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Animal Transport

opened May 4, 1945 - closed Oct 31, 1945

(121)

Subject:- Recovery of Animals.

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

✓ 9/18/2

31 October 45.

To:- H.Q. Allied Commission
for Agriculture Sub Commission.

Reference the attached correspondence.

1. The matter was referred to our L.O. in Turin for local settlement, but he has informed us that H.Q. Piemonte Regional Agriculture officer will not release any animals, even if identified as Italian Army property, without specific orders from you.
2. It is requested the necessary instructions be issued.

RdLm 4/4/45

1. Major General,
M. M. I. A.

SEE 6. Q240

Rgw
1/11/45

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JL/fem

FROM : Ministry of War.

REF : No. 2232/ip.1.

TO : M.M.I.A.

DATE : October 11 - 1945.

SUBJECT : Recovery of Animals in Piedmont.

In pursuance of letter No. 2038/ip.1 dated September 19 last, from this Inspectorate General, I wish to point out that also AMG of Turin has now forbidden animal recovery operations in Piedmont, which (operations) had already been forbidden in Aosta Province.

I therefore again urgently request your Sub Commission to lend it's assistance in order that - in accordance with current regulations - Animal Recovery Groups may carry out their work.

(signed) Egisto Del Fanta.

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File
(120)

FROM : M.H.H.H.

TO : A.P.H.H. For 1 Month

INFO : DISHREE - 241 SUB AREA - MIA LO. FLORENCE

REF : Q 670

DATE TIME
 31 A

DISPATCH

URGENT 241 SUB AREA 241 ITALIAN BACHE TOE QUEER (.) TOBETTER THEA HUSMAN
 KRA-CHER-CHER 241 SUB AREA 241, DEBEMEDIO NOJATING NORMAL PROXIMITY (.)
 TRIMASTER OF MINAS FLORENCE 241 SUB AREA 241, DEBEMEDIO 241 SUB AREA 241
 COORDINATE COORDINATE-CHER-CHER

PRELIMINARY

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : NMIA
 TO : FIVE STAR GIFT PROGRAM
 INFO : 214 303 AMIA
 CONTINUED
 APPX (S(SENT)).
 REF : 0.667

DATE/TIME
 30 A

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FOR NMIA LO(.

UNDERSTAND WAS REPLYING STATE TO SHOW 1,337 MILION PER A R B C E O
 TO 667 MIL A R B C E O A 400 G R O U P S T O 300 F A R B C G O R E S(.
 DEPOSITING AMOUNTS RAIL TRANSPORT DEPOSIT PERIOD 12 - 16 NOVEMBER(.
 REQUEST FOR ARRANGS SHOW 1000 OF PERIOD PERIOD 214 303 AMIA

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SECRET

FROM : DIA
TO : A.F.M.O.
REF : .666

DATE/TIME
27 / 1964

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SUP CT : Remount Depots

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

R O M E

9/18/2

27 October 1945

Ministry of War

Ref: your 2194/ST dated 24 September 1945.

1. The following information has been received regarding the approximate dates of evacuation by the Allied of Italian Army Remount Depots.

- a) - San Martino In Spino Remount Depot will be handed over and vacated by British Units by 1 Nov.45 approximately.
- b) - Persano Remount Depot will be handed over and vacated by British Units by 1 Jan.46 approximately.
- c) - Passo Corese Remount Depot is required for the present, but many of the fields suitable for tillage have already been given back to the Italian Command for cultivation this winter.

2. The needs of the Italian Army will be sympathetically met, and if you submit your requests to this HQ, every help will be given.

Major General
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.

Units by 1 Jan. 45 approximately.

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F. J.

Major General
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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From: M of W
to: MMIA

Transmission

ref. 2395/10 I

25/10/45

115/A

Subject: Recovery of animals of the Cavalry School.

Further to letter 1518/10.1 dated 28 Aug. 45 of this General Inspectorate, I inform MMIA that from careful enquiries made, it ^{appears} ~~is~~ that about 200 horses, among the finest thoroughbreds belonging to the Cavalry School, were transported by the Germans into Germany (Saxony and surroundings), while other fine horses of the School were also transported into Germany, to an undefined locality.

In view of the same reasons contained in a/m letter, I beg you earnestly to examine the advisability of returning to the Italian Military Administration those horses which it is possible to trace in Germany.

Q18/2

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Del Fante

Q240

See (26T) Q 240

FROM : M.M.I.A.

TO : M.M.I.A. LO FLORENCE

INFO : AFHQ for Q MAINT - M.M.A. MILAN
DISTWO - WAR MINISTRY

REF : Q 664

DATE 24 TIME 1600 A

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT HAND OVER APPROX 2500 MULES TO ITALIAN ARMY(.) 252 GROUP WITH
APPROX 1200 MULES LOCATED BOLOGNA AREA 21 GROUP WITH APPROX 1300 MULES
LOCATED AREZZO AREA(.) THESE TO BE HANDLED OVER IN SITU WITH ALL FORAGE
FIELD ON CHARGE AND G 1098 SCALE SADDLERY LINE GEAR AND FARRIERY STORES(.)
FOLLOWING NEXT AREZZO FRIDAY 26 OCT AFHQ REF MAJ NEWHOOK M.M.A. REF MAJ
VAN HINK WAR MIN REF AS DETAINED 7 YEAR HQ(.) WAR MIN INTEND DISTRIBUTE
MULES LESS THOSE REQUIRED 266 COY AFFILIATED POLICORE 267 COY AFFILIATED
PRIULI 268 COY AFFILIATED LEXIANO BETWEEN PINEROLO AND MIRABOLA (.)
DISBURSEMENT REMAINDER WRT ITI FROM THE COYS FOLLOWING BUT PERSONNEL
REMAIN AVAILABLE TILL DISTRIBUTION COMPLETE(.) SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS
FOLLOW REGARDING VET STORES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE HANDLED OVER TO ITALIAN
ARMY(.) REPORT PROGRESS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATOR

Internal C - ST -

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SUBJECT: Requisition of mounts for the Allied Armed Forces

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(M.F.I.O.)

ROME

8/18/2

22 October 1945

Ministry of War

Ref: your 22041p dated 8 October 1945.

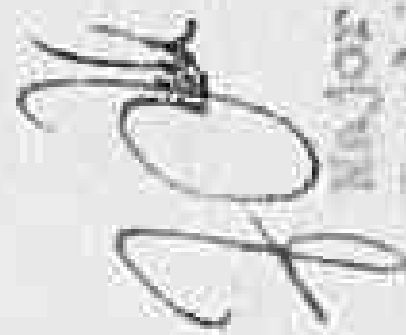
1. The question of deacquisition is not the responsibility of this Headquarters.
2. It is suggested that, as the Allies have made available to the Italian Army a large number of animals, the unsuccessful proprietors be recompensed by you in kind.

File

Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.F.I.O.

Headquarters.

2. It is suggested that, as the Allies have made available to the Italian Army a large number of animals, the unmounted and proprietors be recommended by you in kind.



Major General
Land Forces (b) Commission A.C.
M.M.L.A.

JL/ra

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

Q/18/2

DATE TIME

1109 204

FROM : MMIA

TO : MIN OF WAR

INFO : AREA LO MILAN
AREA LO PAVIA

217 AREA for 68 ARMY REGT for EMATT
 217 AREA for MMIA LO
 86 AREA for MMIA LO
 201 SUB AREA for MMIA LO

50 BLU
 52 BLU
 53 BLU

REF : SD 3019

UNCLASSIFIED

266 267 268 ITALIAN PACK TPT COYS ARE EMPLOYED FOR INTERIM
 ITALIAN ARMY AND INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY
 ARMO TO 2 DISTRICT FOR FURTHER ALLOCATION TO POLGORE
 PRIULI AND LEGNANO ITALIAN INF DIVS TEMPORARILY (.)
 AUTHORITY REF SIGNAL 827580 OF 12

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PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

L. M. G. (signature)
St. C. d.

INTERNAL: A (Three)
 Q (Four)
 ST (Two)

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PHF : SD/3/2

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : ISTA

DATE TIME

TO : AMTR 304 C(DD) COT

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INFO : DISTWO
MILA 10 MILAN

REF : SD 3020

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REF YOUR C27580 OF 12 PARA FOUR (.)

