request has not been well received. I maintain that this is the only suitable way of completely solving the problem.

Or otherwise:-

To increase the number of berths at present granted, allowing that, every ship leaving Naples, Palermo, and Civitavecchia and proceeding to Sardinia may carry (according to a fixed quota for 2400 the above-named ports - to be arranged by the department concerned of M.M.I.A.) all Sardinian military personnel who, proceeding to the island for whatever reason, and furnish with the proper documents - may be stationed in the above-named cities awaiting embarkation.

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The Minister.

(signed) Jacini.

Translation

From : HQW
To : Circular

Ref. : 216000/II
Date : July 22, 1945.

Signal

At the Welfare Office for Military in Transit at Naples, there are today 426 military who have come from all over Italy and who are waiting to be shipped to Sardinia for leave or discharge. Such state of affairs proves that the small area Hqs. did not with the rules laid down and explained in our signal No. 215000. All commands are reminded to comply strictly with the rules in order to avoid the repetition of acts of indiscipline by soldiers who have to wait for their turn to embark. In order to cope with the present situation we order that territorial hqs. will not send to Naples for August 1st trip, quotes of military corresponding to the places assigned in signal No. 215000/II. Naples Territorial Hq. will;

- order that all military going to Sardinia and who report today at Naples for embarkation be immediately returned to their units.

- signal daily a detailed report on the situation at the local Welfare Office for Sardinians in transit going to Sardinia as well as data in respect of military personnel returned to their units in accordance with the present order

- keep at Naples, for shipment on "ABBZIA" leaving on August 1st, 170 men distributed among various territorial Hqs. (in accordance with the procedure laid down in a/m signal no, 215000/II dated 8th inst.) and who are all in possession of the documents prescribed.

You will be instructed regarding the August 16th trip for Cagliari.

(Sgd) Jacini

Sgt. Febre

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Translation.

From:-- M. of W. (Cabinet).
 To:-- Circular.

Ref:--215000/11.
 Date:-- 8th July 45.

Signal.

Further to our signal No.214600/II dated 4th. inst. and amending partly our circular No.2005500II dated 30th. Jan. 45. Stop Hereunder are new rules for trips from and to Sardinia Stop

1. Passes from MOW and MMIA for leave personnel from and to the Island are not required stop
2. Military personnel granted leave on any grounds or military personnel being discharged from the Army or those travelling on duty to and from the Island must be given the documents prescribed by the Italian military authorities (i.e. leave sheets, discharge paper or movement orders) stop Said documents, to be valid and recognized by Embarkation and Disembarkation Officers of Naples and Cagliari must be duly stamped with the round stamp of the territorial military hqs. of the area concerned or by the territorial office Sardinia Stop

3. The places available on ships doing the service between the mainland and the Island, will be distributed by the territorial hqs. and the territorial office Sardinia, between ~~all~~ all Hqs. and units under their command or not provided these Hqs. or units are located in the territory under their jurisdiction (exception made for the CC.RR. and Finance Guards) Stop The distribution of places among leave personnel or personnel to be discharged from the Army or those going on duty will be done by the territorial Hqs Stop The maximum percentage of places for personnel granted leave on any ground will be ~~25%~~ 50%. Stop 50% of the places assigned will be allotted to both military personnel to be discharged from the army or those travelling on duty Stop

4. The said places are distributed as under among territorial Hqs. and the territorial office Sardinia:--

Turin (including Cremona combat group)

Genoa

Milan

(including Legnano Combat Group, 210 Div: and 231 Div:)

Bolzano (including Friuli and Folgore Combat Groups)

Udine (including 228 Div.)

Bologna (including Mantova Combat Group)

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Genoa	4
Milan (including Legnano Combat Group, 210 Div: and 231 Div:)	16
Bolzano (including Friuli and Folgore Combat Groups)	12
Udine (including 228 Div.)	10
Bologna (including Mantova Combat Group and 209 Div.)	16
Florence (including 230 Div)	12
Rome (including Piceno Combat Group, RAM and CC.RR. MOT)	16
Bari	12
Naples (including 205 and 227 Div:)	25
Palermo	30
Territorial Office Sardinia	20

5. The a/m quotas will not be increased on the direct responsibility of the territorial hqs. concerned so that to avoid the repetition of inconveniences which occurred at Naples on account of the arrival of numerous military going to Sardinia, over and above the a/m quota and who, however, could not be shipped immediately. Stop

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6. Ships leave Naples on 16th July, 1st August, 16th August, 31st August, and 15th September, and 30th September Stop
Ships leave Cagliari in 6th July, 9th August: ~~MM~~ 24th Aug., 8th Sept., and 23rd Sept. Stop

7. Military personnel will have to report to Embarkation and Disembarkation Offices at Naples or Cagliari by 0700 hours of the day before departure Stop

8. Gen. Hq. CC.RR. and Finance Guard are allotted 5 and 3 places respectively which will be distributed among the dependent units in the area by the Gen. Hq. concerned. General rules and procedure laid down above apply also to CC.RR. and Finance Guards Stop

9. Previous instructions laid down which are contrary to the above are hereby cancelled Stop

(Sgd) Col. Lomardi

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Subject:- Sea Transport - SARINHA

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Land Forces Sub-commission, MC.
(H.E.I.A.)

