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Subject:- Conversion of Units - Italian.

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104/422 A

Nov 44

"A" 52 Area
"A" 54 Area
"A" 209 Sub Area

G (SD)
Q (AE)
Ord
Land Forces Sub Commission (AC) MMIA.

921, 922, 923 & 924 Docks Op Coys (Italian Army).

Ref attached AFHQ letter CR/1026/G.1(ER)(Ser.1036) dated 12 Nov 44.

1. Conversion of the a/n units to WE AI/58/1 wef 15 Nov 44 will be supervised as follows:-

52 Area	923 Docks Op Coy 924 " " "
54 Area	922 " " "
209 Sub Area	924 " " "

2. Supervisory authorities will exchange with MMIA for submission of indents for clothing and equipment (less vehicles and controlled stores). Further instructions re demands for vehicles and controlled stores will be given by Q (AE) 3 District.

3. Field Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.

4. Reports called for at para 4 of AFHQ letter under reference will be forwarded through this HQ.

5. For G (SD). Please supply copies of the above WE when available.

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"A" 52 Area
"A" 209 Sub Area

G (SD)
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Ord
Land Forces Sub Commission (AC) MMIA.

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54 Area	922 " " "
209 Sub Area	921 " " "

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AKC/KR

Col
DA & QMG

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SUBJECT: War Establishment: Regimental Group HQ Italian Railway Engineers.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/S
Nov 44
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Ministry of War.

1. The Director of Transportation proposes that WE A1/33/1 for the above HQ shall be amended. The new establishment proposed is attached.

2. Your comments and recommendations are requested please.

J. Whitehead Capt
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Note: GI matters
See reply H.
A&C 24/11

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Subject: Reinforcements - Italian Railway Engineers.

Transportation Increment,
. . .
Tel: Firenze - 44
Caserma Line Major
No. . . /160/S
17 November 1944.

To: D.D.Q.M.G.,
. . .F.H.Q.

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Copy to: Army Sub Commission (. . .I. . .)
Col. DDMGO.

1. Reference conversation (Burke- Prosser) on 15 Nov'44.

2. The attached table gives the locations and strengths of Italian Railway Engineer Coys. These Coys have a War Establishment of 251 Other ranks so that there is a total deficiency in the 12 Coys of 612 Men.

3. The 88 Railway tradesmen who are now at Airasola are required as a nucleus for one of the new Companies which are to be formed and not as reinforcements for existing units.

4. Unskilled men can be accepted for training in the existing Coys and it is requested that they be dispatched direct to units, as there is very little accommodation at the Group H. . in Rome. It is suggested that not more than 40 men be sent to any one Company. Reinforcements for the three companies in one battalion can be dispatched at the same time.

5. The men should be fitted out with full kit and two blankets before leaving the base camp as the units carry no spare clothing or equipment.

6. No men should be sent to No 9 Railway Operating Section as this is a special unit and should only be reinforced by tradesmen.

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(E.L.PARSONS).
Colonel.

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Copy to: Army Sub Commission (A.A.I.) /
Col. [illegible] G.

1. Reference conversation (Parkes- Crocker) on 15 Nov'44.

2. The attached table gives the locations and strengths of Italian Railway Engineer Coys. These Coys have a war establishment of 251 Other ranks so that there is a total deficiency in the 12 Coys of 612 men.

3. The 8th Railway tradesmen who are now at Brindisi are required as a nucleus for one of the new Companies which are to be formed and not as reinforcements for existing units.

4. Unskilled men can be accepted for training in the existing Coys and it is requested that they be dispatched direct to units, as there is very little accommodation at the Group H.Q. in Rome. It is suggested that not more than 40 men be sent to any one Company. Reinforcements for the three companies in one battalion can be dispatched at the same time.

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(R.L. [illegible]).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

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Italian Railway Engineer Units.

1st Battalion.	GONDRANO.	Actual Strength.		Deficiency in O.R's.
2nd Coy.	S.GIULIANO TERME.	5 Offrs.	180 O.R's.	71
7th Coy.	PRATO.	5 "	207 "	44
20th Coy.	PISTOIA.	5 "	209 "	42
2nd Battalion.	SARDEGNA(LIVORNO).			
9th Fly Opg Sec.	LIVORNO.	4 Offrs.	226 O.R's.	(25) *
16th Coy.	LIVORNO.	5 "	191 "	60
24th Coy.	LIVORNO.	4 "	180 "	71
3rd Battalion.	PISA.			
5th Coy.	LIVORNO.	5 Offrs.	200 O.R's.	51
18th Coy.	LIVORNO.	5 "	244 "	7
23rd Coy.	GROSSETO.	5 "	212 "	39
13th Battalion.	RICCIONE.			
8th Coy.	PONTE DEL CESANO.	5 "	182 "	69
21st Coy.	CESENA.	5 "	177 "	74
31st Coy.	RIMINI.	4 "	192 "	59

Total deficiency 612

* No untrained personnel to be posted to this Unit. Only tradesmen can be accepted.

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Subject:- Formation of New Units - ITALIAN

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)
CR/9
18 Nov 44

AFHQ

Receipt of your CR/1116/G-1 (BR) (Ser 1051) dated 15 Nov 44 is acknowledged.

RG Gepleston
Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

gsh

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Subject:- Formation of New Units

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MEIA)
SD/9
/c Nov 44

Ministry of War

Copy of AFHQ letter CR/1116/C-1(BR)(Sec.1051) of 15 Nov is forwarded herewith for your information.

Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MEIA)

Sec AO/
d/ 3 Dec
action with in sheet
action copy and 1 for reference

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - ITALIAN

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CP/1116/G-1(AF)(Ser. 1051)
15 Nov 44.

ITALIAN ENGINEER UNITS

1. (a) The under mentioned units will be formed as shewn with effect from 15 Nov 44 under the supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Command, in conjunction with Tn (ITC).

Unit	W.E.	Serial No. allotted.
HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/36/1	93023
1 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	93024
3 -do-	-do-	93025
19 -do-	-do-	93026

(b) Copies of the W.Es. will be distributed automatically by HQ Rome Area Allied Command. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ Rome Area Allied Command.

(c) Special Equipment Lists covering items of Ordnance supply, additional to A.F. C.1098-1060 will be published by Q (AE), AFHQ.

2. Covering authority is also given for the formation of units detailed in Appendix 'A' to this letter.

3. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (LMIA).

4. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ Rome Area Allied Command:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. C.1098-1000 (less anti-gas stores). On receipt of A.F. C.1098 Equipment Scales, units should submit demands direct to HQ 227 Italian Div with copies to HQ Rome Area Allied Command and Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (LMIA).
(c) Transport to complete to W.E.

5. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

(a) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) - to No.21 Stationery Depot.
(b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed 'Initial Demand').
(c) Office Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1392) - to ADPSS., AFHQ.

6. POSTAL

Postal address will be :-

HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn, CMF.
---- Italian Rly Engr Coy, CMF.

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Unit	W.E.	Serial No. allotted.
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6. POSTAL

Postal address will be :-

HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn, CMF. 643

---- Italian Rly Engr Coy, CMF.

7. COMPLETION

HQ Rome Area Allied Command will report to G.1.(B) A.1 Section, AFHQ, copy to Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AMLA), when formations are complete.

8. ACK

By Command of
Lieut. General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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HQ Rome Area Allied Command	12	¥
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Q. (A.E.)	(3)	
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Ord. (Br)		
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APPENDIX 'A' (to CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.1051 [illegible])

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No. allotted (iii)	Effective Date (iv)	Supervisory Authority at date of Formation (v)
HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	93000	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District
HQ 2 Italian Rly Engr Bn	-do-	93001	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District
HQ 3 Italian Rly Engr Bn	-do-	93002	1 Feb 44	PRS
HQ 4 Italian Rly Engr Bn	-do-	93003	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army
2 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	93004	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District
6 -do-	-do-	93005	1 Feb 44	PRS
7 -do-	-do-	93006	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District
8 -do-	-do-	93007	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army
9 -do-	-do-	93008	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District
18 -do-	-do-	93009	1 Feb 44	PRS
19 -do-	-do-	93010	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District
20 -do-	-do-	93011	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District
21 -do-	-do-	93012	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army
23 -do-	-do-	93013	1 Feb 44	PRS
24 -do-	-do-	93014	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District
31 -do-	-do-	93015	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army

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APPENDIX 'A' (to CK/1116/G-1(HR)(Ser.1051 G-2)

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AI/38/1	93000	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District	HQ AAI adm No.1 District.
-do-	93001	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District PBS	AFHQ adm No.3 District
-do-	93002	1 Feb 44		HQ AAI adm No.1 -do-
-do-	93003	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army	HQ AAI adm Fifth Army
AI/37/1	93004	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District PBS	HQ AAI adm No.1 District
-do-	93005	1 Feb 44		-do-
-do-	93006	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District	-do-
-do-	93007	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army	-do-
-do-	93008	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District PBS	AFHQ adm Fifth Army
-do-	93009	1 Feb 44		HQ AAI adm No.1 District
-do-	93010	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District	AFHQ adm Fifth Army
-do-	93011	30 Sep 43	HQ No.2 District	HQ AAI adm No.1 District
-do-	93012	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army	-do-
-do-	93013	1 Feb 44	PBS	-do-
-do-	93014	24 May 44	HQ No.3 District	AFHQ adm Fifth Army
-do-	93015	30 Sep 43	HQ Fifth (US) Army	HQ AAI adm Fifth Army

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Subject: War Establishment - Italian Railway Engineer Group H.Q.

Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.
Tel: Firebox - 3

RE. 16/4

TN.A.1/100/4.

15 November 1944.

To: Army Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.),
H.Q., A.C.

1. Reference attached copies of letters TN.A.1/100/4 dated 15 Nov'44 on the subject of the War Establishments of the Italian Railway Engineer Group H.Q. and a proposed Inspectorate.

2. The War Establishment Committee will require your agreement to the proposal.

If there are any points that require clarifying it is suggested that a representative of this H.Q. should call at your office to discuss them.

3. The H.Q. of the Existing N° 2 Group which is at present carrying out the functions of the Inspectorate and the Group H.Q. has some additional officers for this purpose and is considerably over strength in N.C.O's and other ranks.

It will be possible to find the Engineer Officers for the Inspectorate from the present strength. Officers for the new H.Q. N° 1 Group will have to be provided by a recall to Army Service.

4. There are sufficient W.O's, N.C.O's and O.R's available to form both the Inspectorate and the new Group H.Q.

(E.L.PARKES).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

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(E.L.PARKES).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

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Send 10 x Parachutists

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Subject: Proposal to form a New War Establishment for an Italian Railway Engineer Inspectorate.

Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.
Tel: Bizadox - 3
TT.A.'/100/A.
15 November 1944.

To: D.D.Tn.,
A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: Army Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.). ✓
with 2 Copies of the proposed New War Est

Herewith 12 Copies of a proposed New War Establishment for an Italian Railway Engineer Inspectorate.

Will you please place this before the War Establishment Committee.

The following paragraphs give the explanation of the proposal and its effect. They have been drawn up in the form in which such proposals have previously been submitted to A.F.H.Q.

1. The Proposal.

(a) A new War Establishment.

(b) No authorised War Establishment exists from which this unit will be formed. However the functions of this Inspectorate are now being performed by H.Q., N° 2 Group Italian Railway Engineers which carries personnel surplus to War Establishment for the purpose.

The War Establishment of the H.Q. Italian Railway Engineer Group is being amended by down-grading the ranks of the officers in it. This will provide senior officers for the Inspectorate which will also absorb the personnel now surplus to the establishment of H.Q., N° 2 Group.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) The complete establishment is an increase. It consists of 8 Officers, 6 W.O's and Sergeants and 26 Rank and file.

(b) The Senior Officer, a Colonel, will be found from the present N° 2 Group H.Q. which is being amended. (see separate proposal). 640

(c) (i) The increase in manpower will be more than covered by the cancellation of the formation of 4 Docks

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(c) (i) The increase in manpower will be more than covered by the cancellation of the formation of 4 Docks Operating Companies which has produced a saving of 593 All ranks after allowing for the formation of a second Railway Engineer Group H.Q. and a fifth battalion of Railway Engineers.

This proposal was accepted by H.Q. A.A.I. and is incorporated in the list of units shown in the Progress State of Italian Units issued as Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/43/G(SD1) of 8 Oct'44., Serials 99, 105, 123, 124 and 125 refer.

(ii) Personnel are to be Italian Military.

(d) A draft War Establishment is attached.

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3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The Italian Railway Engineer troops are at present organised as one Regimental Group of four battalions each of three companies. The battalions are employed at widely separated points in the forward area extending from the East to the West Coast of Italy.

The control and administration of these units from a central location at Rome is already very difficult. With the addition of a fifth battalion and the general progress of railway reconstruction to ards the front control by a single central Group H.Q. will become impracticable.

4. The formation of an Inspectorate and a second Group H.Q. will provide a closer control of units in the field and at the same time maintain a central direction and liaison with H.Q., Military Railway Service.

The proposal reproduces to some extent the former Italian Organisation.

When the War Establishment has been authorised will you please arrange for the issue of the necessary orders for the formation of the inspectorate.