MIN OF WAR MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR OPERATION OF THESE

PACK TPT COYS IN HOLDING UNITS FOR THE PRESENT (.)

DISARMMENT REMINDER BR - III PACK TPT COYS SHOULD TAKE PLACE AS

SOON AS REDISTRIBUTION RULES REFERRED TO IN YOUR PARA THREE HAS

BEN COMPLETED(.) THIS HQ SIGNAL 947 OF 18 REFERS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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AUTHENTICATED

L. H. T. J. J.

H. C.

INTERNAL: A (Two)
Q (Four)
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6/10/2.

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FILE : SD/3/2

Q 1.

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RE: Request for two horses for two Italian Officers.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 ROME
 9/18/2
 17 October 1945

TO : M.M.I.A. LO.
Florence City Command.

Ref: attached letter.

Please contact Territorial Headquarters Florence and investigate
 with them the possibility of meeting this request.

J. B.
 Major General
 Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
 M.M.I.A.

Please contact Territorial Headquarters Florence and investigate

with them the possibility of meeting this request.

J. J.

Major General
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.N.I.A.

JL/rz

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See 6240-1

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : MMIA
TO :: AFHQ
REF : Q. 647.

DATE/TIME
18 / 350 A

UNCLASSIFIED.

Q/18/2.

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YOUR C8844(.) AGREE HAND OVER MULES AS SUGGESTED(.)
REQUEST EARLY INFORMATION LOCATIONS AND NUMBERS TO BE
TAKEN OVER AT EACH

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION

~~URGENT~~

Important

John

See 115-

See 112

SEE 108

Copy to:- 'G'
'A'

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SUBJECT: Recovery of Animals in Piedmont

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.

(H.M.I.A.)

20 M 15

6/18/2

16 October 1945

TO : H.M.I.A. ID.
C/O 7 Regt.

See 112-1A

Ref: attached letter from Ministry of War.

1. AM Turin has no right to prevent animal recovery expeditions from recovering Italian Army animals.
2. It is requested you take the matter up with AM Turin and report action taken.

JPh

Major General

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

1. AMB Turin has no right to prevent animal recovery commissions from recovering Italian Army animals.
2. It is requested you take the matter up with AMB Turin and report action taken.

JH

Major General
 Naval Forces Sub (Commodore A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.))

1125

Copy to:

M.M.I.A. IO. N.W. Italy - Milan.

JH/zu

C O P Y

FROM : Ministry of Air

REF : No. 2232/1p.1

TO : H.M.I.A.

Date - October 11 - 1945

SUBJECT : Recovery of Animals in Piedmont

In pursuance of letter No. 2032/1p.1 dated September 19 last, from this Inspectorate General, I wish to point out that also AIRC of Turin has now forbidden animal recovery operations in Piedmont, which (operations) had already been forbidden in Costa Ro/ince.

I therefore again urgently request your Air Commission to lend its assistance in order that - in accordance with current regulations - animal Recovery Groups may carry out their work.

(which has now forbidden animal recovery operations in this area.)
(operations) had already been forbidden in this area.

I therefore again urgently request your sub. permission to lend
its assistance in order that - in accordance with current regulations -
animal recovery groups may carry out their work.

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Signed (Agisio Del Monte)

From: Mr of War
 J. M. MIA

Translation

Ref. No. 223. ip. 1

Date: Oct. 11, 1945

Subject: Recovery of animals in Piedmont.

80/2 In pursuance of letter No. 2038/ip. 1
 dated Sept. 19th last, from this Inspectorate
 General, I wish to point out that also
 AMG of Turin has now forbidden animal
 recovery operations in Piedmont, which
 (operations) had already been forbidden
 in Aosta province.

I therefore again urgently request
 your Sub-Commission to lend its assistance
 in order that - in accordance with current
 regulations - Animal Recovery Groups may
 carry out their work.

Signed: Legisto del Ponte

See 25T-Q240.

W. J. Q.

1122

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 2204/1p

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 8.10.45

SUBJECT: Requisition of remounts for the Allied Armed Forces

On the 24th. December 1944 and the 1st. January 1945 the Viareggio Allied Military H.Q. ordered the requisitioning of 44 asses, 6 mules, and 4 pack saddles in the Comune of Capannori (Lucca) for the use of the Armed Forces operating in Versillia. *see (11)*

On the 30th. May 1945 the same H.Q. notified all the owners of the requisitioned animals that on the 1st. and 2nd. June they could report to the Fattoria Maroni, in Piano di Mommio (Massarosa) where they would find available for withdrawal the requisitioned animals.

The restitution, however, was only partly carried out and twelve proprietors were unsuccessful. They have repeatedly applied to various local offices of the A.M.G. and to the H.Q. of the 92nd. Division in Migliarino Pisano, to obtain at least recompense for the value of the unreturned animals, but without any success.

Since the Province of Lucca has suffered much through the war - the front being static there for seven months - and has made a large contribution of various kinds to the Allied Armed Forces I beg of you to be so kind as to approach the competent H.Q. in order that indemnity for the requisitioned and unreturned animals may be granted to the above mentioned proprietors.

Sgd. Egisto del Panto,

Brigadier General, Inspector General.

O. Danin Cpl.

Subject:- Base Remount Depots.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
9/18/2
8 October, 1945.

To:-

A.F.H.Q.
for Vet & Remount Branch.

1. In view of the large number of animals the Italians will have in the Italian Army, it is necessary for the War Ministry to reorganise present Remount Depots, so as to ensure adequate facilities and forage for these animals.
2. As from the 1st November, 1945, the ^{responsibility for} feeding ~~all~~ all Italian Army animals will fall on the Italian Government, and therefore arrangements have to be made for increase agriculture production at the Remount Depots to cater for the increase ~~in~~ animals.
3. In order that a proper plan may be formulated, it is necessary for War Ministry to know the probable dates of evacuation, either partial or total, of Allied Units at present using such Remount Depots.
4. It would be appreciated if you could furnish this information.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

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ATTACH FORM
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FROM H H I A
TO NOV & IN, CH
REF NOV 966

DATE/TIME 8 1120 A

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REQUEST ADDITIONAL STORES MOVEMENT PERIOD 15 - 21 OCTOBER AS FOLLOWS (.)

19 BOX WAGONS HORNS F I B A to GROSSETO (.)

6 BOX WAGONS HORNS FLORENCE TO GROSSETO

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URGENT

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Capt. RS.

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : BATH

TO : ATHQ

REF : 332997

DATE TIME
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See 115 UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR P44304 CITE HIGH DATED 20 SEPT (.)

ONE (.) ITALIAN ARMY NOW ONLY REQUIRES 3 MULE PACK TPT COYS (.)

WE PROPOSE THAT 266, 267 AND 268 PACK TPT COYS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE INTERIM ARMY (.)

TWO (.) AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE THESE COYS SHOULD BE ALLOTTED TO FOLCORE FRIULI AND LEGNANO COMBAT OPS (.)

THREE (.) PRESENT WE OF THESE COYS IS CM/800/1 - 10 OFFERS 485 ORS BUT NEW WE OF 9 OFFERS 352 ORS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION (.)

COY WOULD HOLD SAME NUMBER OF ANIMALS UNDER THE REDUCED WE (.)

FOUR (.) 2500 MULES NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR NEAR EAST WOULD BE SPLIT UP AMONG THE ABOVE THREE COYS

POLOGORE FRIULI AND LEGHANO COMBAT OPS (.)
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 ORS BUT NEW WE OF 9 OTHERS 332 ORS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION (.)
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SEE 104

(15)

Subject:- Horses for C.G.R.R.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. V. I. A.) RCE.
2/18/2
2 October, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

Reference telephone conversation Captain LAMB -
Lieut. Col. De la Forest.