29 8/14/53
July 45

Headquarters, ALLIED COMMISSION
(for Navy Sub-commission)

1. The War Ministry have requested that the present facilities for transport of personnel between NAPLES and GALLIARI may be increased.

The present arrangements provide for the permanent allocation of 230 berths (190 Army, 40 Air Force) in the S.S. "Abbasia" and "Campioglio" giving a lift of 400 each way per month.

2. The traffic comprises:-

- (a) personnel proceeding on duty
- (b) leave personnel
- (c) men discharged from the Army.

It is requested that a suitable naval craft may be placed at the disposal of the War Ministry for the conveyance of these categories.

3. The total numbers involved are liable to fluctuation but depending on the guaranteed lift to and from NAPLES a proportion of the 400 vacancies now allotted by Transportation Sub-commission (see para 1) could be given up.

It is requested that you will confirm a ship can be made available, commencing at the earliest possible date, and that you will indicate the passenger capacity and rate of turn round.

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RMG/c

Major General,
H.M.I.A.

MEMO

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28 July 45.

From: Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MNTA)

To: Navy Sub Commission.
-----Subject: Sea Transport - SARDINIA.

1. A request has been received from the War Ministry for a considerable increase in Sea Transport between the Mainland and SARDINIA.
2. This Sub Commission is interested only in serving soldiers of the Italian Army proceeding on leave and men who are being discharged from the Army. These numbers are however swollen by many Ex-POWs. Arrangements for the transport of this category are outside our control and are not MNTA responsibility.
3. To enable a considered reply to be sent to the War Ministry, it is requested that you will furnish the following information at the earliest possible date.

(a) Have any ships been released to Italian Government, - Civil or Military - when - to whom - capacity - for what purpose.

(b) What ships under Allied control are sailing between :-

NAPLES
PALERMO
CIVITAVECCHIA
Other ports.

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When - under whom - is there passenger capacity.

(c) Does Italian Navy have any suitable ships which could be used for this purpose? Can it be released from Allied control? When? Capacity?

(d) Would it be possible to increase Military space on two civilian ships now operating from NAPLES to CAGLIARI? ¹⁰⁰ ₁₀₀ ⁶

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R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.N.I.A.

Case filed - Haller

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B - *Mr. Haines*

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Naval Sub Comm.

Halliday Sub Comm. Ship - Naples - Cagliari

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Recd. Headquarter

INTER OFFICE MEMO.

Subject:- Passage on Italian Courier Plane.

7-1- "A" Branch.

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15 June 45.

Reference Lt. Col. Albert's letter dated 11 May 45
folio 120.

1. It is confirmed that two (2) places are available for Allied personnel on the Italian Courier Service from Sardinia to the Mainland.
2. This is an Italian Air Force Service, and any Allied personnel, either Military or Italian Civilian, provided they are on duty, can make use of this Service through A.C.
3. Italian Officers may use the Italian Service, by arrangements between Air Ministry and War Ministry.
4. The fare of Allied personnel travelling on the A.T.C. Service, is charged against Allied Public funds.
5. In the case of Italian personnel travelling on the A.T.C. Service, charges are made against British and American Public funds according to the merits of the individual case.
6. A reply to this effect has been sent to Lt. Col. Albert by Air Forces Sub Commission, no copy of this letter to us.
7. All Air passages as far as M.M.I.A. or Italian Army is concerned, bar those in paragraph 3 above, pass through ~~their~~ ^{the} L.O's Office.

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J.M.G. LAMB Captain
for "Q" 2.
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Subject: Passage Money - Italian Civilians.

Land Forces Sub Comd. A. C.
(M. M. I. A.)

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18 Nov 44.

MMIA IN SARDINIA

1. As will be seen from the attached copy letters, it is claimed that the 38 civilians who travelled from Sardinia to the Mainland on H.M.T. Highland Princess on 2nd November, are liable to pay fares for their passage.

2. Will you please forward list of civilian passengers with any comments you have on this matter.

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F. J. NOAKES, Colonel,
DA & QMG,
M. M. I. A.

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AQ/14/3 1st Ind. SPA/wk
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C. (MMIA), APO 394, U. S. Army, 18 Nov 1944.

TO: AFHQ, CMF.

1. Information has been requested as to the identity of the civilian passengers who travelled on board E.M.T. Highland Princess from Sardinia to the Mainland on Nov 2nd.
2. Upon receipt of this information the question of payment of fares will be investigated.
3. It is not proposed to permit further journeys to be made by civilians except by Cruiser.

Copy to MMIA LO AGC Sardinia

F. J. NOAKES
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

2862

See Serial 107

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

FJ3/mls

G-5: 551-3

13 November 1944

SUBJECT: Passage Money - Italian Civilians.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Attention is invited to the attached correspondence on the above subject.

2. Information is requested as to the method you propose for the collection of the fares for this and subsequent journeys of this nature.

3. Please expedite.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. SLAUGHTER,
Captain, A.G.D.

Incl:

3 ltrs. fr. Sea Trans. Liaison Offr.
ref Nos. 9754/242, 9755/242.

Copy to:

G-4 (MATH).

2751

C O P Y

FROM: Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean.

DATE: 7th November, 1944

REF. NO. 9754/242

TO: G-4 Mov & Tr. (British),
Allied Force Headquarters.

SUBJECT: H.M.T. "NICHOLAND PRINCESS" - Cagliari/Naples.

Attached for your information is copy of a letter received from the Sea Transport Liaison Officer, Cagliari relative to the embarkation of Italian Civilians on the above vessel.