Yours

(E.L. BARKER).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

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Proposed War Establishment.

An Inspectorate of
Indian Railway Engineer Troops.

Officers	8
O.R's.	26
Total.	34
M.C's.	2
Vehicles.	3
Trailers.	1

(i) Personnel.

Inspector	Colonel.	1
Grade I Staff Officer	Lt.Colonel or Major.	1
Liaison Officer & Interpreter	Major or Captain.	1
Technical Officers	Subalterns.	2
Liaison Officers	Subalterns.	2
P.A. to Inspector	Subaltern.	1
	Total Officers.	8
Warrant Officer Cl. I.		1
Warrant Officers Cl.II.		2
Sergeants.		3
	Total Warrant Officers and Sergeants.	6
Draughtsmen.		2
Clerks incl. 1. Cpl.		3
Cooks.		2
Cyclists.		2
Drivers I.C.		3
Office Orderlies.		2
Batmen.		3
Motor Cyclists.		2
General Duty men.		1
	Total Rank and File	20
	Total Other Ranks.	26
	Total Inspectorate.	34

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Trailers. -

(i) Personnel.

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(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor Cycles Solo.	2
Cars 4 Str 4 x 2	2
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	1

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Subject: Proposal to Amend the War Establishment of Headquarters Regimental Group Italian Railway Engineers. AI/39/1.

Transportation Increment,
C.M.E.
Tel: Firebox - 3
CM.A.1/100/4.
15 November 1944.

To: D.D.Tn.,
A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: Army Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.) ✓
with 2 copies of the Annexes A-E

Herewith 12copies of an Amended War Establishment for the H.Q. Regimental Group Italian Railway Engineers.

Will you please place this before the War Establishment Committee.

The scope and purpose of the proposal are given below/

1. The Proposal.

To amend the existing War Establishment of Headquarters Regimental Group Italian Railway Engineers AI/39/1.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) No increases or decreases in total number of officers, other ranks, M/C's or Vehicles.

(b) The following Officer down-gradings are proposed.

Commander from Colonel to Lt. Colonel.
2nd in Command from Lt.Col. to Major.
O. i/c Administration, a Major, to be replaced by an Adjutant, a Subaltern.
Technical Officer, a Captain, to be replaced by Interpreter Officer, Captain or Subaltern.

There are no alterations to the other ranks.

(c) There is no increase in personnel.

(d) This amendment will affect Headquarters N° 2 Group Italian Railway Engineers now in existence.

It is proposed to form N° 1 Group on the amended War Establishment.

3. The reasons for the proposal.

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(a) The existing Group Headquarters has to control four

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Copy to: Army Sub Commission (A.M.I.A.) ✓
with 2 copies of the amended WE

Herewith 12copies of an Amended War Establishment for the H.Q. Regimental Group Italian Railway Engineers.

Will you please place this before the War Establishment Committee.

The scope and purpose of the proposal are given below/

1. The Proposal.

To amend the existing War Establishment of Headquarters Regimental Group Italian Railway Engineers AI/39/1.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) No increases or decreases in total number of officers, other ranks, M/C's or Vehicles.

(b) The following Officer down-gradings are proposed.

Commander from Colonel to Lt. Colonel.
2nd in Command from Lt.Col. to Major.
O. i/c Administration, a Major, to be replaced by an Adjutant, a Subaltern.
Technical Officer, a Captain, to be replaced by Interpreter Officer, Captain or Subaltern.

There are no alterations to the other ranks.

(c) There is no increase in personnel.

(d) This amendment will affect Headquarters Nº 2 Group Italian Railway Engineers now in existence.

It is proposed to form Nº 1 Group on the amended War Establishment.

3. The reasons for the proposal.

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(a) The existing Group Headquarters has to control four battalions each of three Companies, which are spread over a wide Area, and to maintain liaison with M.R.S. H.Q. at Rome as well as with Italian Army H.Q.

This is not a satisfactory arrangement on account of the distances between Units and Group H.Q. and the difficulty in maintaining communication.

(b) It is proposed to form a fifth battalion which will make the Group too large for control by one Headquarters.

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(c)It is therefore proposed to organise the five battalions in two groups each under a Group H.Q. on the Amended Establishment.

(d) The Group H.Q's will be co-ordinated by an Inspectorate which is the subject of a separate proposal.

When the War Establishment has been approved will you please arrange for the conversion of H.Q. N° 2 Regimental Group from the present War Establishment AI/39/1 to the Amended War Establishment.

Another Regimental Group H.Q. will require a formation order. This has been accepted in principle by A.A.I. and the Unit appears in the Progress State of Formation of Italian Units, Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/A3/G(SD1) dated 31 Oct'44, Serial 99. H.Q. 1 Railway Engineer Group.

(E.L.PARKES).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

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Proposed Revised War Establishment.

Headquarters
Regimental Group
Italian Railway Engineers.

Officers	9
O.R's.	25
Total.	34
M.C's.	2
Vehicles.	4
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Officer Commanding	Lt.Colonel.	1.
Second in Command.	Major.	1.
Liaison and Interpreter	Captain.	1.
Medical Officer	Capt. or Lieut.	1.
Adjutant	Subaltern.	1.
Technical Officer	"	1.
Stores Officer	"	1.
Accounts Officer	"	1.
Chaplain	"	1.
	Total Officers.	9.
Regimental Sergeant Major.		1
Company Quarter Master Sergeant.		1
	Total W.O's & S/Sgts.	2
Batmen		3.
Clerks (incl 1 Cpl for Orderly Room).		6.
Cooks.		2.
Cyclists		2.
Drivers I.C.		4.
Store Keeper		1.
Office Orderly		1.
Motor Cyclists		2.
General Duty men.		2.
	Total Rank and File.	23
	Total Other Ranks.	25
	Total Group H.Q.	34

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Vehicles.	4
Trailers.	-

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Second in Command.	Major.	1.
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Technical Officer	"	1.
Stores Officer	"	1.
Accounts Officer	"	1.
Chaplain	"	1.
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Company Quarter Master Sergeant.		1
	Total W.O's & S/Sgts.	2
Batmen		3.
Clerks (incl 1 Cpl for Orderly Room).		6.
Cooks.		2.
Cyclists		2.
Drivers I.C.		4.
Store Keeper		1.
Office Orderly		1.
Motor Cyclists		2.
General Duty men.		2.
	Total Rank and File.	23
	Total Other Ranks.	25
	Total Group H.Q.	34

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor Cycles Solo	2
Cars 4 Seater 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	2

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Subject:- Conversion of Units - Italian

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMLA)
3D/9
24 Nov 44

AFHQ

921, 922, 923, 924 Italian Docks Operating Coys

Receipt is acknowledged of your CR/1026/G.1 (MM) (Ser. 1036) dated 12 Nov 44.

Reply

gdh

Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMLA)

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SUBJECT:- Conversion of Units - Italian.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1026/G.1(AR)(Sec.1036)
12 Nov 44.

921, 922, 923 & 924 ITALIAN DOCKS OPERATING COMPANIES,
(ITALIAN ARMY)

1. (a) The above mentioned Units will be converted to new W.Es as shown below with effect from 15 Nov 44 under the supervision of HQ No.3 District.

Unit (I)		Present W.E. (II)	New W.E. (III)
921	Italian Docks Op Coy, (Italian Army)	IA/207/1	AI/50/1
922	-do-	"	"
923	-do-	"	"
924	-do-	"	"

(b) Copies of the new W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ No.3 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No.3 District.
(c) Existing designations and mobilisation serial numbers will be retained.

2. PERSONNEL
Personnel to adjust to new W.E. will be posted by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

3. EQUIPMENT & CLOTHING
Will be adjusted to new scales in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District.

4. COMPLETION
(a) HQ No.3 District will report to G.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, copy to Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (M.M.I.A.)
(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 3 Dec 44, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

5. ACK

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office, (S.D.2.)	4		G.1.(B) A.9.
HQ AAI	15		G.1.(B) A.10.
Br. Increment Fifth (US) Army			G.3.(Org.2)(Manpower) (2)
HQ Eighth Army	3	+++	G.3.(Org.2)(ORBAT)
HQ No.1 District	3		G.(Maint)
HQ No.2 District	3		G.(A.E.) (3)
HQ No.3 District	14 x		S.T.
GHQ 2nd Echelon	10		Ord.(Br.)
GHQ 3rd Echelon (Rear)			

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(i)			(ii)	(iii)
921	Italian Docks Op Coy.	(Italian Army)	MA/207/1	AI/50/1
922	-do-		"	"
923	-do-		"	"
924	-do-		"	"

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Mediterranean Theatre.

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HQ Eighth Army	3		G.3.(Org.2)(CREAT)
HQ No.1 District	3		Q.(Maint)
HQ No.2 District	3		Q.(A.E.) (3)
HQ No.3 District	14 X		S.D.
GHQ 2nd Echelon	10		Ord.(Br.)
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)			MEME
Land Forces Sub Commission (M.M.I.A.)			F.A.
No. 9 Publications Depot, RASC			DPIC
No.10 Publications Depot, RASC			ADMSS
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			D.D. Tn.(Br) AFHQ.

X Incl copies for units concerned and distribution as necessary.

+++ WSD/139 of 6 Nov 44 refers.

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SUBJECT:- WE:- Italian docks operating company(AI/50/1)

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FIL 01 101

1701/25/G(SD2)

11 Nov 44

A.F.H.Q. G3(Org)

Copy to:-
A.F.H.Q. Q(AE)
GHQ 2nd Echn(Stats)
Allied Control Commission(Army Sub Commission)
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Q(AE)
RE

Ref this HQ proforma 1701/25/G(SD2) dated 30 Oct with copies of WE- Italian docks operating company (AI/50/1) attached.

It is requested that you amend the WEs as follows:-

Add - Effective date 19 October 1944

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B.H. Burke Capt
for General
Commander in Chief

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

6 Nov 44

FILE NO:- AFHQ/139

SUBJECT:- Formation of Units - Italian.

MEMO NO:- G-1 (R)

Ref AAI 1605/50/9/G (SD1) dated 29 Oct 44.

1. Authority is granted for the formation of the following units w.e.f. 15 Nov 44 on TOEs as shown and under the supervision of HQ NATOUSA in co junction with Tn (INC).

HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1
1 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1
3 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1
19 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1

2. Covering authority is granted for the formation of the following units in accordance with the details given :

Unit	TOE	Effective Date of Formation	Supervisory Authority at Date of Fmn	Present Dispn
HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
HQ 2 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM adm 3 Dist
HQ 3 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
HQ 13 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist
2 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
6 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
7 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
8 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist
9 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM adm 3 Dist
16 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
18 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM adm 3 Dist
20 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
22 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist
23 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
24 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM adm 3 Dist
31 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist

3. Will you please issue the necessary instructions to implement the above authority.

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For Commander-in-Chief

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[redacted] (G1) (B)

Ref AAI 1603/50/9/G (G31) dated 29 Oct 44.

1. Authority is granted for the formation of the following units w.e.f. 15 Nov 44 on TOEs as shown and under the supervision of HQ SAAD in co-ordination with Fn (IMC).

HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1
1 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1
3 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1
19 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1

2. Covering authority is granted for the formation of the following units in accordance with the details given :

Unit	TOE	Effective Date of Formation	Supervisory Authority at Date of Fmn	Present Card
HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
HQ 2 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM[illegible] adm 3 Dist
HQ 5 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
HQ 13 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist
2 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
6 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
7 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
8 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist
9 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM[illegible] adm 3 Dist
16 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
18 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM[illegible] adm 3 Dist
20 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 Dist
21 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist
23 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 Dist
24 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	APM[illegible] adm 3 Dist
31 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 Dist

3. Will you please issue the necessary instructions to implement the above authority.

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DANIEL NOCE,
Major-General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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G-3 Org A
Army Sub-Commission ACC
G2S (Stats)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

6 Nov 44

FWD NO: 139

SUBJECT: Conversion of Units - Italian

TO : G-1 (S)

Ref AAI MOS/90/9/G(3D2) dated 25 Oct 44. 156

1. Authority is granted for the conversion of 921, 922, 923 and 924 Italian Docks Gp Coys (Italian Army) from WE 88/207/1 to WE 47/58/1 w.e.f. 15 Nov 44 and the supervision of H. Qs. 3 District.

2. Will you please issue the necessary instructions to implement the above authority.

DANIEL ODLUM,
Major General, U.S.A.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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DIST TO:-
S. A.A.F.
G-3 (Opns-A)
Army Sub Commission ACC
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To :- SOME (Internal).
Fact File.

From :- Mov.L.O.(MAIA).

7 Nov 44.

Move of personnel for Docks Ops Coys.

Following is copy of MOVWIT signal TO 90 dated6 Nov 44.

FROM MOVWIT.

TO MOVEIT. MOV BRINDISI. MOV BARLETTA. DISTRET.
MAIA LO PES. ROG BARI.
(INFO) MAIA. DISTRET EAST.