1. Information has been received that a part of the 1,100 horses requested for the C.G.R.R. are now available for disposal at ISSI.
2. It is requested an officer from the C.G.R.R. should visit Col. Plunkett at A.F.S.S. Vet and Remount Sec Caserta as soon as possible, to discuss with him the best means of disposal of these animals.

JL
Major General,
M. V. I. A.

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(91)

Subject:- Recovery of Italian Army Animals.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. N. I. A.) ROME.
Q/18/2.
1 October, 1945.

To:-

H.M.I.A. L.O.
o/o 7 ACRA

Reference attached letter from Ministry of War.

It is requested the matter be investigated with the authorities concerned and every facility be given to Mobile Animal Recovery Group for the identification of Italian Army animals, in accordance with our Q/8/2 dated 3 Aug 45.

2. Reply action taken

J. J. J.
Major General,
M. N. I. A.

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Copy to:-

H.M.I.A. L.O.
H.W, ITALY, Milan.

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From : Ministry of War.

Ref : 2038/1p.1.

To : M.M.I.A.

Date : 19 Sep 45.

Subject: Recovery of Animals in the Province of Aosta.

The Mobile Group for Animal Recovery of the Military Territorial H.Q. Turin, communicates that the Allied Authorities of the Province of Aosta - and especially the Governor of Ivrea - have strictly forbidden the responsible persons of the Group to carry out any operations concerning the recovery of animals of the Military Administration.

The round-ups, formerly arranged for the first fortnight in September have had to be postponed, a serious cost to the Military Administration, and to the disappointment of the said holders of the animals, who wish to establish upkeep expenses, only when the definite position of the animals temporarily in their possession becomes known.

Not even the case that, many animals, if not duly consigned will be hidden, killed or sold over the frontier, which has been put forward, has succeeded in lifting the ban of the Allied Authorities of the province.

Since orders mentioned above are not in agreement with those issued by MMIA, I beg you kindly to intervene with the Allied Authorities concerned.

Brigadier - Inspector General,
sgt. Egisto Del Penta.

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Subject:- Transport At Cesano.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME.
9/15/2
28 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. In view of the acute scarcity of M.T. at Cesano and in order to economise on transport available, it is strongly recommended that, Horse Transport be used for domestic purposes.
2. A large number of horses, mules and carts have recently been released to you, and it is, therefore, considered that no difficulty should arise in providing this transport.
3. You are requested to inform this H. Q. of any action you may take regarding the above.


Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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SEE 37
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SUBJECT: Inefficient Horse Carts.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/18/1
27 September 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Sardinia.

- 302/1-9/13/1
1. Reference your signal Y 665 of 24 September 1945.
 2. In as much as AFHQ have recently released to the Italian Army a large quantity of carts from Captured Enemy Material in North Italy, no immediate need on the mainland is foreseen for the inefficient carts in Sardinia.
 3. It is suggested that the repair of these carts be accomplished as part of the regular garrison maintenance program and that surplus carts be shipped individually to Naples Artillery Directorate as they are repaired. No bid will be made by this Headquarters, in any case, to ship the whole consignment to the Mainland at one time.


JOHN J. WARD, 1st Lt.
Asst. G-4
Land Forces Sub Commission

JJW/ag

Copy to:

Movements, MMIA (Your Mov 948 of 22 Sept. refers)
Ministry of War
Q/18/2 file.

1115

COPY OF TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War

Ref: 2191/ST

TO : MMIA

Date: 24 Sept 45

SUBJECT: Animal Supply Centers.

This Inspectorate General must prepare the program of animal and feed supply in accordance with the war establishments provided for the transitional Army, and must, consequently, equip properly the respective centers of productions.

It would, therefore, be necessary to know the probable dates of evacuation - either partial or total - of Allied units from Animal Supply Centers.

This information is needed for guidance in connection with agricultural production which will have to be increased at said centers in order to ensure the feeding of the animals of the Italian Army. As is known, such feeding will - from November 1, 1945 - be completely incumbent upon Italy, the Allied having declared that from that date onwards they will cut off supplies of both feed concentrates and forage.

I shall be obliged if your Mission will kindly enlighten me in the matter.

sd/ Egisto Del Panta
Brig. General.

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mm. Joyce

This is for Q2, I believe

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3 Pack ^{Male} The Boys as Great Tail Hunt 1026 Animals
CERR - 2650 "

C. A. T. M. M. A.

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URGENT FORM

FROM : 1311A

TO : 1311A LA MARSHALL

REF. : 1311A. 548

DATE/TIME 22 1140 A

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Q/18/2.

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REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE Y.664 OF 22 SEPT (.)

ONLY EXPEDIENT CASES SHOULD BE SHIPPED (.) UNEXPEDIENT CASES
TO BE REMAINED ON ISLAND

SEE 96

SEE 88

SEE 89

PREPARED BY

DATE

1113

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1311A (Office Transport)

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WMA Edman

Capt. RE

TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To: M.M.I.A.

Subject: Forage for animals of the 802 R.T.C. of Orvieto.

Ref 17214/3/1.

Date: 20/9/45.

Reference your 6/18/2 dated 7th inst.

We acknowledge receipt of the contents of a/m letter and it is understood that the Italian Military Admin. will provide forage to feed the 3 horses and 2 mules at Orvieto Camp. The Italian Military Admin. will for the time being issue hay only and later also grain, when the latter will be assigned by the Food Ministry concerned.

Prilliga.

Carter.

Seen
KRN-1/9
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TRANSLATION

2/18/2

FROM: HQ
TO: MMIA

Ref : 2038/19.1
Dtd : 19 Sep 45

Subject : Recovery of Animals in the Province of Aosta.

The Mobile Group for Animal Recovery of the Military Territorial H.Q., Turin, communicates that the Allied Authorities of the Province of Aosta - and especially the Governor of Ivrea - have strictly forbidden the presence of the Group to carry out any operations concerning the recovery of animals of the Military Administration.

The round-ups, formerly arranged for the first fortnight in September have had to be postponed, at ^a ~~xxxxxx~~ ^{disappointment of the} serious cost to the Military Administration, and to the ^a said holders of the animals, who wish to establish upkeep expenses, only when the definite position of the animals temporarily in their possession becomes known.

Not even the case that many animals, if not duly ~~xxxxxx~~ consigned, will be hidden, killed or sold over the frontier, which has been put forward, has succeeded in lifting the ban of the Allied Authorities of the province.

Since the orders mentioned above are not in agreement with those issued by MMIA, I beg you kindly to intervene with the Allied Authorities concerned.

Brigadier - Inspector General,

Edg. Egisto Del Ponte.

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Brigadier - Inspector General, 1111
sgd. Egisto Del Ponte.

see 257-2240

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SEEN

Subject:- Horses - Persano.

Land Forces Sub Commission L.C.
(M. H. I. A.) ROSE.
9/8/5.
12 September, 1945.

To:-

M.H.I.A. L.C.
c/o 3 District.

Reference attached correspondence.

1. Signal to A.F.H.Q. was sent in answer to their request for the disposal of 14 Italian Army horses in 812 British Remount Depot.
2. It is understood that 3 District will not allow their transfer unless confirmed by this L.C. or by A.F.H.Q.
3. Please contact 3 District and explain situation.

J. J. J.
R.A. CORPES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. H. I. A.

JL/fem

1110

From :- Italian Liaison Office - 3rd District. Ref: 6/ILC/110

To :- Military Territorial H.Q. Naples. Date: 13 Aug 45

Subject:- Transfer of Horses formerly belonging to the 80th Mounted Unit.

The Department of 3rd District H.Q. concerned have been informed of the order from U.M.I.A. to the Italian H.Q.s. in this instance not applicable.

Since such orders have not in any way been received by U.M.I.A. 3rd District, it has been requested that your H.Q. should inform the Ministry of War of the present position in order to obtain from U.M.I.A. the ratification of the said orders.

For the Liaut. Col. Chief of Department.
(signed) M.H. 21250.

COPY.

From : Military Territorial H.Q. - Naples. Ref : 13/2099/11

To: Ministry of War. Date: 23 Aug 45.

..... the above for necessary information is a result of dispatch No. 1470/12.1 of 21 July 45.