There has never been any question of embarking civilians and it cannot be agreed that they travel free of cost.

It is requested that you will instruct the Military Mission to Italian Army accordingly and advise me who will be responsible for the passage money for the civilians embarked on the above voyage.

CORRECTION.

2750

C O P Y

FROM: Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean.

DATE: 7th November, 1944

REF. NO: 9755/242

TO: SEA TRANSPORT LIAISON OFFICER, CAGLIARI
(Copy to: G-4 Mov & Tr (Br.), ALLIED FORCE H.Q.)

SUBJECT: CIVILIAN PASSENGERS - CAGLIARI/NAPLI S.

Reference your letter 2nd November, 1944, relative to the embarkation of Italian Civilians in the "Highland Princess", it cannot be agreed that they are allowed privileges over Allied Civilians and passage money must be collected.

2. You are therefore requested to obtain payment through the Military Mission to Italian Army alternatively a written guarantee stating the responsible Officials through whom passage money can be collected.

3. In answer to paragraph five of your letter:-

- (A) Vessels are not allocated to MMHA.
- (B) Fares are always payable by Civilian passengers.
- (C) Ship is responsible for victualling.

One book of "Non-Entitled" tickets also Condition of Travel forms are being sent you under a separate cover.

2749

COMMODEORE.

C O P Y

FROM: SEA TRANSPORT LIAISON OFFICER, CAGLIARI
 DATE: 2nd November, 1944
 TO: PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MED.
 per Master H.M.T. HIGHLAND PRINCESS and S.S. T.L.O. NAPLES.

SUBJECT: CIVILIAN PASSENGERS CAGLIARI/NAPLES

1. On boarding H.M.T. "HIGHLAND PRINCESS" at noon yesterday I was informed by the Master and the O.C. Troops that the embarkation list prepared by the MMIA (Military Mission to Italian Army) included 18 Police Officers and 38 civilians (28 men, 8 women and 2 children).
2. As there had never been any question of embarking Italian civilians on the recent voyages of the "STAFFORDSHIRE". I immediately sought an interview with Col. F.L. Simmons (U.S. Army) who is head of the Military Mission.
3. I was informed that the Italian civilians were Italian Government Officials and business men and wives and families of Officials and Officers on the mainland. They had been very carefully vetted from the point of view of the necessity to travel and from that of security. Civilians in similar circumstances had been embarked in the Italian cruisers for the past few months and it was assumed that they would travel under the same conditions in a British Transport. The question of payment of passage money had never arisen. If there was any difficulty from the Sea Transport point of view, they would in future be embarked in the Cruisers. Colonel Simmons was prepared to cancel the bookings, but as the time was so short - embarkation was scheduled for early the following morning - it was agreed to carry on under 'cruiser' conditions.
4. Accordingly, the civilians embarked this morning, and arrangements were made for each passenger to sign a declaration (copy attached) embodying the terms of the Sea Transport Non-Entitled Passenger's ticket and the agreement to conform to Ship's Standing Orders.
5. In the event of the question arising in the future request that I may be informed:
 - (a) the terms of the allocation of such vessels to the M.M.I.A.
 - (b) Whether fares are payable by civilian passengers.
 - (c) Whether it is desirable for the ship to victual them.
6. Request that a stock of Passengers Contract Tickets may be forwarded

Contd. on Sheet 2.....

- 2 -

C O P Y

(signed) T.O. David.

Lieut. R.N.V.R. (SP)
SEA TRANSPORT LIAISON OFFICER
CAGLIARI.

It will be appreciated that there was little time to
print and prepare tickets on this occasion.

2747

105

SUBJECT: List 7 Units Requiring other than
Cruiser Transport.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
30/14/3
11 Oct 44

TO : HQ AAI.

Copy to: AFHQ.

1. The following Italian Units are now ready for shipment but as of today no surface transport has been assigned to lift them:

SERIAL	NAME	OFF	MM	EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
60	118 Radiologica (Grenone)	1	6	3 heavy trucks
84 A	10 Light Mobile Workshops	10	110	30 trucks
85	64 Ambulance Car Section	1	30	20 ambulances
86	130 Field Surgical Unit	2	10	1 heavy truck
89	133 X-ray Unit	1	5	2 trucks
90	113 Mobile Dental Unit	1	4	1 truck
92	23 Field Surgical Unit	1	20	1 truck
132	2nd Railroad Section		6	2 trucks
146	33 Med. Sect. (Aosta Div.)	6	69	2 trucks
150	Replacement Mules			15 mules
151	Replacement Horses			40 horses
150	Mobile Bridge Building Co.	1	64	8 trucks, 6 heavy mobile generators
204	Light Mobile Artillery Workshops	2	47	12 trucks

2. May this HQ please be informed when transport is likely to be available?

4/12/44

2746

for *Major General*
Major General
M M I A

Internal Dis to:- A/C
BAMS
DADI

103

File

Subject: Dispatch of Blankets from Portugal to Italy

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AG/14/3
September 1944

To : Political Section, ACC, APC 394, U.S. Army.

1. Reference your Memorandum - above subject dated 25 Sept 44.
2. The Italian Army needs blankets.
3. If transportation can be arranged, the movement of 5,000 blankets from Portugal to Italy for use of Italian Army is urgently requested.