TO 90 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) AFHQ signal FX 43827 of 5 refers (.) Rfts for Italian Docks Operating Coys will move by Military passenger trains from NAPLES to following destinations on 7 Nov (.) FIRST (.) 60 all ranks to BRINDISI for 924 ITAL DOCKS OPG COY depart NAPLES 1600 hrs (.) SECOND (.) 149 all ranks to BARLETTA for 921 ITAL DOCKS OPG COY depart 1705 hrs.

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Capt RE.
Mov. L.O.

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R E S T R I C T E D

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 73

1605/50/9/G(SD1)

5th Nov 44

SUBJECT:- Fmn of ITALIAN Army Units, Rly Engr Gp HQs, Bns and Coys

AFHQ for G-3 (Org-3)

Copy to:- G-1(Br))
Q(AE)) AFHQ
G-3 (Org-4))

Army Sub Commission ACC
Tn (Inc) ROME
'A'
'Q'
Q(AE)
Q(Mov)

Ref AAI 1605/50/9/G(SD1) of 29 Oct 44 para 1(b).

1. The following units are under op cond AAI adm Fifth Army in the LEGHORN - PISA area :-

HQ 2 ITALIAN RLY ENGR BN.
9 ITALIAN RLY ENGR COY.
13 ITALIAN RLY ENGR COY.
24 ITALIAN RLY ENGR COY.

2. Please amend para 1(b) of the above quoted letter accordingly.

for General,
Commander in Chief.

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SD.

FILE NO
Date Recd 31/10

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Army Units
Rly Engr Gp Hqs, Bns and Coys

WEST BOARD

HQ ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT 75

1605/50/9/G(SD1)

29 Oct 44

AFHQ for G-3 (Org-3)

Copy to:- G-1 (B))
Q(AE)) AFHQ
G-3 (Org-4))

Army Sub Commission ACC
Tn (Inc) NOME

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Q(Mov)

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(1) You are requested to issue formation orders for a new Italian Rly Engr Bn HQ and three new Italian Rly Engr Coys, wef 15 Nov 44, as at (a) under and to issue formal covering authority for the Italian Rly Engr units already formed as at (b) under :-

(a) New Units:-

Designation	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs	Trailers	ATC'109 Scale
HQ 6 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	4	18	3	1	-	To be
1 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	6	251	4	1	3	issued b
3 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	6	251	4	1	3	Q(AE)
19 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	6	251	4	1	3	

(b) Existing Units:-

Designation	WE	Effective Date of Fmn	Supervisory Authority at Date of Fmn	Present Comd
				327
HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AI adm 1 B
HQ 2 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	AFHQ adm 3
HQ 3 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AI adm 1 B
HQ 13 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AI adm 1 B
2 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AI adm 1 B
6 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AI adm 1 B
7 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AI adm 1 B
8 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AI adm 1 B
9 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	AFHQ adm 3

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G-3 (Org-A)

Army Sub Commission ACC
Tn (Inc) NAAF

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1 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	6	251	4	1	3	issued by
5 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	6	251	4	1	3	Q(AF)
19 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	6	251	4	1	3	

(b) Existing Units:-

Designation	WE	Effective Date of Tn	Supervisory Authority at Date of Tn	Present Comd
HQ 1 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 D
HQ 2 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	AFHQ adm 3
HQ 3 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 D
HQ 13 Italian Rly Engr Bn	AI/38/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 D
2 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	2 Dist	AAI adm 1 D
6 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 D
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16 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	1 Feb 44	PBS	AAI adm 1 D
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24 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	24 May 44	3 Dist	AFHQ adm 3
31 Italian Rly Engr Coy	AI/37/1	30 Sep 43	Fifth Army	AAI adm 1 D

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2. Personnel are Italian Army, and those for the new units will be provided from railwaymen, called up under arrangements Army Sub Commission AOC against Priority List 8 serials 106 and 107.

3. It is suggested that supervision of the fmn of new units should be by HQ RLC in conjunction with Tn (Inc).

4. On receipt of AF G1098 Eqpt scales, new units should submit demands direct to HQ 227 Italian Div with copies to HQ RLC and Army Sub Commission AOC.

5. It is requested that vehs should be issued when available.

6. Location for fmn for new units :- ROME.

7. Revised WEs are now being prepared for Italian Rly Engr Op Hqs. These, together with a proposed WE for an Italian Rly Engr Inspectorate, will be submitted by Tn (Inc) direct to G-3 (Org-3) AFHQ.

for General,
Commander in Chief.

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HQ ALLIED FORCES IN ITALY

Tel: FIELDCT 73

1605/50/9/G(SD1)

28 Oct 44

AFHQ For G3 (Org-3)

Copy to:- G1(A))
G(AF)) AFHQ
G-3(Org-4))
Army Sub Commission ACC- 2 copies
Tn(Inc) MCRs (TT.A.1/100/4 of 23 Oct refers)
L.
C.
G(AT)
G(Mov)

SUBJECT: Mvmt of Italian Army Units IVT Port Op Coys.

1. In order to regularize the mvmt of the three Italian IVT Port Op Coys on to WE IV/22P/1 you are requested to issue formal orders to cover their mvmt as under:-

Units	TE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs	Date of Mvmt
1 Italian IVT Port Op Coy	IV/22P/1	4	208	3	3	15 Apr 44
2 Italian IVT Port Op Coy	IV/22P/1	4	208	3	3	30 Apr 44
3 Italian IVT Port Op Coy	IV/22P/1	4	208	3	3	31 May 44

2. Personnel are NAVAL, but it is suggested that mvmt is through British Army channels, and their work entirely under TT(British) op cond they should be carried within the 38-IVT ceiling(Italian Army), provided the Naval Sub-Commission ACC agree to this and to subsequent mvt from naval sources.

3. Eqpt has been issued to provisional AP 6 1098 scale 3463/1/0(SD) prepared by this HQ.

4. Vehs are Italian.

5. Supervisory Authority at date of mvmt:- 2 District.

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Duplicate of

For Chief

for General
Commander-in-Chief

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SUBJECT:- Pln of Italian army
Units - Docks Op Coys

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPOT 73

1605/50/9/G(SD1)

28 Oct 44

AFHQ for G-3 (Org-3)

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G-3 (Org-4)

Army Sub Commission ACC
Fin (Inc) AFHQ (TF.A.1/100/4 of 23 Oct refers)
'A'
'Q'
Q(AE)
Q(Mov)

1. You are requested to issue orders for the raising of four Italian Docks Op Coys at present on WE 4A/207/1 on to an AI/50/1 wef 15 Nov 44 as under:-

Units	Strength on WE 4A/207/1 Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs	Strength on WE AI/50/1 Offrs	ORs	Vehs	MCs	Trailer
921,922,923,924 Italian Docks Op Coys (Italian Army)	7	367	5	4	7	426	4	2	1

2. Personnel to meet the increased strength have been provided already by the Army Sub Commission ACC against Priority List 0 serial 15.

3. Indents for supt to provisional AF G1098 scale 3660/2/(Org)(AI) should be submitted by units direct to HQ 9 Italian Corps with copies to HQ 3 District and HQ Army Sub Commission ACC.

4. It is requested that any deficiencies in vehs should be made good when replacements are available.

5. Supervisory Authority:- 3 District.

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for General,
Commander in Chief.

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Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.
Tel: Firebox 44
Outside Line 843234.

Tn.A.1/100/4.

17 October 1944.

Subject:- War Establishment
Italian Docks Optg Coy.

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To :- Army Sub Commission
MMIA.,
H.Q., A.C.C.

1. Herewith copy of Tn.A.1/100/4 dated 8 Oct '44, which is a proposal to form a new War Establishment for Italian Docks Optg Coys., together with a copy of the proposed W.E.

2. As it is not now proposed to carry out the formation of 925 Docks Optg Coy there will be an overall saving in manpower if the proposals are accepted.

3. If you agree to the proposals will you please inform G (SD) AAI.

(E.L.Parkes)
Colonel,
for Brigadier,
Director of Transportation.

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Subject: ~~Proposal to form a new~~ ~~Transportation Increment.~~
War Establishment for an
Italian Docks Operating
Coy.

C.M.F.
Tel: Firebox - 41
Outside line - 843234
TN.A.1/100/4.

8 October 1944.

To: G(SD).,
H.Q., A.A.I. - (9 Copies).

Copy to: Q(M)., H.Q., A.A.I.
A., H.Q., A.A.I.
Q(AE)., H.Q.,A.A.I.

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O.R's 39. 923

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M/Cs 2

N.B. These decreases are on paper only as the full W.E. of vehicles has not been issued to all existing units. The practical effect would be as follows ;-

Unit.	Present Holding M.C.	Car 2 Str.	Lorry 3 Ton.	. .	Deficiency on proposed W.E. M.C.	Car 2 Str.	Lorry 3 ton.

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923	1	1	1	1	-	1
924	1	1	1	1	-	1
Additional vehicles to be provided.				4	2	4

Against this would be offset the saving on 4 Coys, whose formation is not now required.

(b) Upgradings and Downgradings.

Nil

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Proposed War Establishment
Italian Docks Operating Company.
(All Italian Military Personnel.)

Offrs.	7
O.R's.	426
Total.	433
Vehs.	3
Trailers.	1
M.C.	2

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Head-quarters	Four Sections (Each)	Total Italian Docks Opg Coy.
Major.	1		1
Captains.			2
Subaltern.	2	1	4
Total, Officers.	3	1	7
Warrant Officer Class 1) Quar	1		1
" " Class 11)Foreman.		1	4
Company Sergeant Major.	1		1
Company Quarter-master Sergeant.	1		1
Cook Sergeant.	1		1
Sergeants (including 1 Clerk).	7	2	15
Total, W.O's & Sergeants.	11	3	23
Lance Sergeants.	2	2	10
Corporals.	3	5	27
Lance Corporals.	8	10	48
Sappers.	25	67	293
Drivers I.C.	4		4
Non Tradesmen.	9	3	21
Total, rank and file.	51	88	403
Total, Other ranks.	62	91	426
Total, Italian Docks Operating Company.	65	92	433

(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades & Duties.

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Tradesmen:			
Carpenters & Joiners.	3		3
Checkers (Rly & Docks)	4	13	56
Clerks	4		4

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(ii) Distribution of Rank & File by Trades & Duties(cont)

Detail.	Head - quarters	Four Sections (Each)	Total Italian Docks Opg Coy.
Clerks Railway.	2	2	10
Drivers Crane.	2	5	22
Drivers Transportation Plant.	2	2	10
Stevedores.		62	248
Pioneers for duty as:			
Carpenters' mates.	3		3
Capstanmen & rope-runners.		1	4
Mooring men.	2		2
Wagon Labellers.	6		6
Cooks for Officers' Mess.	1		1
Other Ranks' Mess (includes 1 Corporal).	8		8
Total, Tradesmen.	37	85	377
Non-Tradesmen.			
Batmen.	4		4
Driver of Vehicles.	4		4
Motor Cyclists.	2		2
Orderlies & General Dutymen.	2	2	10
Medical Officers' Orderlies. (includes I Corporal)	2		2
Water & Sanitary Dutymen.		1	4
Total, Non-Trafesmen.	14	3	26
Total, Rank & File.	51	88	403

(iii) Transport.

Bicycles.	4	620
Motor Cycle - Solo.	2	
Car 2 Str.	1	
Lorry 3 ton G.S.	2	

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Trailer 15 cwt 2 Wh Water.	1	

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Sup[illegible])

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 14

Call	Srl. A	Priority

Transmission Instructions

RR

RE 14/10 G41 CG

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: AIN AAI

Date-Time of Origin: 1715

Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO: CG FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA TN INCREMENT CMF

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

SD1133(.) CONFIDENTIAL(.)Ref present call up Italian personnel VITERBO and LITTORIA(.) Request that any railway engineers produced by call up be disposed of as follows(.) F Army to 3 Italian Rly Bn LEGHORN(.) Eith Army to 13 Italian Rly Bn SENIGALLIA(.) PBY 2 Italian Rly Engr GP 122 via MONTEBELLO at ROME(.) Notify AAI MMIA and TN Increment numbers produced

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { Radio / Wire / Cable } Wireless

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER

Signed

Destination's Instructions Degree of Priority

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Time	System	Op.
TM or TOT		
Time cleared		

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

From = NCLA
To Action = Main AAI
Info = Th Infrcomd GEF NCLA LO FEB Major GENERAL NCLA LO c/o G. Garrison

Ref No. EDX3 Classification RESTRICTED

ref your 11496, dated 01 March RCHQ Area ____ Rouen subject Screening of Italian Railway Engineer personnel on call up in LAZIO Region (.) Italian Railway Engineers called up in PIEDMONT will be screened under NCLA arrangements and sent to 122 Via Montebello ROME as requested by Th Regiment (.) As personnel called up in VENETO and LIGURIA are NOT screened until arrival at Allied formations recommend that you instruct Allied formation concerned to carry out Th Rearwards report regarding call up in these two areas (.) our ED/33 dated 4 Oct refers

Precedence

A.G. Authentication

Originator's Authentication

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LROF V LRAR 4579

T MEYT OVR 1 MARA OVR 2

FROM MAIN 11C AOI

TO MMIA

INFO TN INCREMENT CMF

SD 1964 RESTRICTED .