By order

Chief of S.M.

To: Ministry of War.

Date: 23 Aug 45.

..... the above for necessary information is a result of
dispatch No. 1470/Ip.1 of 21 July 45.

By order

Chief of S.M.
(signed) Col. Aldo Bonelli.

1109

From : Ministry of War.

Reference: 1832/Ip.1.

To : M.M.I.A.

Dated : 3 Sep 45.

..... with reference to M.M.I.A. Telescript N/9/439 dated 14 July 45
and begging you kindly to specify the destination of the 14 horses in
question.

Brigadier Inspector General.
(signed) Agisto Del Vanta.

D.M.I.A.

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A.F.N.Q. for VET AND REGIMENT

MINISTRY OF WAR.

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REFERENCE CONVERSATION H A R T - L A M B (.) 14 ITALIAN
ARMY HORSES AT 812 REGIMENT DEPOT SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO
23 F.R.D. PERSANO.

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Subject:- Recovery of horses of the Cavalry Schools.

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

9/18/2

11 September, 1945.

To:-

H. A. Allied Commission,
for Agriculture Sub Commission.

1. During the round up of horses carried out on the 6th and 7th of August by A.M.G. in the province of Como, and during the present round up being carried out in the province of Bergamo, it is believed that a number of horses have been and are being recovered of Italian Army origin.
2. As these horses are believed to have belonged to the Italian Cavalry School at Pinorolo, the Ministry are anxious to regain possession of them.
3. It is therefore requested that 30 Mules Mobile Recupero Quadrupedi be given permission to inspect these horses and be allowed to take possession of any horses definitely identified as in paragraph 2.

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A. A. GUSTO Lt. Col. Su
for Major General.
(M. S. I. A.)

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Subject:- Fodder for quadrupeds at 802 Base Rft. Depot.

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

ROME.

2/13/2

7 September, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

1. The G.C. British Cadre 802 Italian Base Rft. Depot at Orvieto has informed us that there are at present 3 horses and 2 mules working for the Italian Permanent staff there.

2. There appears to be no authority for them to be held at Orvieto, but owing to the shortage of M.T. are usefully employed fetching and carrying supplies and stores.

3. Owing to lack of proper fodder, they are declining in health - consequently a request has been submitted to us for 20 quintals of oats.

4. It is realised that Orvieto is BR-ITI category and is therefore a British commitment, but as these quadrupeds are unauthorised and are used for Italian domestic purposes, the responsibility for feeding them rests with you, if you feel they should remain there.

[Signature]
M. A. CURRIE Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: G.C. British Cadre
802 BRD Orvieto.

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Translation

From : SMRE
To : SMIA
Subject : Italian Army animal drawn transport.

Ref. : 7/274/3rv.
Date : Sept. 5, 1945

Ref. letter G/18.2 dated August 28, 1945.

1. This SMRE has duly noted the contents of the c/m letter and agrees with what was pointed out.

2. We await word from you in regard to the issue of 2500 mules for units planned for the transition Army and the issue of 1100 horses for the Carabinieri.

(Sgd) Ercole Ronco

Cpl. VEC

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Subject :- Fodder.

From :- 802 Italian Base Rpt. Depot,
CRIVETO.

Ref: BI/13/752

4th September 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Com. A.I.,
(MMA) C. M. F.

1. There are at present in this Depot 3 Horses and 2 Mules working for the Italian permanent staff. They are employed in fetching and carrying supplies and stores around the town, and inter-barracks.

There appears to be no authority for holding them, but they have been here for some time.

At the moment they appear to be declining owing to lack of proper fodder, and I have received a request that 20 quintals of oats may be made available to assist in their feeding.

2. My opinion is that normally they should not be necessary but at the moment owing to transport difficulties with a number of vehicles off the road,

owing to shortage of tires and spares, these animals are of considerable assistance.

May we have your instructions Please ?.

J. A. Kept...
Major,
Comd. British Corps
802 Italian Base Rpt. Depot.

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REFERENCE YOUR Y627 OF 28(.) SUBJECT SHIPING OF
 40 COLES TO MAINLAND(.) SIGNAL 1468 OF 13 AUG
 FOR MIA BY UFFICIO TRASPORTI(.)
 TRANSPORTATION THE COMMISSION DEPOSE LANGAHO
 WILL MAKE ANOTHER TRIP BEFORE OF SEPTEMBER FROM
 O L B I A(.) ANIMALS SHOULD THEN BE SHIPPED

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FOR MMIA LO (.) REF Q9 OF 27 (.) SUBJECT HORSE TRANSPORT 526 GO IN (.)
NOT UNDERSTOOD WHAT CAMPS QUADRUPEDS MIRANDOLA ARE (.)
IF BRITISH REMOUNTS AND EQUIPMENT THEN NOT AVAILABLE (.)
THEIR HQ TO PROVIDE QUADRUPEDS CARTS AND HARNESS (.)
IF UNABLE TO DO SO FROM OWN TERRITORY THEN SHOULD APPLY TO
MINISTRY OF WAR

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R. B. McIntyre

TRANSLATION

From : M of War

To : MMIA

Subject : Recovery of horses of the Cavalry School.

Ref : 101818/1.

Dtd : 28 Aug 45

Q/18/2

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During the "round-up" organized and carried-out by the A.M.G. in the province of Como on the 6 and 7 of August 45, it was noted that there were about 40 horses who gave every appearance of belonging to the School of Cavalry at Pinerolo, and, therefore, to the Italian Military Administration.

It happens also, that many horses formerly belonging to the School of Cavalry have appeared in the province of Bergamo, where "round-ups" organized by the A.M.G. are in progress.

The importance of the school of Cavalry at Pinerolo is well known, and furthermore, the value attached to the specially selected and trained horses belonging to it. Their recovery would be of great importance to the recommencement of Equestrian Training in the Army. Their destination to civilians for agricultural purposes and for other uses would constitute a very modest employment for them, and one little adapted to their physical structures (which are essentially not intended for the saddle) and for their indifferent attitude towards load-drawing.

The importance of the school of Cavalry at Finisio is well known, and furthermore, the value attached to the specially selected and trained horses belonging to it. Their recovery would be of great importance to the recommencement of Equestrian training in the Army. Their destination to civilians for agricultural purposes and for other ~~uses~~ it could constitute a very modest employment for them, and one little adapted to their physical structures (which are essentially not intended for the saddle) and for their indifferent attitude towards load-drawing.

This would be a waste of a huge fortune, to a great ~~extent~~ ¹¹⁰⁻ ~~xxxxxxx~~ irreplaceable.

In view of the above, I beg MIA kindly to authorize the personnel in charge of the 3rd Mobile Squadron for Animal Recovery (of the Military Territorial N.4. Milan) to take possession of the horses referred to, so that they may eventually be recovered by the Italian Military Administration.

Brigadier Inspector General
sgd. Egidio Del Panta.

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Subject: Italian Army Animal Requirements.

Land Forces (30 Divisions) (M. H. I. A.)

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Ministry of War.

1. Your estimate of the future animal strength of the Italian Army is understood to be as below:

Serial No.	Unit.	Animals.
1	Each Rifle Bde. Group.	2,000
2	11 x Divs. Bde.	1,650
3	3 x L.A. Divs	900
4	112, Sista. 1 Divs	1,000
5	6 x Mountain Divs	600
6	Various	1,000
7	Unk. etc.	2,650
		10,100

The present animal strength is approximately 5,000 leaving a deficiency of 5,100.

2. Of the above, it is understood you require in to 1,400 horses for units of the M.H. I. A., and are prepared to accept this number run without increase in requirements.

5	6 x various birds	100
6	vacuum	1,000
7	oil, oil	2,000
		10,000

The present animal strength is approximately 3,000 leaving a deficiency of 6,500.

2. Of the above, it is understood you require up to 1,100 horses for units of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Armies, and are required to supply this number now without increase in personnel.

A bid has been made accordingly, should these animals become available from these surplus to allied requirements.

1,100

3. It is noted that no immediate increase be made in animals 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, but that you will distribute existing animals as most required.