GAS/wk

✓
GEO. A. SHIPLEY, Lt Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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on cruiser GABRIEL from Carolina for SAGE (.) RTA 9 June

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Subject:- Move of Italian Port Detachment & MIA Liaison Personnel.

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ. (MIA)
18/11/5

18 Nov 55

HQ. 71, Sub Area.
HQ. Movements BRINDISI.
HQ. No. 1 Dock Co. 32.
13, ONASC. (Sup. Units)
OC. 54 Port Det. RASC.

1. It is proposed to move shortly the Italian Port Detachment and MIA Liaison personnel from BRINDISI to TARANTO.

2. When this move takes place it will be appreciated if Movements, BRINDISI will telephone this HQ should an unexpected shipment of goods for the Italian Army arrive in BRINDISI in order that suitable arrangements can immediately be made.

F. J. Noan 27/11/55
Lt. Col.

A.A. & Q.B.S.

Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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Copy to: ST. MIA.
MIA, 10, BRINDISI.

ARMY FORM C 236 (Large)

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FROM MMIA (A) Originator Date/Time of Origin 101212 Office Date Stamp

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

HQB

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 DEL TRANSPORT are essential links in
 movement of ISRAELI forces working for ARABIA
 request you make such investigation and
 arrangements as you consider necessary

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SUBJECT:- Train Guards

File 85
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEVIK (LECCE)
AG/14/3
21 Mar 44

HQ AAI (Adm Ech)

Copy to: 'G'

The problem has arisen is regard to the supply of train guards for ITI sups being moved by train between ITI depots in ITALY. It may be considered desirable to form certain specific units for this purpose in order that they can specialise in the work and to ensure that the minimum essential number of troops are so employed.

It would further seem desirable for the scheme to be "tied-in" with the train guard system required by Mov & Tr for normal Allied trains.

Will you please consider this subject in order that a plan may be submitted in conformity with your views.

ABC

Brigadier
Army Sub Comm A.C.C. 2740

MESSAGE FORM

From MMIA

T O O

T H I

To MIDEAST rptd AFHQ
FATIMA REAR

O 314 (°) SECRET (°) Ref AFHQ 50285 cite THOCT
 of 12 Feb (°) Gen SOLDARELLI due CAIRO by air 1930
 hrs 1 April en route for PALESTINE (°) please arrange
 return by air to BARI after 7 days

May be sent as written To be sent in Cipher if
 except () wireless liable to interception

R. Buchanan
H. Col. (important)

AQ/14/3

Bogott

3/3

2739

SECRETSUBJECT: Visit of General SOLDARELLI to PALESTINEArmy Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
G/6/1/34
30 MAR 44

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Chief of Staff SMRECopy for: Gen SOLDARELLI

1. Authority is granted for Gen SOLDARELLI to pay a visit of seven days duration only to the CUNEO Div in PALESTINE.
2. Movement order is attached.
3. Air ticket must be collected from Lt TOWNSEND (Movements BARI) at Room 31, HQ 2 District between 1500 - 1600 hrs tomorrow 31 March.
4. The time of departure of the aeroplane on 1 April is uncertain, but probably 0700 hrs arriving CAIRO 1930 hrs same day. Gen SOLDARELLI should be at BARI airport at 0600 hrs on 1 April.

AQ 11-13

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AEC


Brigadier,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

82
Subject:- Authority to Issue Travel Orders

HQ AAI(ADNECH)

Army Sub Commission, ACC
MAIN HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/14/3
25 Mar 44

It is requested that the substance of the att authority to issue Air Travel Orders may be forwarded to the appropriate Movement Officers in Districts and other HQ's.

cc/mm

F. J. Noakes
Lt Col to Brig
Army Sub Comm, ACC

2737

SUBJECT: Transport of Stores from SARDINIA.

Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUIL (LECCE)
AQ/14/3
24 Mar. 44

Stato Maggiore R Esercito.
Ministry of War.

Copy to: Adv HQ Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
SALERNO.

With reference to requests made to MIA on the matter of transporting Italian Military stores and equipment to the Mainland from SARDINIA.

1. Owing to the present suspension of the ferry service CAGLIARI - NAPLES and the nonavailability of aircraft it is regretted that for the moment it is not possible to arrange the transfer of any stores from SARDINIA as you desire.
2. Nor is it possible to backload onto Allied ships calling at SARDINIA for these vessels are all routed on a prearranged scheme which precludes their use for such a purpose.
3. You will be notified further as soon as it is found possible to make necessary arrangements.

tva.BGCH.

Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

2736

File 77

Subject:- Easter Parcels for Italian PW in NORTH AFRICA

Army Sub Commission, A CC
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUILA (LSDUE)
AD/14/3
23 Mar 44

Air Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission, BARI

Copy to: Adv HQ, Army Sub Commission, ACC
SALERNO
Ministry of War

1. The Italian Minister for War, General ORLANDO has initiated a scheme for sending Easter parcels to Italian PW who are still in N. AFRICA. As he attaches high political and moral importance to the scheme, Minister is taking a personal interest in its development; the scheme has been approved in principle by the Chief Commissioner, A.C.C.
2. On arrival in N. AFRICA the parcels will be distributed to the various camps under arrangements to be made by General CASTELLANO's Mission in ALGERS.
3. The most urgent requirement is Air Transport. The Ministry of War have stated that if they could have the use of one S - 82 plane per week, starting immediately, the parcels could be ferried across in time for Easter.
4. The Ministry of War states that an Italian Officer has already been nominated to make preliminary enquiries with you, and the Ministry for Air as to the availability of aircraft.