REF TN INCREMENT LETTER TN AI/100/4 OF 29 SEP . REQUEST

YOU TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY . BREAKDOWN OF TRADESMEN IS AS SHOWN IN YOUR

SD 15 OF 26 SEP

SENT RR 2250

T/GP RR 01/2250A GP AR KK

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Ministry of War D Tn AAI
Mov MMIA MMIA LO Rear FIFTH Army

SD336

CONFIDENTIAL

Movement order and rail tpt requested for 46 ars from BARI to CECINA Peron ROME Area _____ Peron rfts for 2 Bn Ferrovieri

Ministry of War
Mov MMIA

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Movement order and rail tpt requested for 46 ors from BARI
to GESCINA Peron ROME Area _____ Peron rfts for 2 Bn
ferrovieri

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Ministry of War
Mov MMIA

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R O M A (Uono a mano)
S T D E (Uono a mano)
T A R I (Telescritto)
B A R I (Telescritto)
M C M A (Uono a mano)

MOVIMENTO N.M.I.A.
STABILIMENTO MOBILITAZIONE
COMMIT PUGLIA=BASILICATA
DEPOSITO 305
DEPOSITO 306

STABILIMENTO TRASPORTI N° 7837-B/795 AL DEPOSITO MOVIMENTO N.M.I.A.
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TA' PER IL 2° BATTAGLIONE 2° RAGGRUPPAMENTO FERROVIERI GIUNTO DA BARI AL
CENTRO ALLE PRESENTE NOS MELEGRAMMO TELEF 03/13440/T DATA 13 CORRENTE
ED COMMIT PUGLIA=BASILICATA ET 6827/MOB. DEL 16 CORRENTE DI SMISTAMENTO=
ED MOBILITAZIONE ALE

STABILIMENTO TRASPORTI 11351/0044

IL CAPO UFFICIO
(Col. O. Baglaccino)

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Formation of Units - RE.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(B)1003/347/A.1(Ser. 0721)
8 Sep 44.

10 INLAND WATER TRANSPORT FLOATING CRANE SECTION(TYPE'A') R.E.

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.0440) dated 7 Jul 44.

2. The above quoted letter will be amended as follows:-

(a) Para 2 - sub-para (b)' - Amend to read " personnel to complete to WE will be civilians"

(b) Para 2 - DELETE:sub-para "(d)" and all detail.

for General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per G-1(B)1003/347/A.1(Ser.0440) of 7 Jul 44)

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LRAR V HEAV NR 460/1/2/3/4IMPORTANT T4 QVR6 9 10 14

FROM DISTWO 231230B

TO (1) 52 AREA

INFO (2) 65 GRN (3) MOV BRINDISI (4) 6 BSA (5) MOV BARI

(6) GSD DISTONE (7) 61 AREA(8) MOV ANCONA (9) GSD

MAIN EIGTH AMY 10 REAR EIGTH ARMY (11) HQ 1 DOCKS GP

(12) HQ 6 LWT GP (13) GSD AAI (14) MMIA (15) MOVEIT

16 TN (17) Q (18) X (19) POSTAL (20) MMIA LO

SD1/1730 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVEIT MOVE 3 ITALIAN

LWT PORT OP COY FROM BRINDISI TO BARI 27 AUG FOR SHIPMENT

TO ACNONA (.) STRENGTH 160 ALL RANKS

10 TONS STORES (.) ROAD PARTY 14 ALL RANKS 3 MHS WILL MOVE

TO ANCONA UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENS (.) REP TO REPORT TO HQ

7 DOCKS GP (.) ON ARRIVAL UNIT COMES UDER ADM COMD DISTONE

REMAINS OP COMD AAI (.)

SIGNAL ETSA ALL CONCERNED RPTD THIS HQ (.)

AUTHY (.) AAI SD1212 OF 22 AUG

THI 231325 B

SENT 1440

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FLS MMIA Rome

MESSAGE FORM LRH 22 VIII 44 DATE/TIME 22/1515Z

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FROM: MAIN AAI

TO: ACTION: DISTWO MOVEIT

INFO : DISTONE 61 AREA HQ 7 DOCKS GP 3 ITALIAN IWT PORT OP COY

MMIA TN(BRIT)

MMIA FILE REF Date Recd

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ORIGINATORS NO: SD1212

RESTRICTED(.) 3 ITALIAN IWT PORT OP COY under comd AAI adm 2 DIST will move from BRINDISI to ANCONA soonest after 26 Aug as follows(.)

FIRST (.) road party 3 vehs 14 pers under unit arrangements (.)

SECOND(.) under orders MOVEIT 160 pers 10 tons stores by rail to BARLETTA thence by sea to ANCONA (.) on arrival remains under comd AAI adm 1 DIST rep to HQ 7 DOCKS GP

(1) (2) PRIORITY G

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Subject:- Reinforcements - Italian Docks Operating Coys.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
SD/9
7 Aug 44.

S.M.M.M.

Copy to MMIA HQ 2 District.

1. It has been reported that 70 men have deserted from 923 Docks Operating Coy, TARANTO.

2. Will you please arrange to post 70 reinforcements to this unit as soon as possible and inform me of the date when they are due to arrive.

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission.

2WO

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SECRET

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SUBJECT: Italian Books Up Boys

[redacted]
[redacted]
1605/50/9/0(Misc)

[redacted] 20
[redacted]
Da[redacted] 2 8 44

2 encs 4/a.

[redacted]

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Reference conversation Nichols - Morgan.

1. Herewith is a copy of D In's letter Z/61/100/3 dated 30 Oct 44.

2. It is not known whether the naval personnel referred to are those brought over from SARDINIA earlier in the year to release personnel for the four desks up boys at present in existence, but it is considered that permission should be obtained from NOTAL to use the naval personnel.

3. MAIA state that they know of no trained military personnel available for the formation of the boys and that, provided that NOTAL is prepared to release the naval personnel, there would be no objection to their use in the same way that naval personnel are used in the ZNT boys.

4. It is understood that if you agree in principle to D In's proposal you will approach NOTAL for the release of the naval personnel.

for Brigadier,
A(SP & T).

Copy to:- MAIA (less enclosure)
Q (Mov) (with enclosure)
D. In (less enclosure)
D.D.Lab (less enclosure)

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those thought over from [redacted] point of view, but is personnel for the four decks of ships at present in existence, but is [illegible] considered that permission should be obtained from FOTALI to use the naval personnel.

3. [redacted] states that they have no trained military personnel available for the formation of the ships and that, provided that FOTALI is prepared to release the naval personnel, there would be no objection to their use in the same way that naval personnel are used in the [illegible] ships.

4. It is understood that if you agree in principle to S Lt's proposal you will approach FOTALI for the release of the naval personnel.

for Brigadier,
G(SD & T).

Copy to:- [redacted] (less enclosures) ✓
Q (Nav) (with enclosure)
D. Lt (less enclosure)
R.N.Lab (less enclosure)

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Ref:- S.1.2/111.

NAVY DEPT RE
Date 2 8 44

Subject:- Reinforcements - Italian Docks Operating Companies.

To:- H.Q.A.F. (Main D.S.),
Algiers (Rear).

1. General M. Lombardi, Comando Supremo Militare R.S. Interno, has requested me to inform you that owing to desertion of some 70 men from ODS (Italian) Docks Operating Company it will be necessary to obtain the same number of replacements if the efficiency of the unit is not to be impaired.

2. It is confirmed that this Italian Docks Operating Company is getting far below strength and is unable to carry out its full commitments. Will you therefore take up with S.A.C.M.E. the question of the immediate replacement of men who have deserted.

3. A copy of the General's letter is attached for your information.

[signature]
Lt.Col. R.E.
Commanding 701 Docks Group, M.E.

Encl.
30 Jul.44.

COPIES:- Tn.(Docks) H.Q. No.2 District.
Master File.

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COMANDO MISSIONE MILITARE F.A.I. CANADESE.
Ufficio Avvicendamenti.

No.1776/3 Avvic.ti. Toronto, li 21 Luglio 1944.

OGGETTO: Forza 923 Reparto Portuale.
AL H.Q. no.1 Peak Group. ATTENZIONE.
Lt-Col. E.L.Griffith, R.E.

e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA - POSTA MILITARE 67.

Seguito foglio no 1652/3 del 3 corrente.

Il 923 Reparto Portuale ha in forza 50 militari di classi già congedate i quali appartengono a terre testè liberate ed hanno diritto al reclutamento in congedo.

Poichè nessun militare del reparto portuale può essere trasferito a congedato senza che sia stato prima sostituito, chiedo che allo stesso siano assegnati i complenti necessari per sostituire i militari di cui sopra.

In conseguenza tenendo presente la precedente richiesta di 20 militari fatta col sopracitato foglio 1652/3 del 3 corrente, il numero complessivo dei complementi occorrential 923 Reparto Portuale è di 70. -

Prego la S.V. voler rappresentare direttamente alla A.C.C.la situazione del reparto in parola onde ottenere di urgenza l'assegnazione dei necessari complementi. -

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA COMANDANTE.
HAROLD ALEXANDER.

Base HQ 1 923 Port Gp [illegible] 50 men of class already demobilised [illegible] this is partly necessary [illegible] since the discharged must leave [illegible] since the troops of this unit are due for replacing these men.
request that with the transit for assignment of new personnel request for 20 men (our no. 1652/3 of 3 July) the total number of effs needed for 923 Port Gp is 70.
Please approach A C C with a view to obtaining these effs.

[illegible] 98

Transportation (British)

Adv. A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

TN.A.1/100/3

30 July 44

Subject ;- Italian Docks Operating Coys. - Formation of 4 Coys., Serials 1300 - 1303.

To ;- G(SD).,A.A.I.

Reference your Signal SD 1184 of 7 July.

It is understood that at present no military personnel are available for the formation of these four Docks Operating Coys. However there are at Taranto four Naval units, Nos. 1 - 4 Compagnie Scaricatori di Porto, which are at present working on quay clearance under control of H.Q.,Pioneer Group.

No.3 Compagnie Scaricatori is said to contain about 300 Stevedores. (The other Companies have apparehtly very few).

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Director of Transportation.

Copy to ;- Army Sub-Commission (MMIA), HQ.,ACC. ✓
D.D.Lab.,AAI.
D.D.Tn, Docks.

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Detail.	Head-quarters	Four Sections (each)	Total, Italian Base Operating Company.
Tradesmen:			
Carpenters and Joiners	3		3
Checkers (railway and docks)	4	12	52
Clerks	4		4
Clerks, railway	2	2	10
Drivers, Crane	2	4	18
Drivers, Transportation plant	5	1	9
Stevedores		55	220
Pioneers for duty as			
Carpenters mates	3		3
Capstanmen and rope runners		1	4
Mooring men	2		2
Wagon labellers	6		6
Cooks for-Officers Mess	1		1
Other ranks (including 1 Cpl.)	8		8
Total, tradesmen	40	75	340
Non-tradesmen:			
Batmen	4		4
Drivers of vehicles	3		3
Motor-cyclists	1		1
Orderlies and general dutymen	2	2	10
Water and sanitary dutymen		1	4
Medical Officers' Orderlies (includes 1 L/Cpl.)	2		2
Total, non-tradesmen	12	3	24
Total, rank and file	52	78	364

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(iii) Transport

Bicycles	- 4	
Motor-cycle, solo	- 4	
Car, 2-seater 4x2 G.S.	- 2	
Lorry, 3-ton, 4x4, G.S.	- 1	
" " 4x2, G.S.	- 1	Fitted for towing water-(Trailer.
Trailer, 15 cwt., 2 wh., water, 180 gal.	1	
Total, vehicles	5	

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Transportation (British)

Adv. A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR AN ITALIAN DOCKS OPERATING COMPANY.

(Based on Italian Docks Op. Coy. North Africa W.E. W2/207/1 amended by A.F.H.Q., A.F.M.D. Minute 2170 of meeting No. 111.)

RESTRICTED.

Offrs.	7
O.Rs.	387
Total	394
Vehs.	5
Trailers	-
M.C.	4

(i) Personnel

DETAIL.	Head-quarters	Four Sections (each)	Total Italian Docks Operating Company.
Major	1		1
Captains	2		2
Subalterns		1	4
Total, officers	3	1	7
Warrant officer, class 1	1		1
Warrant officer, class 11		1	4
Company serjeant - major	1		1
Company quartermaster-serjeant	1		1
Cook; serjeant	1		1
Serjeants (includes 1 clerk)	7	2	15
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants & serjeants.	11	3	23
Lance-serjeants	2	2	10
Corporals	2	5	22
Lance-corporals	8	8	40
Sappers	29	60	269
Drivers, R.C.	11	3	23

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Warrant officer, class II		1	4
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Total, other ranks	63	81	387
Total, Italian Docks Operating Company.	66	82	394

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33 Military Mission

MMIA	54
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	1 8 44

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - RE (Tn)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G.1.(B) 1003/347/A1(Ser. 0509)
23 Jul 44.

'D' IWT FLOATING CRANE SEC (TYPE 'A'), RE

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.0440) dated 7 Jul 44.

2. A number has now been allotted to the above Sec by the War Office, and the designation mentioned in the above quoted letter is therefore superseded.