4. As regards animal 1, a request has been made for 2,500 trained units to be organized for the Italian Army, should your personnel for the Italian Army include a tank unit.

It is understood this is not, and that you anticipate the need of such a unit to cover the requirements of Allied operations.

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Subject: Italian Army Animal Transport.

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

✓ 28 August, 1945.

To:-

A.P.H. (Q. Maint.)

1. The following estimate of animals required by the War Ministry for the Italian Army is forwarded for information when disposal of surplus quadrupeds is being considered.

- (a) any number up to 1,500 horses suitable for Units of CC.RR.
- (b) 2,500 mules for Animal Pack Transport Group.

2. Of the above, (a) can be accepted now and does not entail increase in personnel strength.

In the case of (b) it is requested that 2,500 trained mules may be earmarked in anticipation of approval being given for the interim army to include a Pack Transport Group for service on the frontier.


Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- 26 Remount Depot.

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

✓ 18/2

28 August, 1945.

To:-

Ministry of War.

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Reference your 1733/1p 1. dated 14 Aug 45.

1. It is agreed that No. 26 Remount Depot originally designated for Lipizza Province Trieste shall be established at Pinerolo.

2. The proposal to form an additional Remount Depot in the North having been abandoned, the Army will now have the following Remount Organisation

<u>Remount Depot</u>	<u>Location.</u>	<u>Territorial Command.</u>
21	Grosseto	7
22	Parasevina	8
23	Corsano	9,10,11
24	Sanorva (Gardina)	8
25	Mirandola	4,5,6
26	Pinerolo	1,2,3

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Major General.
M. H. I. A.

RAC/fem

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Translation

From: M of W
To: MMin

Ref. No. 172- /ip. 1

Date: August 14, 1945

Subject: 26TH Remount Depot.SEE Folio 62 Q/92 Ref. order of battle No. 2/11 page 70.

1. With letter 3 D/11/2 dated April 28TH last your Sub-Commission authorized the formation of the 25TH and 26TH Remount Depots which were to operate as follows:
 - the 25TH: in Northwestern Italy, for Territorial Commands I - II and III
 - the 26TH: in Northwestern Italy, for Territorial Commands IV - V and VI
2. A subsequent telephonic communication on May 10th specified that the 26TH Remount Depot (Lipizza, province of Trieste) could under no circumstances be stationed in Venezia Giulia, and that therefore it was to be transferred to another region.
3. Under para. 7 of your letter Q/18/2 dated May 12nd concerning animal requisites for the Italian Army, suggestions were requested concerning the location of the two aforementioned Depots and concerning

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whatever increase in veterinary and remount services might be estimated to be necessary.

4. This matter — which was related to the ~~the~~ ⁶ recommendation contained in letter No. 1014/ip. 1 dated May 16th from this Inspectorate General — was dealt with at the two meetings of June 9TH and June 28TH. At the first meeting it was agreed to recommend — in addition to the Remount Depots already in existence — the organization of a 27TH Remount Depot at Asti, or anywhere else in Piedmont, for the requirements of Northwestern Italy, no other such Depots being in existence in that area. At the second meeting, instead, after weighing more carefully the question of collection centers for animals of the Army and of remount services, it was resolved to transfer to the Pinerolo area (instead of Asti) — for duty under the Territorial Commands I - II and III — the 26TH Remount Depot which, ¹⁹⁹⁸ stationed under No. 2 — could not be stationed in Venezia Giulia. This solution not only

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met present requirements in full, but has the advantage of making it possible to use the personnel already allotted for the 26th Remount Depot without requesting the increase in the strength of the Equine and Veterinary Service mentioned under No. 3.

- 5) In view of the foregoing, it would be necessary that, in partial amendment of the aforementioned letter SD/11/2 dated April 28th (please see No. 1), your Sub-Commission authorize the transfer to Northwestern Italy (and, more specifically, to the Pinerolo area) of the 26th Remount Depot (for Territorial Military Commands I - II - and III) instead of the 25th, which would, instead, remain in Northwestern Italy (for Territorial Military Commands IV - V and VI) that is to say at its former headquarters of Mirandola.

Pending receipt of your authorization, this Inspectorate General has prepared everything for the efficient operation of the 26th Remount Depot in the Pinerolo area.

Signed: W.E. di Spilimbergo

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Translation

From : MOV
 To : MMIS
 Subject : Recovery of captured animals.

Ref. : 1646
 Date : August 11, 1945

51.

This Inspectorate General has duly noted the content of your letter No. Q/18/2 dated August 3.

According to the gist of the a/m letter, the orders regarding the treatment of animals have been in force for some time. They have now been confirmed with the enclosed letter which amplifies those previously issued.

With the occasion, we beg to report that the Army's requirements have not yet been entirely met, as per paragraph 1 of your letter. In fact, only 1000 mules have been returned up to now, while the effective requirements for the Army is 5046 horses and mules and 1100 horses for the Carabinieri.

(Sgd) Del Ponte

Cpl. VBC



Conf. & Maint. RTHQ 21 Aug 1945
 Disposal surplus animals.

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From : MOA
To : Mil. Terr. Commands
Subject : Recovery of animals.

Ref. : 1690
Date : August 11, 1945

Further to and in confirmation of orders issued previously, and with particular reference to this Inspectorate General's letters:

- no. 1100/Ip.1 dated May 18
- no. 1535/Ip.1 dated July 26 (for the units to whom it was addressed)
- no. 1613/Ip.1 dated August 7 (for the units to whom it was addressed)

MMIA has confirmed the following:

1. The animals that have been recovered and that are being issued to the farmers on loan must not be withdrawn and collected at the centers but must be issued on the spot in order to simplify the supplying of forage.
2. The addressee Hqs. must contact - for the issue on loan - the Provincial Agriculture Inspectors and must keep a record of all of the animals granted or issued on loan.
3. The Animal recovery nucleus must be supplied - by the respective Arty directorates - with materials required for branding and placing serial numbers on the horses.
4. The A.C. authorities have received instructions to assist the Mil. Terr. Commands in collecting the info regarding animals recovered by Allied or Agriculture representatives. It is necessary therefore, that the addressee Commands keep in contact with the local authorities.

Eventual difficulties will be dealt with through the MMIA LOs and will be straightened out on the spot if possible.

(Sgd) Brig. Gen. 2nd Ponte

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MOV ARMED SA MOV & THE MILITARY IN MERIDIO. MOV PERIOD 15 - 19 AUGUST
 AS 2 OLYMPIE (.) 60 FOR FIAMMOS 110 FOR ROMA 140 FOR NAPLES 250 FOR
 PALERMO (.) MOV WITH CLOSEST LEADERS MAINTAINED WITH D. LEASIONE
 TRAMONTI (.) MOV OF MOVIST DEPARTMENT.

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FOR M M I A L O (.) SUBJECT S A N M A R T I N O
MULES (.) ONE (.) RAIL BIDS FOR MOVEMENT OF MULES FROM M I R A N -
D O L A 60 TO FLORENCE 110 TO ROME 140 TO NAPLES AND 250 TO
PALERMO HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AGAIN (.) TWO (.) THESE RAIL MOVES
HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR THE PERIOD 13 SLANT 19 AUGUST AFTER MANY
DIFFICULTIES (.) THREE (.) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE EARLIER
MOVES AND THEREFORE WAR MINISTRY HAVE BEEN TOLD TO CONTACT MOVEMENT
BOLOGNA THROUGH DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI BOLOGNA TO ARRANGE DETAILS
OF LOADING FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE DAY IN PERIOD (.) FOUR (.) YOU
MUST KEEP CLOSEST CONTACT WITH MOV BOLOGNA REGARDING THESE MOVES (.)
FIVE (.) IT IS UNDERSTOOD 5 ARMY STOP FEEDING MULES 14 AUGUST (.)
YOU MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS EITHER REDUCE DIET OR OBTAIN FODDER UNTIL
COMPLETION OF MOVES (.) SIX (.) REPORT ACTION

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FOR M M I A L O (.) SUBJECT S A N M A R T I N O
MULES (.) FIRST (.) 333 MULES TO FARA SABINA AND 143 TO
GROSSETO ARE MOVING BY RAIL PERIOD 6 UNTIL 12 AUGUST (.)
ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BETWEEN ITALIAN TRANSPORT
OFFICE AND BOLOGNA MOVEMENT OFFICE FOR LOADING (.) YOU
SHOULD CONTACT BOLOGNA MOVEMENT FOR THIS INFORMATION (.)
SECOND (.) INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE BALANCE OF MULES
AT MIRANDOLA WILL FOLLOW

Important
J. L. [unclear]
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Subject: - Captured Animals - Recovery of

Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(M.N.I.A.)