This letter is written to endorse the application for the use of S - 82 planes and to request you to give every consideration to the matter; it is realized that operational demands on the Italian machines are great.

BCH/cc

F. J. W. M. A.
14/4 *for Brig*
Army Sub Comm, ACC

ACTION SLIP

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THIS SLIP WILL NOT BE REMOVED

TO:

Aa/14/3

A/Q

Ref att.

- 1) This is the first time I've heard of the formation of a Publishing Academy.
- 2) They ask for 600 million of cloth now instead of 30,000 in the previous letter.
- 3) There is no ltr from Sotaprom.
- 4) Zhe says there should be a high level decision on the fate of the cloth which is also being claimed by GORR + R&F.
- 5) I recommend
 - a) Draft to find out more about this Pub. Academy.
 - b) A statement of the case to the ACC is due soon.

CC

PA

Bgct.

22/3

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Min. of War - Commissariat
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

P. 4677/V.

21 MAR. 24

Subject: Tpt. of clothing from SARDINIA

Within the month of April, 500 cadets of the Military Academy which will be formed at LECCE must be completely supplied with clothing & equipment.

Being cadets it is necessary to supply them with new clothing and this for moral reasons and military prestige.

Cloth and socks are short on the Mainland and Sicily where they are available in SARDINIA.

We are aware of the Tpt difficulties from SARDINIA. But as the request is for a small quantity (60 metres of wool = 10 dozens of socks & 1000 pairs of socks) we would highly appreciate if, as an exception, you could authorize immediately Tpt by air of the above stores from the Comm. Directorate at CAGLIARI to the Special Cloth. & Equipmt. Stores at LECCE.

The Tpt is urgently required because the trousers must be manufactured as soon as possible as they must be issued to the cadets together with the other items within the month of April.

An urgent reply or y. decision will be most appreciated.

Cross

Gen. PELLICIA.

A2/14/3.

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Min. of WAR - Cabinet
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

Ref 1196/C

1 MAR. 44

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File
723/3

Subject: Tpt. of stores from SARDINIA

10/18/3 28/3/86

The Commissariat and Art. Directorates General insisted on the urgent necessity of the Tpt. from SARDINIA to the Mainland of the following stores, which are not required by the troops in the island but absolutely short in the stores of the Mainland.

In order to economize tpt. we consider advisable to use for the purpose the allied ships returning from SARDINIA where they had all the supplies unloaded. Ships could be sent either to NAPLES or to the ports in PUGLIA at your convenience:

Comm. Stores

30000 pailasse cases } from: CAGLIARI - NORDO & MACON
50000 woollen blankets }

Art. Stores

6000 Bayonets
3500 scabbards
10000 slings for rifle Mod. 1891
4000 " " " " 1938 & 1941

Total weight: nearly 150 tons.

As stores being really required we approached the A.C.C. on the matter (our 471/C of 1st Feb) but we received no reply.

We would appreciate if you could let us know the means of Tpt and the harbour in which the stores should be concentrated.

Sign.

Gen. ALIBERTI

Translation

DARMG

From: War Ministry
Cabinet.

Ref: 960/c

21.3.44

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To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Parcels for Italian P.O.W.s.

10/0.14/3
21 March

Re: A.G./2 dated 7th inst.

In order to be able to send P.O.W.'s
~~some~~ present parcels to North Africa it would
be necessary to have made available
one transport plane "S.M.82" type, per week.

We would very much appreciate if
M.M.I.A. could arrange this with Air Sub Commission
~~branch with the Air Ministry~~, as rapidly
as possible, bearing in mind that the
Minister would like these parcels to reach
the P.O.W.'s for Easter.

(Sgt) GENERAL ALBERTI

+ 10/0.14/3

file

2731

Not registered

- 1) 15 Feb. Gen. ORLANDO proposed sending parcels to P/W in N. Africa - weekly newspaper - books
- 2) 17 " Request forwarded to A.C.C.
- 3) Agreed in Salerno conference with Gen MacFarlane parcels not to include foodstuffs.
- 4) Agreed that parcels could be sent by Italian planes after permission obtained from Air Force S.C.
- 5) Minister of War contacted Air Minister re question of Air craft.
- 6) Proposed idea laid down in M. of W. 2306/II dated 28 Feb
- 7) Latest idea, owing small number, request for 1 plane a week.
Books & some parcels ready now.

2730

Min. of War - Cabinet
To: MMIA

TRANSLATION

Ref 3339/II 66
19 MAR. 44

Subject: Parcels for It. P.O.W in North Africa

Ref. of AG/3 of 7 MAR. 44

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Aa/2

1. With ref. to y. a.m. letter we beg to inform you that owing to the difficulties met to prepare parcels which would contain foodstuffs the Minister decided to prepare small boxes with all stores for persons which can be gathered. These stores will be distributed at the various P.O.W. Camps. Cases of cigarettes will also be sent with an average of 20 cigarettes per man.

2. - Re. the newspaper, the first copy is under printing. One copy will be sent to the P.W.B. BARI for approval. An officer of the P.W.B. BARI during a recent conversation with one of the editors of the newspaper "ITALIA" informed him that the P.W.B. was not notified ~~ON~~ the subject. Could you please inform the P.W.B. that despatch of the paper was auth. by the A.C.C. (Gen. MAC FARLANE) during the meeting held at SALERNO.