3. The correct designation is:-

10 IWT FLOATING CRANE SEC (TYPE 'A'), RE

By Command of General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per G.1.(B) 1003/347/A1(Ser.0440) of 7 Jul 44).

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Subject:- Call up of Railway Engineers in ROME

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
SD/9
4 Jul 44.

S M R E
copy DD Tn (Tr) AFHQ (Adv)

1. Will you please arrange to call up in ROME the 27 Railway Engineer Personnel detailed in the attached list for posting to 24 Ferrovieri Coy.

They will count against serial 1151 in the Third Priority List.

2. Transport will be arranged by this HQ to move them from ROME to 24 Ferrovieri Coy. Please give this HQ five day's notice of the date and place where these men are to be collected.

3. In order to compensate for the increase that this call up will make in the strength of the Italian Army, it will be necessary at the same time to demobilise a corresponding number of men from other Branches of the Italian Army.

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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Railway Engineer Personnel for 24. Ferrovieri Coy

Serg.	Cappellini	Gino	cl.1920
Cmg.	Baldanzini	Rinaldo	cl.1918
Cap.	Dolci	Pietro	cl.1923
Gen.	Esposito	Carlo	cl.1921
"	Malvestito	Marcello	cl.1924
"	Branca	Salvatore	cl.1924
"	Mastropietro	Salvatore	cl.1922
"	Poticca	Angelo	cl.1923
"	Ciorba	Renato	cl.1918
"	De Nardo	Giuseppe	cl.1924
Cap.	Cittadi	Leone	cl.1921
Gen.	Folcianceli	Pasquale	cl.1921
"	De Cinti	Cesare	cl.1922
Cap.	Minella	Enzo	cl.1924
Sgm.	D'Alessio	Emilio	cl.1921
Serg.	Squadrani	Giovanni	cl.1914
Gen.	De Santis	Mario	cl.1920
"	Angelloi	Sergo	cl.1923
"	Grillo	Sergio	cl.1924
"	Bruschi	Ubaldo	cl.1923
"	Pantanella	Angelo	cl.1924
"	Tedesco	Antonio	cl.1924
"	Freddi	Giovanni	cl.1916
"	Scardi	Franco	cl.1924
"	Fabrizi	Amedeo	Cl.1923
Serg	Merlini	Mario	cl.1919
Smg	Donvito	Giuseppe	cl -

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To :- 'G' (Internal)

S.O.R.E. ✓

From Mov. L.O. MMIA.

24 July 44.

Move of Reinforcements for Tn. Units.

Herewith copy of MOVEIT signal Mov.1/1094 dated 24 July 44.

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FROM MOVEIT

TO (1) DETRAILLES BARI (2) SUPERESERCITO TRASPORTI (3) MMIA (4) MOV BARI (5) MOV FOGGIA (6) MOVWIT (7) MOV VAIRANO (8) MOV ROME (9) MOV WESTRAIL (10) MOV REAR 8 ARMY (11) DISTHREE (12) MOV DISTHREE (13) TN (ADNAP) (14) TN (BR) ADV ROME (15) PBS Mov (16) REAR 8 ARMY (17) PBS FOR OFFENHAUER (18) DGMR ADV ECH ROME (19) 6 BSA (20) DEPRAIL BARI

Mov.1/1094 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Italian Move (.) Following Italian Rfts for Tn Units move by rail from BARI departing 27 Jul (.)

(FIRST (.) to CIVITAVECCHIA in 3 box 1 Offr 50 ORs for ORBETELO E.7120 for 18 IT RLY CONSTR COY also 1 Offr 50 ORs for MONTALTO DI CASTRO A.0319 for 24 IT RLY CONSTR COY (.)

SECOND (.) To CIVITA CASTELLANA in 3 box 2 Offrs 100 ORs for onward movement to 13 IT RLY BN CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO TRASIMENO (.)

THIRD (.) Timings (.) Dep BARI 271223 arr BIVIO 1844 dep 1910 arr CARVARO 1930 (.) ETA CIVITAVECCHIA and CIVITA CASTELLANA AM 29 JUL (.) Authy AAI MOV./1919 of 22

Capt. RE.
Mov. L.O.

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FRS Exempted Gp 4 MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIN AAI

TO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

INFO : REAR EIGHTH ARMY RCEI AGCIA TN(AMMAP)

DATE/TIME 11.2.13..

Orig No : SD 1273

RESTRICTED (.) following ITALIAN TN units will move 12 JULY in apt to be provided by EIGHTH ARMY (.) FIRST (.) 31 RLY ENGR COY 170 pers 20 tons stores from ROCCASECCA to TERRITOLA remaining under comd DCRP local adm Eighth Army (.) on arrival rep report RCEI (.) SECOND (.) 21 RLY ENGR COY 150 pers 15 tons stores from FROSINONE to TERRITOLA comd adm and rep as in para FIRST above

(1) : (2) : PRIORITY

: : IMMEDIATE

Copy to :- A Q Hov

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispettorato Truppe Ausiliarie

Lab. 11/7

N. 2963 di prot. P.M. 151, li 10 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti portuali.-

Pur urgente

AL COMANDO DEL IX CORPO D'ARMATA P.M. 67

e, per conoscenza
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. Lequile

Con la liberazione di nuove province è da prevedere che parte del personale dei reparti portuali (921,922,923,924) finora tratte= nuti alle armi (classe 1912 e piu anziane) debba essere inviata a breve scadenza in congedo.

Si prega codesto Comando di proporre,al Comando II District e al Col. Pottle Direttore dei Trasporti presso il Comando predetto dal quale dipendono i reparti di cui trattasi, di trarre i militari occorrenti per sostituire quelli partenti, dalle unità lavoratori dislocate nella stessa sede dei reparti portuali, precisando che gli elementi da specializzare (manovratori di gru ecc.) dovrebbero essere subito affiancati a quelli partenti per un congruo periodo di addestramento.

Gli elementi ceduti dalle unità lavoratori sarebbero poi al più presto rimpiazzati con recuperi di personale in corso di attua= zione (riduzione enti territoriali, utilizzazione sbandati).

Si gradirà conferma.

d' ordine
IL GENERALE ISPETTORE T.A. COO
(E.Mattioli)

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MMIA QVK10

LRAR V MEAV NR 1168/9/70 M OVR 9

T MAAZ QVR 10 A MEAV

FROM DISTWO 151930B

TO ACTION (1) 52 AREA (2) 65 GRN

INFO (3) MOVEIT (4) MOV BRINDISI

(5) 6 BASSE SUB AREA (6) MOV BARI

(7) HQ 1 DOCKS GP (8) HQ 5 DOCKS GP

(9++ (9) GSD AAI (110) MMIA (11) TN

(12) Q (13) X (14) POSTAL

(15) MMIA LO

QQY GR --- BT

SD 1/1382 CONFIDENTIAL (.)

UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVEIT MOVE

922 ITALIAN DOCKS OP COY

FROM BRINDISI TO B A R I SOONEST AFTER 18 JUL (.)

STRENGTH OFFRS 8 ORS 418 (.)

ON ARRIVAL UNIT COMES UNDER COMD 6 BASE SUB AREAA (.)

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME 14 2230 B

FROM : MAJN AAI

TO : MMLA (MAIN) MMLA (ADV)

INFO : DISTWO for MMLA LO DISTHREE TN (AMAF) ACC MAIN for MMLA LO

ORIG NO: SD 1366

RESTRICTED (.) ref 137 TN 1 of 13 NOT to DISTWO (.) 4 offrs 200 ORs ITALIAN rfts for TN units will move from BARI under orders Nov AAI as follows (.) 1 offr 50 men to 16 ITALIAN RLY CONSTR COY ORVIETELLO E 7120 (.) 1 offr 50 men to 24 ITALIAN RLY CONSTR COY MONTALTO DI CASTRO A 0319 (.) 2 offrs 100 men to 13 ITALIAN RLY CONSTR TN FROSINONE G 4738 (.) on arrival pers under cond DCHR local adm 3 DISTRICT

? (1) .. (2)

J.W. Graham
Capt

PRIORITY

1605/50/9
1605/50/17

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(ACT) ARMY SC 1
(INF) A/CC 1
FILE 2
FLOAT 1

HEADQUARTERS 599
16 JUL 1944
A.C.

ACTION

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Subject:- Formation of New Units - RE (Tn)

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/9
10 Jul 44

Allied Force Headquarters

Receipt is acknowledged of your G.1.(B) 1003/347/A1 (Ser. 0440) dated 7 Jul 44.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - RE (Tn)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G.1.(B) 1003/547/A1(Sec. Q440)
7 Jul 44.

'D' INT FLOATING CRANE SEC (TYPE 'A'), RE

1. The above mentioned Unit will be formed on W.E. IV/223/1, under the supervision of, and with effect from a date to be notified to all concerned by, HQ AAI.

Copies of the above mentioned W.E., for addressees as applicable, are attached. Further copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot, on demand.

The above designation will be used pending the allotment of a unit number by the War Office.

Serial No. 11467 has been allotted to this unit.

2. PERSONNEL

(a) Implementation of British personnel will only be effected to the following extent:-

WO.I	1
Sjt	1
Cpl	1
Total	3

(b) Personnel to complete to W.E. will be ~~Italian~~. civilians.

(c) Postings of British Other Ranks will be effected by DAP GHQ 2nd Echelon in conjunction with D. Tn.(Br)., AGV. AFHQ.

~~(d) Italian personnel will be provided under area generals to be made by 33 Military Mission.~~

3. CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ AAI:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F. G.1098-1099 (less anti-gas stores).
(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply, required additional to A.F. G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q.(A.E.)., AFHQ.

4. STATIONERY

Suitable scale will be provided by the nearest Stationery Depot, the address of which will be notified to unit by ADSS., HQ AAI.

5. PAY

Sec will be paid by the unit or formation to which attached.

6. POSTAL

(a) Postal address will be:- 'D' INT Floating Crane Sec, RE,
C.M.F.

(b) The title of the unit to which attached will not be included in the Postal address, but details of this unit will be communicated to the Postal Directorate, AFHQ., as soon as possible. Any change in attachment will be similarly notified.

7. COMPLETION

HQ AAI will report to G.1.(B) A.1 Section, AFHQ., copy to D.Tn., AFHQ.,

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8. ACK

General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

...../DISTRIBUTION.

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The Under Secretary of State
The War Office (S.D.2)
HQ AAI
HQ Eighth Army
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HQ No.2 District
HQ No.3 District
HQ North Adriatic District
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GHQ 2nd Echelon (G(MAIS))
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Signalmaster, Algiers Sub-District.

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G.3 (Org.3) (3)
Q. (Maint)
Q. (A.E.) (5)
D. Tn. (5)
Trans (3)
Ord (Br)
R.E.M.E.
S.T.
R.A.
D.P.I.O.
A.D.P.S.S.
D.D.A.P.S.
War Diary (2)

Extra copies for unit and sub distribution as necessary.

+++ HQT/22/D of 22 Jun 44 refers.

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME 07.22.15.B

FROM : MAIN HQ

TO : TN ADNAP INFO : MALTA OTHERS (DOCKS)

Orig No : SD 1184

RESTRICTED (.) ref TN/A/1/130/3 of 03 copy reinserted on original serials list 3 (.) forward WE for approval by WEC and C 1090 (less arms) for approval by Q(AE) (.) on approval fwd formal application for formation of all EIGHT docks op coys (ITALIAN) (.) this procedure to conform with new policy for formation of ITALIAN units

(1)	(2)	PRIORITY
Allotted		

Copy to :- A Q Q(AE) 1605/50/9

A.F.H.Q. 30 JUL 43 SECRET

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ELS Laquila Ord 5

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME 06.1730.C

FROM : MAIN AAI

TO : DISTHREE MOVWIT MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REAR EIGHTH ARMY

INFO : MAIN LEQUILE DCGRS DCERS AFW ECH ROME

ORIG NO: SD 1134

RESTRICTED (.) 8 Italian Rly Engr Coy will move from under local adm comd Disturee at CECCANO to under local adm comd Eighth Army at CHIUSI (.) unit will move by rail under orders Movwit from CECCANO to STEFANO 10 Jul (.) thence to CHIUSI in tpt to be provided by Eighth Army (.) unit consists of 170 all ranks 10 tons stores (.) remains under op comd this HQ

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(1) (2)

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ARMY FORM C-2130 (Pads of 100)

MESSAGE FORM

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Serial No. 1

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN NEXT 4 MESS (P) -RQY-HI 310/7	No. of Groups CR 44	50/13
	OUT		

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO TITLE A

FROM CINC 6TH DISTRICT | Originator's Number TEU | Date | In Reply to Numbers

RESTRICTED Subject to your SD/13 of 5 Oct parade 24 hr 5 per cent beer fair rest tomorrow after 1st inspection 75 per cent clothing fair Blankets issued after parade with coat No coats or cloths to be worn after completed declaration Photograph Message all other

#8 CHOP #8

This Message May be sent As WRITTEN by any means & (Except) ( ) Wireless

Signed

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TO THE ADJAP OFF- MECH DISTRICT 90 BDE HELP DESK

FROM MAIN AEI

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TO MAIN AAI rptd ADHAP for TN Br MIA LO DISTWO