R O M E

9/18/2

3 Aug/45.

WAR MINISTRY.

1. The treatment of captured animals formerly the property of the Italian Army should follow the same lines as in the case of other War Ministry property.

In the case of animals, the present needs of the Army, having been met, it is desirable that the existing arrangements whereby A.C. and Allied Army Officers are disposing of surplus captured and stray animals should continue.

2. The physical repossession and transfer to Army remount depots necessitating forage provision and subsequent reallocation to farmers appears unnecessary.

3. Territorial U.C. should therefore be instructed to co-operate with representatives of Ministry of Agriculture and to obtain particulars of animals, the property of the Italian Army, which have been or are being disposed of to civilians.

The interests of the Ministry and their right to repurchase themselves of the animals would thus be secured.

4. You should furnish all concerned with full particulars as to brand marks and other means of recognition of these animals

2. The physical repossession of the physical property and subsequent reallocation of the physical property to farmers appears unnecessary.

3. Territorial H.Q. should therefore be instructed to cooperate with representatives of Ministry of Agriculture and to obtain particulars of animals, the property of the Italian Army, which have been or are being disposed of to Civilians.

The interests of the Ministry and their right to possess themselves of the animals would thus be secured.

4. You should furnish all concerned with full particulars as to brand marks and other means of recognition of these animals and submit to this H.Q. a copy of your instructions on the subject.

5. H.Q. authorities will similarly be instructed to assist Territorial H.Q. to obtain all available information concerning animals recovered by Allied representatives and representatives of Min. of Agriculture.

6. When LQ's will, where necessary, take up any case where difficulty is arising with the Allied or H.Q. M.O. concerned. If a satisfactory solution is not reached the matter will be reported by them to this H.Q.

Copy to: - L.C. (for Agriculture
Sub-Comm.) for action
Part 5.
- All M.M.I.A. L.C.'s.

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R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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R.A. Curtis

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMJA
 TO : DISTONE FOR MMJA LO
 INFO: AFHQ
 13 CORPS
 DISTWO
 DISTHREE PLEASE PASS MMJA LO
 DISTONE FOR MMJA LO NE ITALY
 59 AREA FOR MMJA LO
 D. ORANGE CITY COMD FOR MMJA LO
 143 CORPS FOR MMJA LO

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REF : SD 2813

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REF YOUR G22 OF 30 (.) ONE (.) N O DISBANDMENT
 ORDER RECEIVED FOR ITALIAN UNITS FORMING 253 PACK TPT GP (.)
 TWO (.) OUR SIGNAL Q/458 OF 21 JULY ADDED A F H Q AGREED
 DISBANDMENT ALL COYS 252 AND 253 PACK TPT GTS AIDING QUOTE
 UNDERSTAND D I S T O N E AGREE SUBJECT TEMPORARY RETENTION
 ONE COY TO BE NOMINATED BY THEM UNQUOTE (.) THREE (.)

A F H Q LETTERS REF G-1 (ER)/1068/A.1 (SER. 2720) OF 24
 JUL AND (SER 2761) OF 29 JUL EACH 13 COPIES TO D I S T O N E
 ORDER DISBANDMENT WEF 15 AUG OF ER CAIRES TO 253 PACK GP AND
 270 - 273 COYS (.) FOUR (.) INTEND USE PERSONNEL OF DISBANDED

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 TWO (.) OUR SIGNAL Q/458 OF 21 JULY ADDSD A F H Q AGREED
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 ONE COY TO BE NOMINATED BY THEM UNQUOTE (.) THREE (.)
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 JUL AND (SER 2751) OF 29 JUL EACH 13 COPIES TO D I S T O N L E
 ORDER DISBANMENT WEF 15 AUG OF ER CAIRES TO 253 PACK CP AND
 270 - 273 COYS (.) FOUR (.) INTEND USE PERSONNEL OF DISBANDED
 PACK TPT UNITS FIRST TO MAKE UP REMAINING PACK TPT UNITS 10,8

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 SABINA AND GROSSETO WILL MOVE BY TRAIN ED ALREADY SUBMITTED SEE
QUIN FOUR SIX NINE OF TWENTY SIXTH STOP SECOND STOP FLORENCE ROME
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FOR H.M.I.A. L.O. (.) TONR NR 7228 25 JULY(.)

RAIL MOVES COMES AND TIMES ALREADY CONFIRMED

FOR PERIOD 23/29 JULY(.) NO CERTAIN NO. OF

MILES BY TRAIN IF AVAILABLES AND TIME WILL BE SAVED(.)

RAIL RHD ALREADY SUBMITTED FOR PERIOD 6/12 AUGUST

FOR BELONGS OF MILES TO PARA SAGINA AND GEMENGO

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X Q/A/101 Evans
will press at POM meeting
30 July RAC

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A.G. Agricultural
Sub Comm.

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F25136 19 JULY (.) AGREE DISBANDMENT EARLIEST

ALL COYS. 252 AND 253 PACK TPT. GPS(.)

UNDERSTAND DISTONE AGREE SUBJECT TEMPORARY RETENTION

ONE COY TO BE NOMINATED BY THEM

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1035

Subject: Italian Army Animals

(37)
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
Q/18/2
17 July 1945

To : Headquarters ALCOM for Agricultural Sub Commission

Copy to: MMIA LO Fifth Army
Minister for War

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Reference MMIA letter Q/18/2 of 3 July 1945

1. Some 500 animals were turned over to your representative on 7 July for agricultural purposes in accordance with above letter. The object of turning over these animals to you was to remove both the animals and the men required to take care of them from the Allied ration account. Ten days have elapsed and we are informed that the animals have not been moved by you, and consequently the animals and the men taking care of them are still on the Allied ration account, and this is not satisfactory.

2. The Italian War Ministry is both willing and capable of disposing of these animals to civilians for agricultural purposes through its own channels, and any of these animals which are not disposed of by you by 21 July 1945 will be returned to the Italian War Ministry who will be directed to dispose of them to civilians without reference to any other Ministry of the Italian Government.

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(K)
CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

With one copy to Major Danker -
To provide further instructions and then
see to ensure that by 22 July any animals
not removed by Agri Sub Com

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MMIA LO (.) REF YOUR NR5453 (.) SUBJECT SAN MARTINO RULES (.)

90 RULES STILL GO BOLOGNA ON FOOT AND WERE NOT INCLUDED

IN OUR Q 425 BECAUSE NO RAIL BID MADE FOR THEM (.)

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT ON THE HOOF WERE ALREADY MADE

BY MINISTRY OF WAR REPRESENTATIVE

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Subject:- Horses.

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

6/18/2
14 July 1945.

To:-

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

25/5.

Reference your letter 594 dated 9 July 1945.

Your request as to the whereabouts of thoroughbred horses, taken away by the Germans from Central and Southern Italy has been noted and you will be informed when any such animals have been identified.

F. O. H.

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

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SPENDING ON VETERAN'S PART - I.A.M.B.(.) 14 ITALIAN

ARMY HONOR AT 542 RECENT DEPT SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED

TO 233.E.D. PERMANO

SEE 7/1/10.1

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MEMO 10 (.) REFERENCE NR 3211 (.) SUBJECT SAN MARTINO
 MILAN (.) ARMED 60 MILES BOLOGNA TO BOLZANO AND MAKE
 NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVEMENT ON THE HIGH (.)
 B.P.S.
 RAIL LINE FOR BOLZANO, MILAN, URGENT CANCELLED

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Subject:- Horass.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.Q/18/2
14 July 1945.To: A.P.H.Q. for Vet. and Remount.Attached letters from Ministry of War 214735/11 214734/11
dated 9 July 45 for information and such action as you consider
necessary. 220-19-5 and 220-19-5*P. J. J.*
R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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From Ministry of War

9 July 1945

To IMIA

214734/11
220-19-5

Subject:- Horses - Saddle Type.