The edition of the 1st Number being nearly completed and as it is necessary that the paper be delivered to the P.O.W. as soon as possible could you please consider the matter as urgent.

3. - With regards to books for the establishment of libraries at the P.O.W. Camps we beg to inform you that the following have already been selected.

3250 books at the HQ 9 Corps - BARI 2729
357 " at - Popolazioni Privilegiata Sociale - LECCE
1715 " " HQ 31 Corps - CATANZARO
1000 " " 155 Victualling Det. FRANCAVILLA F.

Could you please let us know who is in charge of the control of atom bombs.

4. - We agree that the Italian Military Mission in ALGERIE be used for the despatch and repl. to NORTH AFRICA. We are to inform you that Gen. CASTELLANO, for the time being, only informed us of the No. of P.O.W. in North Africa without giving the location of each camp. We already asked Gen. CASTELLANO to let us know the a.m.

Locations, by we would appreciate if the MMIA could obtain the following info.

a) location (if possible) of each camp or at least its serial number in order that boxes could be prepared with the address.

b) strength (even approx.) of P.O.W. in each Camp so contents could be proportionated to the N° of men.

c) We detailed one of our officers to contact the Italian Air Force and "Comandante" FORSTER in order to obtain full particulars on the N° of planes available and the date on which Trip. can be started.

John

Cd. FINE PERNAZZA

SUBJECT: Authority to issue Air Travel Orders.

64
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUIL (LSCC)
AQ/14/3
18 Mar 44.

HQ. Allied Control Commission, NAPLES.

Copy to: Army Sub Comm., Adv. HQ SALERNO.

Reference your letter, No. 581.1 dated 26 Jan 44, a copy for which is attached for easy reference.

The scope of activities of this HQ now extend to SICILY and SARDINIA with the consequent necessity of visits for inspection and reorganisation by my officers to these places.

I would, therefore, ask for the authority to issue Air Travel Orders to be amended to "ITALY, SARDINIA and SICILY."

May an appropriate instruction be issued to M.A.T.S., and other H.Qs affected.

tvs.FJH.

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Brig.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

ARMY FORM C-2128

MESSAGE FORM

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M. M. I. A

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Subject: Supply Org - Italian Armed Forces SICILY.

59.
Army Sub Commission, A.C.C.
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
AQ/I4/3
26 Feb 44.
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Q FLAMBO
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1. Major Carew Hunt, DACMG, Army Sub Commission, A.C.C. is travelling to SICILY after attending the Shipping Conference at AFHQ Adv Adm Ech on 28 Feb 44.

2. Would you please make out an Air Movement Order for him to leave NAPLES for CATANIA on 29 Feb.

TVS.

F. J. Noam
Brigadier.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

in lieu of AF C2136

MESSAGE FORM

10/14/58

File 58

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FROM
(A)

MMIA

For Action

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TO

FATIMA for QUIRISMITH

Msgn Instr Gr

(W) For Information(info)

TO

Originator No.

Q642

Please book air passage by

common plane for JAMES MMIA returning.

GAUDE IS LECCE 28 Feb

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FROM (A) MMIA Originator Date-Time of Origin 23 15:57 Office Date Stamp

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SUPERSEDED TRANSPORT

TO (U) For Information (info) Magn Instr Gr

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by the 1st Lt. for 2nd Lt. Corps for BEARTE
SATINBANA approved on copy 15 Feb 57

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FATIMA MMIALD - 31 Station Corp - 1st FATIMA

Originator's Number

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From: M.M.I.A.

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To : FABLE for SIMONS. rptd. FLAMBO for BROADHURST FATIMA

Q 544 Major HALL Army Sub Commission will fly to
CAGLIARI Feb twenty fourth to inspect and report on Italian
Motor Vehicles and repair organisation (.) FATIMA please
book an air passage from NAPLES.

To be sent in CIPHER

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Sgd. FJ NOAKES, Lt Col.

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MILITARY MISSION.

In reply refer to:
MS 581.1

Date 5 Feb 44 Aa/m/3. 4 February 1944
to
ITALIAN ARMY.

SUBJECT: Air Service to Lecce

TO : Headquarters Allied Control Commission, Naples

1. In discussion with Lt. Col. Monfort and myself on 3 February, General Mason MacFarlane agreed that an Air Service between Naples and Lecce was highly desirable on both political and military grounds for both Allied and Italian officials.

2. At Appendix A, I enclose Time Table dated 25 January, of the present Air Service Naples, Bari, Taranto. I suggest that one of the daily services between Naples and Bari should be diverted to a new service between Salerno and Lecce. If this means the setting up of new terminal facilities, perhaps the existing organizations at these air fields would agree to act as agencies to MATS. As regards office control for the allocation of seats and baggage, I feel that this could, if necessary, be controlled by A.C.C. at Salerno and M.M.I.A. at Lecce.

3. Until such an Air Service can be inaugurated I think it essential that there should be a direct letter service between Lecce and Salerno to carry bags between Allied and Italian Government Departments concerned. If you could arrange for three daily return car trips per week, I can arrange for M.M.I.A. also to do the same. This would give a letter service six days per week until the Air Service gets going.

4. Would you please take action about Air Service and let me have your views.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

C. C. Duchesne
Brig.

(C. C. DUCHESNE)

05/29 Copy to: Acting Chief of Staff, ACC
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APPENDIX "A"AIR SERVICES

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Originator's No.