FROM MILA

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RESTRICTED (.) Advise by rail tpt and destination requested for 4 offs 200 ORs to move from NAFT (.) Plts for 2 Regruramento FERROVIERI GENIO (.) Ready now (.) Part serials 1150 1151 (.) For LO request you inspect and report this HQ

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MESSAGE FORM

DATE/TIME 30/6/44

FROM : MAIN AAI

TO : MMIA

INFO : TN ADNAP MOVWIT DGMR REAR EIGHTH ARMY

ORIG NO: SD 1936

RESTRICTED (.) following ITALIAN TN UNITS will move under unit arrangements in vehs supplied on orders Q AAI (.) 29 JUN (.) 1 Rly CONSTR BN HQ 34 pers 2 vehs from COLLEFERRO to ORVIETO (.) 29 JUN (.) 7 Rly CONSTR Coy 170 pers 12 vehs from SGURGOLA to ORTE (.) 30 JUN (.) 2 Rly CONSTR Coy 170 pers 12 vehs from FERENTINO to ORVIETO (.) remain under comd DGMR local adm Eighth Army

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TO TN AFHQ INFO MAIB-

FROM MAINAAI

Originator's Number S

Date

In Reply to Number

SDIRB3 DATES COYS UNITS) RESTRICTED BY WHICH (ITALIAN) O REQUEST YOU WILL NOW ON YED REQUIRE LIST 3 (PROVISION OF ITALIAN STATE FOUNDOCKS OF APPROX

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MESSAGE FORM

From - MMIA
To - AAI rptd ADMAP for Tn (Br)

SD289 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) subject Serial 1300-3 Third PRIORITY List Four Docks Operating Coys (.) understand through departmental channels that these coys are NOT required for same time (.) propose take no action to complete these serials until instructed by you (.) confirm agreement

IN CIPHER if liable to interception

Degree of Priority IMPORTANT

Date-Time 24 0745 B

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

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n. 4364/Ord. di prot. P.L. 151, 21 giugno 1944

OGGETTO: reparti portuali.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.C.) LEQUILE

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Riferimento foglio SD/9 del 4 corrente.-

I) - Agli organici dei reparti in oggetto sono state apportate le varianti di denominazione, segnalate da codesta A.C.C.-

II) - La ripartizione in tre squadre degli "stivatori" è stata soltanto prevista per necessità di inquadramento disciplinare. Durante il lavoro il personale stesso potrà essere impiegato nel modo più opportuno.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

1. The variations of the WE's of the units in question have been made

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A.C.S.) ROMA

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Ouilia)

1. The variations of the WE's of the units in question have been made according to your instructions.

2. The division of the stevedores into three squads has been made purely for disciplinary reasons. For work personnel can be employed as most opportune.

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TO TRAIN AR THEATRE INDIA

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FROM TN ADJAP	Originator's Number 572 TN1	Date	In Reply to Number
RESTRICTED O REF Your SD1701 June 18 re List 3 deficient 2 offrs 7 other ranks O Serial 1150 still 7 off 224 other ranks		Serial 1150 still Serial 1151 deficient	

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FROM Originator | Date-Time of Origin | Office Date Stamp

MIA 19 1800Z 5/9

For Action

TO AAA

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR —

In ADNAP

Originator's No.

SD 220 RESTRICTED Serials 1150 and 1151 NOT yet complete ; search effort being made to obtain suitable personnel.

P.S.S. «A» (300 pads of 100) 12-43

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MESSAGE FORM

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TO HQDA INFO TN AJNAP

FROM MAIN AAI	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

DTG 1901 Z	RESTRICTED	Request	your	confirm	list
3 periods	1150	1151	complete		

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Copia per il Magg. Baccarini

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I nominativi degli ufficiali già destinati al battaglione saranno segnalati da codesto comando direttamente al Ministero Guerra - Direzione Generale Personale Ufficiali - per la definitiva sanzione.-

VI) - Materiali :

a)- armamento : quello individuale in distribuzione ai militari destinati al battaglione (72 cartucce per ciascun armato);

b)- dotazioni di reparto : tratte dalle disponibilità dei reparti impiegati per la costituzione del battaglione;

c)- dotazioni tecniche : assegnazione a cura degli A.A.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G.B. Oxilia)

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORE

P. C. C.
COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

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Copia per il Magg. Bancomanni

Allegato al Cap. 33/Ord. del 16 /

N°ord. della rispettiva distaccata sede	Reparto da costituire	F.S.N.A.		Formazioni e organici normali	Forze in servizio del reparto alla costituzione	Reparti da costituire per emergenza	F.S.N.A.		Uomini da costituire
		Uff.	Sott. e tr.				Uff.	Sott. e tr.	
1	Palermo (1 btg. fant.	5	17	1/3 di 1 btg. mitraglieri su: 3 mitragliatrici 2 cannoni da 47/32 1 sezione trasporti	Comando reggt. ferroviari.	1 btg. fant., 3 sezioni e rep.Carreg. della Divisione	12	468	Quota stabilita dal c.do reggt. ferroviari.
1	1 comp.fer roviari	12	736	2 cp. ferrovieri, ciascuna su: - comando - 4 plotoni completamente 3 ufficiali e 25 u. ciascuno (1)		Complemento di corpo di accompagnamento	8	305	
	Totale	17	773			Totale	20	773	

(1) - Gli organici più volte citati saranno stabiliti dal comando II raggruppamento ferrovieri in relazione alle necessità di impiego. Copia di detti organici dovrà essere inviata a questo S.M.-

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Copia per il Magg. Baumann A.C.C.

Allegato al f°n°4-35/Ord. del 16/5-44

[illegible] DEL GENIO

Forza Uff.	Forza Sott. e tr.	Formazioni e organici sommari	Ente incaricato della costituzione	Reparti da cui trarre il personale	Forza Uff.	Forza Sott. e tr.	Località di costituzione	Data di definitivo approntamento
[illegible]	17	C/do di btg. su: - uff. del c.do: 5 - squadra c.do: 17 fra sott. e truppa	Comando II° rgpt. ferrovieri.	II° cp/ ferr., 2ª sezione e rep. ferrov. della Sardegna	12	468	Sarà stabilita dal c.do II° rgpt. ferrovieri.	30/5-44
[illegible]	756	3 cp. ferrovieri, ciascuna su: - comando - 4 plotoni complessivamente 5 ufficiali e [illegible] u. ciascuna (1)		Complementi in corso di assegnazione	8	305		
[illegible]	773			Totale	20	773		

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S.M.E. UFFICIO ORD.

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To :- JSCT:- Fwn Signs

En (British)
Adv AFHQ, CMF

RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1706/4/G(SD2)

16 Jun 44

Ref your En A 1/100/3 of 29 May.

1. Authority is granted for the adoption of the proposed flash for Italian Fort Units and the flash may be taken into use forthwith.

2. These signs will be provided by the Italian Army and the provision of them will NOT be a charge against Allied funds

H. Alexander
General,
Commander in Chief.

Copy to :- MMIA
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Subject:- Formation of 2nd Engineer Railway Bn

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/9
7 Jun 44

S M R E

Further to my SD/9 dated 29 May on the abovementioned subject.

1. Allied vehs have now been authorised for the 2nd Engineer Railway Bn. The Bn is however unable to draw the vehs as it has no drivers.

2. Will you please arrange to provide twenty drivers for this Bn as soon as possible. They will count against Serials IT50 and IT51.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

GSH

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Folio 109

Subject:- Personnel for 2nd Railway Engineer Bn

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/9
7 Jun 44

To (Br) Adv A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

Ref your Tn A I/100 dated 3 Jun 44.

1. The S.M.R.E. has been instructed to provide twenty drivers for Serials 1150 and 1151 2nd Railway Engineer Bn as soon as possible.

Will you please instruct Col Dutto to keep in touch with Gen BASSO's HQ regarding their provision.

2. It is regretted that permission cannot be given by this Sub Commission for Col DUTTO to select drivers from a depot. He may however be able to obtain this permission from Gen BASSO's HQ.

GSH

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Transportation (British)

Adv. A.F.H.Q. G.M.S.

TN.A.1/100

Subject :- Transport for 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Group. 3 June 44

To :- Army Sub Commission.,
Lequile.

Reference my Signal 175 TN1 of June 2. A.A.I. has authorised the issue of 3 M/Cs, 4 Cars and 32 lorries to the 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Group.

As the Group has not at present sufficient drivers and mechanics to drive and maintain these vehicles it is requested that the draft which is being formed to complete Serials 1150 and 1151, should contain Drivers and Mechanics.

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Col.Dutto Commanding No.2 Group states that the men could be obtained from the 10th Ragruppamento Autieri at Naples.

If this proposal is accepted, it is suggested that Col.Dutto should deal through his staff channels with the Ragruppamento with regard to the selection of the tradesmen required.

(E.I.Parkes)
Colonel,
for Brig.
Director of Transportation.

Copy to :- D.S.M.R. - with copy of Signal referred to.

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Subject:- Portuale Units

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MTA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/9
4 June 44

3 M F E
copy OC No 1 Docks Group

Ref my SD/9 dated 7 Apr 44.

1. I understand that orders have now been issued to the four Portuale Units to reform on the War Establishment enclosed in my SD/9 of 15 Feb.

2. OC No 1 Docks Gp has however raised two observations on the Italian translation of the British War Establishment. Firstly, the word 'Checker' has been incorrectly translated by 'Trovatori' A checker is a man who is trained to recognise and record goods as they are unloaded from the ship to the quay.

Secondly, the stevedores have been divided into three 'squadre' of 16 men each. There is no mention of any such division in the British War Establishment and it is quite unsuitable for this type of unit.

3. Will you please clear up these two points and confirm when the reorganisation is complete.

GSH

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

Transportation (British).

Adv. A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

TN.A.1/100/3.

24 May 1944.

Subject:- Formation of Italian Units.

G (SD).,
H.Q., A.A.I.

Third Priority List.

Serial 1150	One Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q.	Strength -	22
Serial 1151	Three Railway Constn. Coys.	Strength -	771
			793

Reference your Signal SD 1887 of 16 May and further to my TN.A.1/100/2 of 13 May.44.

The formation of the above units is being carried out by Col. Dutto commanding 2nd. Italian Railway Engineer Group. The following are the designations of the units:-

Serial 1150. H.Q. 2nd Italian Railway Engineer Bn.
Units of the Bn:-
Serial 1151. (No. 18 Company. (Formerly Sardinian Railway Engineers)
(No. 24 Company. (ex Corsica)
(No. 9 Company. (Formerly No. 9 Rly Optg. Section)

The present strength of this Battalion (including Bn. H.Q.) is 11 Officers and 456 Other Ranks which is a deficiency of 11 Officers and 315 Other Ranks.

45 Other Ranks at present serving with the 18th and 24th Coys are shortly due for discharge on reaching the age limit, so that the numbers required to complete the 2nd Bn. to strength are 11 Officers and 360 Other Ranks.

It is requested that the Italian Army H.Q. be instructed to make these Officers and men available and that they should be provided with full kit and personal equipment before joining.

The matter of unit technical and non-technical equipment is being taken up separately.

While considering the question of personnel required to complete the new 2nd Bn., may the deficiencies of the first three Battalions be also taken into account.

The total strength of these three Bns. on 20 May was 62 Officers and 1831 Other Ranks, whereas the War Establishment is 66 Officers and 2313 Other Ranks. The deficiency is therefore 4 Officers and 482 Other Ranks. If these are added to the number required to complete the fourth Bn. now forming, the total numbers required are 15 Officers and 842 O.Rs.

It is most desirable that the Officers should have some engineering experience (Rly or Civil). The Other Ranks need not necessarily be tradesmen but if any men with experience in railway, road or building construction are available, it is requested that they should be included in the draft.

All units are up to strength in Sergeants so that only Corporals and Privates are required.

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In view of the heavy programme of railway construction which is forseen in the repair of the lines in rear of the armies, it is important that all units be brought up to strength as early as possible.

(E.L.Parkes)
Col.,
for Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.
D.G.,M.R.S. (2)
Tn. Liaison Officer, H.Q.,A.A.I.

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Ref:- DG.1/111.

SUBJECT:- Italian Port Units - War Establishment.

TO:- Army Sub-Commission A.C.C.,
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A),
LECCE (LECCE).

Referring to your letter SD/9 dated 20 May,44 addressed to S.M.R.E.

I have been shown an instruction issued by S.M.R.E. to the units concerned, reference M.3023 dated 20 May,44. This letter instructs the units to organise themselves according to the establishment which is attached to the letter, and this covers the abolition of the two companies within the unit.

It has, however, been noticed that in the Italian copy of the establishment the word 'Checkers' has been translated 'Frenatori', which it is understood means brakesmen. This establishment also states that the stevedores should be divided into three 'squadra' of 18 men. There is no mention of any such division in the original establishment, and it is quite unsuitable for this type of unit.

May these points please be taken up with S.M.R.E. and an amendment be issued by them to their recent instruction.