This Ministry is given to understand that the Allied Authorities are distributing in Northern Italy to the farmers a large number of horses obtained from recovery and from captured enemy material.

This measure is gratifying to the Ministry in as much as it ~~cooperates~~ with the necessity of national farming needs, and is contributing to the work of national reconstruction.

Since it appears that the distribution has been indiscriminate in the assigning of heavy horses and special or thorough bred types, the Ministry asks that action is taken so that the thorough bred horses and special breeds not suitable for that particular work and better used as saddle horses, are placed in such service for the Army Officers, and therefore brought to the Remount Centre of Mirandola and also the new forming Centre at Finerclo

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To MMIA
From Ministry of War.

Ref 214735/11
220-19-5

9 July 1945.

Subject:- Horses Lipizza Race - Trieste.

This Ministry is informed that the Germans on October 10 1943 transferred from the Central Remount Supply Depot at Lipizza (Trieste), to Hostall in Bohemia, all the horses of this type existing in the Depot:

Considering the importance that the said race of "Lipizza" holds for national breeding purposes, and for the purpose of reconstructing the original breeding Centre, it is requested that you may kindly take an interest in the matter in order that the appropriate search be made in Bohemia with a view to obtaining the restitution to Italy of the Lipizza race of horses.

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FROM MILA

TO FIVE ARMY

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FOR MILA 10 (.) REF DESPATCH AIRMAIL FROM SAN MARTINO (.)

ONE (.) INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM ROM THAT 4000 MEN ARE TAKEN FOR

ITALIAN ARMY (.) TWO (.) DID NOT RAIL MOVES SUBMITTED BY ROM

FOR 80 MILAS TUREN CIA 50 GENOA CIA 80 MILAN CIA 60 ^{Back to} MILANO CIA

80 UDINE CIA 60 FLORENCE CIA 110 ROME CIA 110 NAPLES CIA 250 PALERMO (.)

HERE (.) AS MANY AMBULS AS POSSIBLE SHOULD MOVE ON FOOT TO THEIR

DESTINATION (.) FOUR (.) REPORT ROM MUST BE PROCEED ON THE ROAD

AND THEIR DESTINATION IS THAT RAIL BIDS CAN BE CANCELLED

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FROM NMIA

TO FIVE ARMY

Q 423

RESTRICTED

FOR NMIA HQ (.)

SUBJECT MULES IN VET HOSPITALS (.) ONE (.) NUMBERS OF MULES IN

ALL VET HOSPITALS REQUIRED (.) TWO (.) WHICH HOSPITAL MOST SUITABLE

TO REMAIN OPEN AND TO TAKE OVER ALL SICK MULES (.) THREE (.)

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J. E. HolmanLt Col R. H. H. H.

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Subject:- Disposal Italian Army Animals.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
9/18/2

2 July 1945

To:-

Ministry of War.
A.C. (for Agriculture Sub Commission)
Fifth Army for H.K.I.A. J.C.

1. Animals surplus to requirements of U.S. 5th Army have been handed over to H.K.I.A. representative for Italian Army at SAN MARTINO (Map reference SN 8 6693).

Personnel (formerly U.S. III category) are to be disposed of as re-inforcements, a sufficient maintenance party being left until animals have been dispersed.

2. A commission, under the chairmanship of Major Van Kirk USA, comprising representatives of -
Italian Government (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry)
War Ministry
A.C. (Agriculture Sub Commission)

will assemble at San Martino on Saturday 7 July 1945, to determine disposal of -

- (a) animals selected for immediate use by the Italian Army.
- (b) animals to be loaned to Civilians for Agricultural purposes.

3. 2,262 animals selected by the British Army Remount Services are to be held temporarily at San Martino and their maintenance will be the responsibility of the British authorities.

The remaining animals being the property of the Italian Army will be sent to Italian Army Units or otherwise disposed of with the minimum of delay.

The War Ministry will report (initially by signal through H.K.I.A. J.C. of 5 Army) the number and destination of animals in category 2 (a) above, and the

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The War Ministry will report (initially by signal through M.M.I.A. L.O.) 5 Army) the number and destination of animals in category 2 (a) above, and the number disposed of to Agriculture.

4. Animals selected for Army Units will be accompanied by minimum maintenance personnel who, on arrival at unit location, will either be absorbed into units existing ration strength or be returned to Cesano R.T.D. as reinforcements.

5. Provision of forage for all animals to be disposed of under paragraph 2 will cease to be an Allied responsibility as soon as they reach unit location or are removed for agricultural purposes.

6. Bids for movement by rail will be submitted at the earliest possible date by the War Ministry in connection with animals selected for service with Italian Army Units.

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

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(for M.M.I.A. L.O.)

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SUBJECT ANIMAL TRANSPORT GUARD BNS (.) AUTHORIZED
SCALE 2 RIDING HORSES 20 DRAUGHT HORSES OR MULES 10
CARTS (.) PERSONNEL TO BE INCLUDED IN PRESENT
AUTHORIZED STRENGTH (.) ANIMALS AND PERSONNEL NOW
AVAILABLE SAN MARTINO MAP REF SH 8 6693 (.) COMMISSION
ASSEMBLING SAN MARTINO 7 JULY DECIDE DISPOSAL (.) FOR
DISTONE (.) 526 AND 527 GUARD BNS MAY ABSTAIN FROM
THIS SOURCE (.) FOR DISTWO (.) INFORM MMIA 10 FIFTH
ARMY DIRECT WHETHER YOU WISH BID ANIMALS FOR 502 503
519 GUARD BNS.

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TO : 5 ARMY
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FOR MMIA LO (*) SUBJECT IS DISPOSAL US-ITI MULE COYS (*)
BALANCE OF MULES REMAINING AFTER BRITISH HAVE DISPOSED OF
THEIR REQUIREMENTS WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT LOCATION AND BE
MAINTAINED BY MINIMUM MAINTENANCE PARTIES FROM PRESENT
MULE UNITS CARRIED ON ITI-ITI ACCOUNT (*) BALANCE OF
PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE AS ITI-ITI OR BR-ITI REFS (*)
DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MULES AND MAINTENANCE PARTIES
WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST

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- Major

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5.	Transit Goods	400	"	"
6.	Maintenances Fixed Installations	1,000	"	"
7.	G.G. S.N.	2,050	Human	

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This T. is smaller than the only serial which involves counting with an and called is serial 4 and that, however, the only legitimate call which the War Ministry have on the three last Op. Op. would be in this serial, always providing that you agree to retaining this matter of unless and when as an insurance against the possibility of applying this next winter with B-III Combat Tps. on frontier action.

It is therefore recommended that -

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- (1) 24 pack typ. Op. be retained for future use with the Combat Tps. their category as B-III or B-III-III to be decided later.
- (44) That the Op. strength of this Op. be increased from 5 to 7 in order to bring them up to an animal strength of 2,500.
- (44) That 252 and 253 pack typ. Op. be used to bring 24 pack typ. Op. up to strength and that they then be allocated, animals being disposed of as directed by you and personnel to become available as B-III reinforcements.

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Subject:- Animal Transport 526 527 Guard Bns.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Q/18/2
27 June 1945.

To:

M.M.I.A. L.C.
One District.

Reference your letter 10/97 dated 24 June 1945.

- (a) Yes. See AFHQ G-1 Br 1116/A1 (Ser 2179)
6 May 1945 (Ten copies to H.Q. 1 District)
- (b) No. Small number required should be
available from Italian Army stocks being
released to the Italian Army.
- (c) Allied sources following usual procedure
and use of form S.T.8.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Col. D.Q.M.G.+
M. M. I. A.