Q 470 Ref your letter 390/TF dated 22 Jan @ Following instructions received from FLAMBO @ NO ITALIAN personnel from NAPLES area to proceed on LEAVE to Sicily until TYRUS danger finished @ notification will be sent to you when LEAVE may restart @ DEMOBILISED personnel from SARDINIA will be put in quarantine for 15 days and disinfectated @ if passed fit at end of this period may proceed to Sicily

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FLAMBO

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443 Ref your signal A11123 of 23 @ 170(170) ITALIAN soldiers on leave or demobilized ex SARDINIA at NAPLES in transit to SICILY @ Presume TYPHUS infected area ALL MAINLAND bounded by and inclusive of SALERNO - BENEVENTO - ISERNIA - MINTURNO - NAPLES @ Please confirm @ Request ruling on posn of above DEMOBILIZED Soldiers

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SUBJECT: Schooners.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.

AQ/14/3

19 Jan 44.

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito (Ufficio Trasporti)

Reference your letter, 126/T/M dated 13 Jan 44.

1. MOV. East Italy state that the schooners sailing between CATANIA and BARI and between CALABRIA and BARI are not suitable for the transportation of personnel as there are no cooking, sleeping or sanitary facilities available on board.
2. Therefore the request to use them for transportation of soldiers has not been agreed.

TVS/.

J. Reid, Capt
Brig.
Comd.

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SUBJECT: Air Travel.

Military Mission to
Italian Army.
AQ/14/3
18 Jan 44.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

1. A.P.H.Q. Admin Instruction No. 7 dated 18 Dec, lays down that Air Priorities Board will consider for priority only those requests accompanied by final travel orders issued by certain HQs of which one is Allied Control Commission.

2. This HQ has frequent occasion to send officers to NAPLES to deal with FLAMEO and now that 15 Army Group (who have hitherto authorised our local air passages) have moved we shall have more occasion to do so. Moreover, A.C.C. will itself move shortly.

3. It has been ruled that I am to be legally a member of A.C.C. Would you be so good as to delegate to me authority (with copy to Hq No. 2 District, MOV EAST ITALY, and MOV TARANTO) to issue air travel orders for MMIA personnel in Italy only.

TVE/.

Brig.
Comd.

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SUBJECT: Transport by R.Military Mission
Italian Army.

A/14/3

12 Jan 44.

M.E.L.A. (Ufficio Trasporti)Copy to: Ministero della Guerra
M.E.L.A. 10 Mt. 31 Italian Corps.

1. When despatching stores, supplies etc. to 31 Italian Corps by sea, please send to GENOVA for off-loading as railway facilities exist there for distribution of cargoes by rail.
2. No railway facilities exist at GOLA TURA and it is therefore, not a suitable port for the discharge of cargo.
3. Ships intending to collect firewood from GOLA TURA on return passage, should first discharge cargo at GENOVA.

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Baird, Capt
B-14.
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Subject:- Return of Demobilised Soldiers to SARDINIA.

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/14/3
12 Jan 44

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon

Copy to:- MIIA LO with AFHQ Adv Adm Ech.

1. Italian GHQ state that 100 SARDINIAN soldiers have been waiting in NAPLES 40 days for embarkation to SARDINIA.
2. They are anxious for them to be returned to SARDINIA as soon as possible, as they are dependant upon Gen BASSO's HQ for maintenance.
3. The above is forwarded for information and such action as you may consider necessary.

EJC/cc

93rd, CIV
Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Move of Troops from SARDINIAMilitary Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/14/3
7 Jan 44Stato Maggiore R. Esercito(Trasporti)Ref telephone conversation Col PULIZZI - Major CAREW-HUNT
of 3 Jan.1. The position as regards the movement of Italian troops from
SARDINIA is as follows:-

- a) Permission for the movement must first be given by the Allied High Command.
- b) The Allied Control Commission then arranges for the movement from SARDINIA.
- c) The whole move from SARDINIA to the MAINLAND of ITALY is arranged by Allied Movement Authorities.
- d) Neither the MMIA nor the SMRE are concerned in arranging the actual transportation.

2. A copy of MMIA signal D201 dated 6 Dec, addressed to 15 Army Group, copy to Allied Control Commission is forwarded for your information.

EJC/cc

G. J. Bird, Capt V
Brig
Comd

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Subject:- Coastwise Shipping for Maintenance of Italian Armed Forces

Military Mission to
Italian Army

AQ/14/3
4 Jan 44

Stato Maggiore R. Esercito

Ministry of War for information

1. Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic has confirmed that he has no objection to the use of coastwise shipping for the transport of supplies etc for the Italian Armed Forces.
2. A definite allotment however cannot be made for the sole use of supplying CALABRIA.
3. All demands for the use of coastwise shipping should be placed by the Italian Military authority upon the Ministry of Marine who, in agreement with the Allies, are now co ordinating such sea transport as is available for both civil and military needs.