P.W.Clark
Major, R.E.
for Lt-Col. Commanding No.1 Docks Group,RE.

FIELD.
23 May,44.

COPY:- Master File.

Subject:- Formation of 2nd Engineer Railway Bn

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MAIA)
L'AQUILA (LECCE)
SD/9
21 May 44

S M R E

I. The formation of Serials II50 and II5I consisting of HQ 2nd Engineer Railway Bn and 9, I8 and 24 Coys is now in progress in CAMPAGNIA.

The following units have already been used for these serials:-

24 Ferrovieri Coy
Reparto Ferrovieri della SARDAGNA
9 Esercizio Linee Sec

2. The numbers now required to fill these serials are II officers and 360 other ranks.

It is most desirable that the officers should have some engineering experience (Rly or Civil). The other ranks need not necessarily be tradesmen, but if any men with experience in railway construction are available, they should be earmarked for the Bn.

3. As nearly all personnel for serials prior to II50 and II5I have now been earmarked, will you please inform me how you propose to provide the personnel necessary to complete these two serials.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

GSH

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TO MEDIA INFO TN (BRITISH) ADWAP DEFIRS

FROM AAI	Originator's Number SJ1129	Date	In Reply to Number

RESTRICTED ⊙ Ref TN BRITISH TNA 1/100/3 of 24 MAY ⊙ FIRST ⊙ Regret you notify estimated date Italian fly eggs for study ⊙ SECOND ⊙ Refs for 1 3 and 13 FERROVIERI Are under consideration

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Subject:- Reparti Portuali

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
MMIAE (MMIAE)
SD/9
24 May 44

S M R E
copy CC No 1 Docks Group HQ

May I please be informed what action is being taken on my SD/9 dated 7 Apr 44 and SD/9 dated 12 May 44, relating to the organisation of the four Reparti Portuali.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

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To :- 'G' (Internal).
S.O.(I.)
Supertransport.

From :- 7. L.O. (USMIA).

24 MAY 44.

Copy of MOV TARANTO signal TAR/G/943 dated 23 May 44 is given below.

FROM MOV TARANTO

TO (1) MOV BRINDISI (2) 71 SUB AREA

TAR/G/943 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) DIRMO SD1/902 of 22 refers (.) 924 ITALIAN DOCKS OPTG UOV offrs 11 ORs 400 baggage 20 tons dep TARANTO 241500 on train 8135 for BRINDISI ETA 241745

Mov. I.O.

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Subject - Move of 924 Reparto Portuale

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MILA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SD/9
25 May 44.

S M R E

Ref your message 2188 of 23 May.

Herewith copy of 2 District signal SD1/902 of 22 May:-

From - DISTWO
To - 52 Area rptd Mov TARANTO 71 Sub Area Mov BRINDISI
GSD FILPOT MILA 1 DOCKS GP MOVEM TN MILA LO

SD1/902 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Under arrangements Mov TARANTO move 924 Italian Docks Operating Coy forthwith from TARANTO to BRINDISI (.) approx strength offrs 11 ors 380 (.) on arrival unit comes under administrative command 71 Sub Area (.) signal EEA 71 Sub Area rptd 1 Docks Gp and this HQ

A copy of the above has been sent to SUPERTRASPORTI.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

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FONOGR MA A MANO - P.M. 151 - 23 maggio 1944

DA SUPERESERCITO - ISPETTORATO MANOVALANZA

AT M.M.I.A. - LEQUILE

Nº 2188 di prot. ALT Comando Difesa Terrestre Taranto informa che 924º Reparto Portuale ha ricevuto ordine da Autorità Alleate locali di trasferirsi a Brindisi ALT Si prega confermare movimento ALT

GENERALE MATTIOLI

p. e. c.
Ten. Col. Capo Uff.
(V.a Pizzoglio)

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Nr. 202 94

To : [illegible] (internal)
R. A. F. "
Superintendent.

From Movements L.O. M.E.I.A. 22/5/44.

I give below details of flimsy signal SME/902 dated 22/5/44 :-

To (1) 52 Area Det'o (2) Mov TARANTO (3) 71 Sub Area
(4) Mov BRINDISI (5) GRD PETROL (6) MALTA (7) 2 DMS GP
(8) MONTEX (9) MT (10) [illegible] (11) MELA LO (12) POSTAL.

CONFIDENTIAL. TROOPS ARRIVE FROM TARANTO MOVE 90% ITALIAN
LIGHT MAINTENANCE OUT EMBARKED FROM TARANTO TO BRINDISI. APPROX
STRENGTH OVER 12 OFFS 280. ON ARRIVAL THEY COME UNDER ADM
CODE 71 SUB AREA. ARRIVAL 71A 71 SUB AREA EMBD 2 DMS GROUP AND
2 LCTS (4)

[signature]
Maj. M.O.

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Subject:- Personnel for 923 Portuale Unit

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
INTUITE (LECCE)
SD/9
22 May 44

OC No 1 Docks Group

Ref your DG.1/111 dated 26 Mar 44.

S. Ten. MICCHETTI cannot be posted to 923 Portuale Unit as he was placed on the Retired List w.e.f. 2 Feb 44.

Brig
Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

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SS/G. 21/5 ecs fte 59/9 A2

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
-Ufficio Segreteria e Personale-

Pr.5736/211 SP di prot. P.M.151, 19 maggio 1944

OGGETTO / ufficiale per rimpatrio portuale.-
Officer for port unit

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER
L'ESERCITO A.C.C. = ROMA =

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Riferimento foglio SD/9 in data 21.3.1944 e seguito foglio n°9246/211 SP in data 21 aprile u.s. di questo S.M..

Il ministero della guerra -direzione generale personale ufficiali- ha comunicato di non poter far luogo al trasferimento del s.ten.ftr. compl. MICCHETTI Francesco al 923° reparto portuale di Taranto, perchè fin dal 2 febbraio u.s. ha disposto il collocamento in congedo dell'ufficiale stesso.-

ref. to Lt. (present Capt.) Paul (Bari) regret that recent official port of Lt. MICCHETTI Francesco to "923 Portuale at Taranto as this officer was discharged on 2/2/44.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
-G.P.Orlia-

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COPY

Subject:- Clothing and Equipment Italian Army

Hq AAI (Adm Ech)
CMF

3252/3(AF)
3 Apr 44

A C C (Army Sub Commission)

1. This letter defines the policy governing the issue of equipment and clothing from British sources to Italian troops operating under Command AAI. These instructions will cover the interim period until the general policy for the re-equipment of the Italian Army has been decided.

2. British equipment (incl vehicles) will only be issued to the following units:-

(a) British Units which include Italian personnel within their W.E. These units are shown in Appx 'A'.

(b) Italian Military Labour Coys and Docks Operating Coys under command AAI and included in the British Order of Battle. (Artizan Wks Coys 3252/3(AE) of 9 Apr 44)

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4. A scale of equipment (modified AF G1098) for Italian Military labour coys is being compiled and will be issued shortly.

???? Brig for Major General
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copies:- Fifth Army (Br Inc)
Eight "
5 Corps
1-2-3 Districts
AFHQ (Q (AE)
G (SD)
G-4 AAI

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APPENDIX 'A' to
3252/Q(AE) dated
3 April 44.

R.A.	7 Mountain Regt R.A.
	85 Mountain Regt R.A.
R.A.S.C.	786 Pack Transport Coy R.A.S.C.

APPENDIX 'B' to
3252/q(AR) dated
3 April 44.

Blouse, battle dress (dyed green)	1
Trousers, battle dress " "	1
Cotton Shirts	2
Belt, web, waist	1
Drawers	2
Undershirt	2 or
Jersey Pullover	1
Towel	1
Cap, Field Service	1
Overcoat or Mackinaw	1
Boots	1
Socks	3
Anklets if required	1
Sewing kit (initial issue only)	1
Blankets, ~~mix~~ wool	2 or
Cotton comforters	1
Pack Carriers	1
Canteen	1
Mess kit (fork, spoon, cup)	1

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W/t 9533/63727P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 710428 51 6736

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 32/16

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MEM V MESS	304/16		DURGENT

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FROM (A) Originator: APM | Date-Time of Origin.: 161450B

For Action.

PBS DSMR

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MMIA TM BRITISH ADNAP

Message Instructions. GR 73

Originator's No SD1887

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MMB TO BRITISH ADMAP

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Transportation (British).

Adv. A.F.H.Q.,C.M.F.

TN.A.1/100/2.

13 May 1944.

Subject : Formation of Italian Units.

To : G(SD).,
A.A.I.

Reference Third Priority List - Italian Units issued under 1605/50/4/3G(SD1) of 1 May.

Serial 1150 One Rly Const Bn. H.Q. Strength 22.
Serial 1151 Three Rly Const Coys. Strength 771.

MMIA have suggested that these Serials be formed using No. 24 Ferrovieri Coy ex Corsica and the Reparto Ferrovieri Sardegna as a nucleus.

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It is requested that both these units be assigned to D.G.M.R. to form the nucleus of the fourth battalion of No. 2 Italian Railway Engineering Group. Col. Dutto, who commands this Group, will undertake the formation of the Bn and will report to D.G.M.R. the numbers of reinforcements and the scale of equipment which is required to complete the Bn. to strength shown above.

The question of reinforcements and equipment will than be taken up with MMIA. If the above proposals are agreed may MMIA be so informed.

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(E.L.Parkes).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

Copy to : M.M.I.A.
D.G.M.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

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AAI
rptd AIRNAP for TN PBS LGMR (NAPLES) SMRE

JD 714 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) PBS have agreed to release 24 rly Eng Coy strength 3 offrs and 96 ORs to Military Rly Service (.) This was allotted by you to Serial 1087 (.) Request your approval and suggest that this coy and also Reparto Ferrovieri Sardegna Serial 1153 on arrival be counted against Serial 1151 as they are both Rly Construction units (.) Serials 1087 and 1089 have total of 1486 troops allotted to arrive excluding 24 Rly Eng Coy so no adjustment necessary (.) for AIRNAP our TN 233 of 3 May refers please reply

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Ref 7/4

TRANSLATION

7.6.43/9

From HQ 2nd Rly Gp to SMRE 30 Apr-44

Subject: Return of rly unit from SARDINIA.

It appears that there is still in SARDINIA, at CAGLIARI, the local rly unit, reinforced with part of the personnel formerly of the 24 Rly Coy from CORSICA, who crossed over to SARDINIA as a result of the events of Sep 43.

It also appears that the SARDINIA unit still has its est of mob wksps, mob eqpt and vehs, and that it has been employed hitherto on repair work not so important as that which has to be done in the theatre of ops on the mainland.

With the approval of HQ - AFMRS (Allied Rly Service), we would ask that the above unit, together with the tps formerly of the 24 Rly Coy who may be incorporated in other units in Sardinia, be sent as soon as possible to NAPLES, to the HQ of this gp, together with all their eqpt and vehs.

We shall be glad to be info as soon as possible of the arrival of this unit, so as to be able to make the necessary arrangements for their reception.

From 2 Rly Gp NAPLES to Tpt Office SMRE 10 May

For fmn ordered of new rly bn by Ttalian Military Mission strength required rly SARDINIA rly unit at CAGLIARI to form basis of three coys ⊙ Plense hasten return of unit to NAPLES with all eqpt and vehs and assign to to this gp as requested letter 30 Apr ref 7/4

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

DJK/ma

12 May 1944

(SPLNC)

SUBJECT: Italian troops.

TO : General Officer In Charge, Military Mission to the Italian Army, APO #683.

1. In response to PBS requisition for certain Italian troop units and in fulfillment of Serial No. 1067, the 24th Railway Engineer Company consisting of 3 officers and 96 men, has been received in the PBS Staging Area and it had been contemplated to assign them to a Provisional Engineer Regiment, Italian.

2. The Commanding General, Military Railway Service, has interviewed the personnel of this group -- finds them to have particular qualifications for military railway construction work and claims that they are in fact a former Battalion Railway Engineer Unit. He also states that in conformance with general policies, higher authority has directed that all qualified railway operating and construction personnel, when so recognized, should be assigned to the Military Railway Service.

3. In accordance with this request from the MRS, PBS is releasing to that service the 24th Railway Engineer Company, Italian, as received. It is requested that the necessary orders and transfer of jurisdiction from PBS to MRS be issued by your headquarters or by AAI as may be appropriate.

4. Attention is invited to the fact that through this transfer to MRS the requisition of PBS and the allocation under Serial No. 1067 now remains unfilled. It is urgently requested that this same requisition and serial be refilled by other qualified personnel at the earliest possible date.

For the Commanding General,

L. F. NICKEL
Lt. Colonel, A.G.D.
Adjutant General

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Subject:- Reports Portugal

Army Sec Commission AGC
Main (2)
Navy (INCE)
SD/9
12 May 44.

S E C R E T
copy GC No 1 Docks Gp WE

May I please be informed what action is being taken on my SD/9 dated 7 Apr 44. relating to the organisation of the four Reports Portugal.

Maj Gen.
Army Sec Comm AGC

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Ref:- DG.1/111.

Subject:- It(ian ort Units.

To:- Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (M.M.I.A.).
Lequile (Lecce).