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3000 HRS 10 (-)
SUBJECT HORSE TRANSPORT FOR 526 AND 527 GUARD BNS (.)
RE URST YOU PROVIDE FROM ENEMY CAPTURED MATERIAL 2 RIDING
HORSES 20 DRAFT HORSES OR MULES 10 CARTS AND NECESSARY
SADDLERY FOR XXXXX EACH GUARD BN ON ARRIVAL AT FINAL DESTINATION

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FROM: Ministry of War

REF: 17458/2674

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 8 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Harness materials.

6/1 of 22 May

In letter Q/18/2, M.M.I.A. stated that it considered it advisable that as far as possible the Italian Army should be equipped with animal drawn means of transport.

As already pointed out in letter 14158/2514, of 20.4.45, the availabilities of cart harness are appreciably reduced and it is therefore essential to provide for the speedy preparation of the materials referred to in the above quoted letter, in order to meet the requirements taken into consideration by M.M.I.A.

We enclose the state of carts and harness available as at the 1st inst.

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. RUSSO

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- 1) Bn. carts (2 wheels)
- 2) " " " " light (2 wheels)
- 3) " " " " heavy (" ")
- 4) Requisition carts
- 5) " " " 2 wheels
- 6) Carts, various
- 7) " , Eng. Park, mod 924 (2 wheels)
- 8) Cart, 2 wheels, light, to transport 2 heliographs ^{2nd} _{in}
- 9) Cart, to transport machine gun & spares, light, 2 wheels
- 10) Baggage cart, heavy, 4 wheels.
- 11) " " " " , modified, Arty.
- 12) Cart, slanting sides, 4 wheels, ex-Austrian -
- 13) Cart, flat, w/out sides 10.7
- 14) Cart, sicilian, 2 wheels -

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Subject:- Animal Transport for the Italian Army.

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

R.M.E

Q/18/2

13 May 45.

To: A.P.HQ.

Reference your AG 454/173 GCT-O dated 5 May 45.

1. It is noted that an estimate of the number of Italian Army units which could be converted to animal transport is being obtained. Without some indication as to the future strength and organization of the Italian Army, it is difficult to assist in forming this estimate, but the following figures are given as an approximate forecast based on a preliminary review of the matter.

2. It is considered that some 2,000 animals will be required by the CCRB, some 2,400 pack mules for frontier guards, and some 4,400 animals for the Army.

The estimated distribution by Territorial Commands is as shown at Appendix 'A'.

3. The present distribution of animals among ITI ITI Units in the Territorial Commands is as shown at Appendix 'B'. Little is known of the availability of Italian Army animals in Northern Italy nor to what extent it is proposed to send back to the Italian Army the numerous animals captured

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The War Ministry's own estimate is that 3,000 additional horses and 5,000 additional mules will be required, but this is based on no known premise.

The figures given in paragraph 2 above represent an increase in the animal strength of the ITI ITI category of some 5,300 animals, many of which could be conveniently drawn from BR-ITI or US-ITI Units now in existence.

4. The figures of available carts and horses supplied by the War Ministry are given at Appendix 'C'.

This estimate is obviously incomplete and is being further investigated.

5. Some increase in the Italian will be necessary, but proposals to the effect of a decision as to the extent to which it will be expended.

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Major G.
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Appendix 'A'.Estimated future Animal strengths.

	<u>CCRR.</u>	<u>Army.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
SICILY	300	100	400
SARDINIA	400	400	800
BARI	70	580	650
NAPLES	80	520	600
ROME	400	50	450
FLORENCE	150	50	200
BOLOGNA	100	400	500
TURIN	100	400	500
GENOA	50	400	450
MILAN	50	400	450
BOLZANO	200	400	600
UDINE	100	300	400
FRONTIER GUARDS		2,400	2,400
TOTAL	2,000	6,400	8,400

Appendix 'B'.Present Distribution.

	<u>CCRR.</u>	<u>Army.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
SICILY	320	80	400
SARDINIA	400	300	700
BARI	70	600	670
NAPLES	80	550	630
ROME	250	100	350
FLORENCE	40	60	100
TOTAL	1,160	1,690	2,850

Appendix 'C'Available Carts and Harness.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Mainland</u>	<u>Sardinia.</u>
Carts, "Battalion" Model	69	64
Carts, Various Models	38	-
Saddlery, Sets	15	138

Subject : Animal Transport for the Italian Army.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

(M.M.I.A.A.)

R.O.M.E.

5/10/45

22 May, 1945.

To : War Ministry.

1. Reference your 1014/1P dated 16 May.

2. In view of the shortage of V.M. it is considered desirable that ~~the~~ Italian Army units should where possible employ animal transport in lieu.

3. At Appendix "A" is given an approximate forecast of the future animal strength of the Italian Army distributed by Territorial Commands.

The ~~the~~ requirements for the C.C.R. are those obtained from you verbally. The army estimates have been based on an even distribution of units now in the North among the Territorial Commands of the North. Taking into consideration that animal transport must largely be confined to station duty and local administrative transport details no large reduction in the V.M. allocated to the Army can be expected.

4. While it is appreciated that no accurate forecast can be given as to the animals which will be required your views are invited on the above estimate which differs from that given in the letter under reply by some 2,700.

5. It is proposed to call a conference at this Headquarters at some early date at which the matter can be

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5. It is proposed to call a conference of this Headquarters at some early date at which the matter can be discussed. Meanwhile you are requested to prepare *more* detailed information concerning the present employment of the animals already ~~xxxx~~ held by units in the 1st-1st category. You are also required to examine urgently the availability of carts and trailers which will be required for any expansion in the present horse drawn transport of the Army. The following figures obtained verbally in April are considered as an under-estimate and does not take into account the transfer of supplies from Carabinas to the Mainland which has since been effected:-

Item	Number	Carabinas
Carts, M. Models	69	54
Carts, various models	38	112
Trailers	15	136

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6. You are requested to notify this Headquarters as soon as you have obtained the above information and are in a position to discuss the matter.

7. Approval has been given for the formation of 21 and

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25 Regiment Depots and your recommendations are also required as to the location of these units and any further expansion which you anticipate will be necessary in the V.P. services.

R. A. G. G. G.

R. A. G. G. G., Lt. Colonel,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copies to : M. M. I. A. I. O., 5th Army.
MMIA 5th Army British Increment.
: M. M. I. A. I. O. No. 1 District.

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GENOA	50	400	450
MILAN	50	400	450
BOZZANO	200	400	600
UDINE	100	300	400
FRONTIER GUARDS		2,400	2,400
TOTAL	2,000	6,400	8,400

Translation

From: Y/W -
To: MMIA

Q/18.

Ref: 1014/1P
Date: 16th May 45

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Subject: Animals for the Italian Army

Ref: verbal request made on the 14/5/45, by Lt Lamb of MMIA to the General Inspectorate, and to similar request presented by the Italian Liaison Office with the 5th Army.
To make up the present deficiencies of all the subordinate units (including the R.R.CC) and for the eventual formation of new internal security units, bearing in mind the lack of vehicles, MT this Ministry would require:-

3000 horses:-
5000 mules:-

The a/m animals pending assignment, could be collected in equal numbers at the following subordinate Animals Supply Centres: Mirandola (Modena) - Grosseto - nel Lazio - (Fona Sabina Station) - PERSANO (Salerno), and in a temporary collection centre, to be formed at Asti:-

Signed: Uff: EGISTO del PANTA

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Subject:- Horse Transport for Guard Bn;

To:- G (SD).

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1. The following scale of transport is recommended:

Vehicle	H.T.		M.T.		Load Carrier.
	Horses or Mules (LD)	Horses (Riders)	M/C	Pass/Veh	
Bn. H.Q.	2	4	2	1	1
Each Coy.	2	4	-	-	-
Total per Bn; (4 Coys)	10	20	2	1	1

2. Saddlery is not immediately available. Horses or Mules could be obtained.

3. If these units are required it is suggested they move with Borrowed H.T. and be issued with H.T. at their permanent station.

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R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.

A.Q.M.G. M.M.I.A.

Copy Q(AE) Please obtain ready for issue saddlery for two Bns. on above scale.

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