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From: I.F.G.H.Q. / TRANS
 to: Supermarina - Taranto
 & for information
 Supreme Command
 a m.m.i.A.
 Orig. no: 1194/M

S.C (Q)

Ref. to 4882/S of 29 Nov from this Supermarina @ impossible
 to accept at TARANTO the 1000 wounded coming from North Africa @
 TARANTO Military hospital and hospitals in the neighbourhood are
 full up and cannot be cleared owing to lack of ambulances @
 Please ^{arrange} ~~that~~ hospital ship TOSCANA be sent to BARI where
 wounded could be sheltered and separated @ please inform date of arrival
 of hospital ship in BARI @

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Subject:- Coastwise shipping for use of Italian Armed Forces

F.O.T.A.L.I.
Navy House
TARANTO

Military Mission to
Italian Army
AQ/14/3
30 Nov 43

Copy to: AFHQ Adv Adm Ech
Movements East Italy

1. It is believed that the Allies have no need of Italian shipping of less than 600 tons and 8 knots.
2. I am writing to ask whether arrangements could be made for the release of vessels suitable for coastwise traffic from the heel ports to CROTONE (CALABRIA).
3. Experience has shown that the present dependence upon road and rail transport to supply CALABRIA has caused Italian Military stocks of all kinds there to run extremely short.
4. I consider that an allocation of vessels to a maximum combined tonnage of 600 tons for the sole use of the Italian Army would if properly handled avoid the repetition of the present series of emergencies.
5. It is intended that the vessels released should be controlled by the Italian Army, if necessary in conjunction with the Italian Navy, so that time shall not be wasted by each application for such transport having to be passed through this Mission.
6. I should be glad if you would give every consideration to this request.

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B. G. A. S. W. H. S. -
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Ministero della Guerra

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Confirming telephone message 1800 hrs 25 Nov Major PACE - Capt BYATT speaking (.) Application for COSTANTE C must be made to Admiral BARONE Ministry of Mercantile Marine (.) MMIA is investigating possibility of obtaining ships for the Italian Army to enable coastwise traffic of supplies to be arranged under their own direction

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SUBJECT: Sea Transport for 7 Italian Army

Ministry of War Transport
c/o FOLI, Navy House
TARANTO

Military Mission
to ITALIAN ARMY
AQ/14/3
17 Nov 43

Copy to: Intendenza 7 Italian Army

Ref your letter dated 2 Nov 43.

1. I understand that SS SEZZE is no longer available for passage to CALABRIA.
2. Will you please authorize the use of SS COSTANTE C for this purpose. She is now en route for GALLIPOLI, loaded with rations destined for the Italian Forces.
3. 7 Italian Army request that SS COSTANTE C be allotted to them to sail from GALLIPOLI to MOLA DI BARI where she will take on a further cargo and then sail to CROTONE.
4. Will you please arrange dates suitable to you, bearing in mind the importance of early delivery of rations to CALABRIA, and communicate the same to MMIA as soon as possible.
5. 7 Italian Army further request that SS COSTANTE C may be allowed to make a return journey to MOLA DI BARI or MONOPOLI with cargo of furniture and firewood from CROTONE.
6. It is understood that this request has already been made direct to you by 7 Italian Army but that you require confirmation from MMIA.

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British Military Mission to
7th: Italian Army
AQ/8
7 Nov 43

INTENDENZA 7 ITALIAN ARMY

SMRE, III Reparto for information

With reference to your letter 2080/Comm of 25 Oct 43.

1. Your request for the use of the S.S. PALLADE on approximately 10 Nov was passed to the Ministry of War Transport, Navy House TARANTO on 26 Oct.
2. A reply from them has been received today asking for immediate details of:
 - a) Port of loading.
 - b) Quantity of rations to be moved (in tons)
 - c) Date of readiness to load.
 - d) Destination.
3. S.S. PALLADE has been replaced by S.S. SEZZE.
4. Please treat as urgent.

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B. G. Lawrence
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British Military Mission to
7 ITALIAN ARMY.
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23 Oct 43.

H.Q. No.1. Mobile
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For Lt. COLOANA.

Your plane for NAPLES leaves BARI airfield at 0800 hrs on
Sunday 24 Oct 43.

This will mean spending the night in BARI.

If you do not keep your transport overnight there is a blue
40 seater, but that leaves No.2 District (University Buildings on
sea front) at 0545 hrs. Bus is driven by an ITALIAN corporal
answering the name of LOUIS. If however, you keep your own
transport, you should be at the airfield by 0700 hrs at the latest.
Airfield is 7 Km. out of BARI on the FOGGIA road.

On arrival at the airfield report to Flight Lieutenant FROST at the
ADRU (on the edge of the flying field in control tower building)
with a nominal roll of the officers travelling, together with their
weights (in pounds for preference).

You arrive at NAPLES at 0945 hrs.

Minimum luggage to be carried.

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R.P.
Brigadier,

Comd. British Military Mission.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation of Prisoners
of War.

British Military Mission.
Ref No. AQ/14.

6 Oct 45.

H.Q. 7 ITALIAN ARMY.

H.Q. No. 2 District
(FORNASE) (for information)

Allied Mission,
BRINDISI. (for information)

Confirming Capt. MORIC's telephone call to Gen. PELLIGRA this evening, the following information has just been received:

1. The ITALIAN hospital ship PRINCIPessa GIOVANNA is due to arrive at TARANTO with 500 wounded ex Prisoners of War from the United Kingdom.
2. ITALIAN military authorities are asked to arrange disembarkation as a clearance in conjunction with No. 6 BASE SUB AREA, TARANTO.
3. Any further instructions with regard to exact time of arrival will be telephoned to you immediately.

for
Comd. British Military Mission.

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