Reference your SD/9 dated 7th April 44. addressed to S.M.R.B. copy to this H.Q.

I have to inform you that no alteration has yet occurred in the organisation of these Units. May the matter please be taken up again.

Major R. E.
for Lt. Col R. E.
Commanding No 1 Docks Group R.E.

Fiela.
11/5/44.

Subject:- Dock Labour - Italian Naval Personnel.

HQ AAI,
C.M.F.

2086/1/Q2.

29 Apr 44.

Flag Officer Liaison Italy,
Area Combined HQ,
TARANTO.

Further to your TA.1026/3 of 12 Apr., 44.

1. Italian Naval personnel ex SARDINIA are being made available -

(i) To complete the second Inland Water Tpt Coy. An extra 87 ratings are required for this purpose.

(ii) To enable relief to take place of semi-skilled Italian Military labour organised as 921, 922 Docks Operating Coys. at BRINDISI and 923 at TARANTO, a total of 1200 ratings being required for this purpose.

(iii) To form third and fourth Inland Water Tpt. Coys. from any surplus up to 450.

2. It will be appreciated if the 1200 referred to in para. (ii) above are not taken off dock labour duties at TARANTO and BRINDISI without prior consultation with this HQ, as labour reserves are not sufficient to meet further demands for dock labour.

Major-General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Naval Sub Commission, ACC.
Army Sub Commission ACC (LECCE)
G(SD) - Reference 1605/50/3/G(SD1) dated 23 Apr., 44.
Tn.
Lab. - Reference 64/3/LAB dated 11 Apr., 44.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian MT Coys

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1615/50/6/G(SD1)

26 Apr 44.

To (British) Adv AFHQ, CMF

Ref your letter Tn.A.1/100/2 dated 18 Apr 44.

1. It is regretted that no RTA has been received so far for the ITALIAN naval personnel who are to form the units shown in para 6 of MAAFC signal SD 633/29181 dated 9 Apr 44.

2. Your requirements for completion of the third and fourth MT Coys have been noted and you will be kept informed when details of shipment become available.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission, ACC -

NLO

These have arrived at Brindisi 7/5

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Mobilitazione

SEGRETO

nº 3626 /Mob. di prot. P .M. 151, 26 aprile 1944

(81)

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.
(risponde fº nº SD/9 del 21 c.m.)

LEQUILE

OGGETTO: Personale per reparti portuali.-
Personnel for port units

Sono state richieste notizie telegrafiche in Sardegna in merito alla possibilità di svincolare la 5^ compagnia lavoratori portuali dei compiti cui attualmente è adibita, per il successivo trasferimento in continente del personale ad essa in forza.-

In data 23 corrente è stata sollecitata telegraficamente la risposta; si fa riserva di ulteriori comunicazioni.-

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S. M. R. E. UFF. ORD. MOB.

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(G. B. Oxilia)

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Army Form C.2130. **MESSAGE FORM** Serial No. 1012

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TO action FOTALI info MMA

FROM AAI	Originator's Number SD 1392	Date 2218Z5	In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL ○ First ITALIAN navy personnel from SARDINIA ○ Request they be (et?) personnel available for following quantities ○ First ○ TARANTO 87 for completion ○ Second ○ Third only ○ SECOND ○ BRINDISI 400 to release 921 Docks ops coy ○ THIRD ○ TARANTO balance to release 900 Docks ops coy

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Signature.....

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Signature.....

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority IMPORTANT

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T.O.R.

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3E/G.

STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
-Ufficio Segreteria e Personale-

Nr. 2240/211 SP di prot. P.M.151, 21 aprile 1944

OGGETTO : ufficiale per reparto portuale.-
requesting the transfer of an officer to the port unit

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-direzione generale personale ufficiali- P.M. 107

e, per conoscenza :

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
A.C.C.
(rif.foglio SD/2 in data 31.3.44) L'AQUILA

In Sottocommissione per l'Esercito A.C.C.ha richiesto che il s.tenente ftr.compl. NICOLETTI Francesco, effettivo al deposito misto R.M. Egeo ed attualmente comandato presso il campo di sosta e contumacia di Taranto (il quale risulta pratico di lavori portuali), sia assegnato possibilmente al 923° reparto portuale di Taranto.

Nulla osta da parte di questo S.M. all'accoglimento della richiesta.

Si prega codesto ministero di voler disporre il movimento relativo.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M.
-Gen.di Div. G.B. Oxilia-

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
-Roberto Criglio-

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Subject:- Personnel for Reparti Portuali

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MILA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
MD/9
2 Apr 44

S E C R E

Ref my MD/9 dated 6 Apr 44, on the subject of the move of 5 Corps Guaricatori Portuali.

May I please have a reply.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC

GJH

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ARMY FORM C2130. (Pads of 100.)

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TO MMIA RPTD. 3 DISTRICT SD AAI

FROM FLAMBO	Originator's Number SD476/29777	Date —	In Reply to Number —

6 FERREVIERI COY strength 206 now MONTE CARVINO
16 FERREVIERI COY now FRETTE MAGGIORE strength 202
and 23 FERREVIERI COY now NAPLES strength 20 are
placed under ADM COMD 3 DISTRICT controlled by TNO
These units count against serial 1060 as priority at 3

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TO G-2 INFO AFHQ 2 DIST SOPE RMP

FROM FLAMBO

Originator's Number SD 473/2 1751 | Date | In Reply to Number

Real number of any	strength	explosive	380 THANKS	AS
detonator	carried	also	Command	2 DIST	and
carried	by	Chief Asst	Carabs	Carriage	Serial
Use	Gen Spicer	Capt. last 3	Sor	RAF	Correct
Code)	respectively				

MILITARY MISSION.

Date

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TO ITALIAN ARMY.

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II° RAGGRUPPAMENTO FERROVIERI
C O M A N D O

TRANSLATION

2nd. It. Railway Engr Group
Headquarter

Naples - 3 April 1944.

TO
ALLIED FORCE MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Transportation Corps
APO 400

N° 175/6-UT.di Prot.

Subject: Supplies for Italian troops.

Reference is made to the conversation concerning the possibility to get supplies through the M.M.I.A.

Enclosed a list of supplies wanted by the depending units:

1st Constrn Bn
3rd " "
13th " "
9th Ry Operating Section

For each Bn we have distinguished:

1°) supplies wanted to bring the Coys to a strength of 230 men each one (Columns 1-3-5-7, first dressing)

2°) supplies wanted as replacements (columns 2-4-6-8, replacements)
Column 9 represents the sum of columns 1-3-5-7.
Column 10 represents the sum of columns 2-4-6-8
Column 11 is the sum of columns 9 and 10.

We propose the issue of the items of which column 11 to the Headquarter of "2nd It. Ry Engr Group", which will take care of the distribution to the depending units.

Owing to the particular employment of our troops, very important appears the issue of cloth labour uniforms.

THE COLONEL COMMANDING
(Umberto Dutto)

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2nd It. Railway Engr Group
Headquarter

	1st Bn		3rd Bn new formed		15th Bn		9th RY OPNG Section		TO
	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FI DR
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
UNIFORMS									
Trousers, wool	203	251	690	=	284	300	=	244	11
Jackets, "	203	147	690	=	284	300	=	244	11
Caps	203	160	690	=	284	150	=	244	11
Overcoats	203	165	690	=	284	200	=	244	11
Belts, trousers	203	168	690	=	284	200	=	244	11
Underwear	203	269	690	=	284	300	=	244	11
Shirts	406	310	1380	=	568	320	=	488	23
Drawers	406	272	1380	=	568	320	=	488	23
Belly Bands	203	219	690	=	284	200	=	244	11
Socks (Pair)	406	1000	1380	=	568	1000	=	244	23
Half leggings (Pair)	203	143	690	=	284	300	=	244	11
Gloes (Pair)	203	255	690	=	284	200	=	244	11
LABOUR UNIFORMS.									
Trousers, cloth	203	208	690	=	284	300	=	244	11
Jackets, "	203	103	690	=	284	300	=	244	11
Caps, "	203	=	690	=	284	300/	=	244	11
Waterproofs	690	=	690	=	690	=	244	=	23
EQUIPMENT ITEMS									
Towels	406	359	1380	=	568	400	=	488	23
Handkerchiefs	406	454	1380	=	568	500	=	488	23
Shelter Halves with Poles	203	100	180	=	284	200	244	=	
Strings, shoes (pair)	406	600	1380	=	568	600	=	488	23
Mess Kits	203	165	690	=	284	100	=	50	11
Cups	203	258	690	=	284	250	=	50	11
Spoons	203	84	690	=	284	50	=	50	11
Forks	203	192	690	=	284	50	=	50	11
Musette Bags	203	134	690	=	284	100	=	50	11
Tactic Bags	203	50	690	=	284	100	=	50	11
Jeannes Purses	203	20	690	=	284	50	=	50	11
Canteens	203	50	690	=	284	100	=	50	11

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2nd Lt. Railway Engr Group
Headquarter

1st Bn		3rd Bn new formed		15th Bn		9th RY ENG Section		TOTALS		
FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	FIRST DRESS	REPLAC	SUM
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
203	251	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	795	1972
203	147	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	691	1868
203	160	690	=	284	150	=	244	1177	554	1731
203	165	690	=	284	200	=	244	1177	609	1786
203	168	690	=	284	200	=	244	1177	612	1789
203	269	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	813	1990
406	310	1380	=	568	320	=	488	2354	1118	3472
406	272	1300	=	568	320	=	488	2354	1080	3434
203	219	690	=	284	200	=	244	1177	663	1840
406	1000	1380	=	568	1000	=	244	2354	2244	4598
203	143	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	687	1864
203	255	690	=	284	200	=	244	1177	699	1876
203	208	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	752	1929
203	103	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	647	1824
203	=	690	=	284	300	=	244	1177	544	1721
690	=	690	=	690	=	244	=	2314	=	2314
406	359	1380	=	568	400	=	488	2354	1247	3601
406	454	1380	=	568	500	=	488	2394	1442	3796
203	180	100	=	284	200	=	244	911	380	1291
406	600	1300	=	568	600	=	488	2354	1688	4042
203	165	690	=	284	100	=	50	1177	315	1492
203	258	690	=	284	250	=	50	1177	358	1735
203	64	690	=	284	50	=	50	1177	184	1361
203	192	690	=	284	50	=	50	1177	292	1469
203	134	690	=	284	100	=	50	1177	284	1461
203	50	690	=	284	100	=	50	1177	200	1377
203	20	690	=	284	50	=	50	1177	120	1297
203	50	690	=	284	100	=	50	1177	200	1377

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TO FOTALI INFO MMIA ACC SDAAI 2DISTRICT

FROM FLAMBO	Originator's Number SD 633/29181	Date 9	In Reply to Number —

Present prem. Italian naval Labour as follows
First ⊙ No 1 Compagnie Portuale Fixed Station IWT Coy
now formed and manning vide my SD 622
1 April ⊙ Second ⊙ IWT Coy being formed vide 3
Also 125 natives (ex-convicts) vide my SD 621 7 ⊙
Third ⊙ Still available number as to availability remaining two coys
at later date vide my SD 459 of 31 March ⊙ Fourth ⊙ Station noted

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

Lahore is without TARANTO and has retrieved 350 Italian military
Lahore which is Taran has provided 622 Decks Cy. key (1)
Unit (1) formation of unit in para. record takes priority Therefore
MMIA report Troop. delay release of account Decks On Key 6
Sink (1) Italian vessel prepared for has required INT Cy (2) 400 prepared 6 and as follows
(1) balance 25 percent for record key from military Lahore (3)
completion of record Decks Cy.

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TO

FROM | Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

800 personnel is
Desth Op. Corps (H)
IWT Corps Request

enable
500 personnel
you state

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Ref:- D.C.1/111.

5/9

Subject:- Italian Port Units.

To:- M.M.I.A.,
LECCE.

Reference the four Italian Docks Operating Coys. which have recently been formed.

These units are still under the control of the regiments from which they were formed. In two cases these are infantry regiments and in two cases artillery.

In view of the fact that these units will be doing the work of R.E. Transportation troops it would seem desirable that they should be regarded as independent units under the control of the Italian Garrison Commander and not continue to be units controlled by other arms of the service.

May I, Please, be informed whether it can be arranged for these units to be divorced from their regiments.

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Field.
7.4.44.

Major, R.E.
for Lt-Col. Commanding No.1 Docks Group, R.E.

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TO FOTHLI TMG MTIB ACC SD FAI DISTWO 1DOCKSEP

FROM		Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FLAG/180	52	SD 621/28794		

Ref my SD 659/28477 of 31 MARO Regret Italian naval personnel 3 offrs
125 ratings now working at TARANTO under capt NICOLI with 427
1ST PORT CO (ARMY) 2c NCOs 2c riggers 2c wireless operators Italian IWT CDO
1 docks gp HQ Co ordinate O Report progress MILITARY
& Clfor.
TO
ITALIAN ARMY

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Subject: Docks Operating Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MMIA)
LECQUILE (LECCE)
SD/9
7 Apr 44

S M R E
copy to CC No I Docks Gp RE

I. In my SD/9 of 20 Feb I informed you that your proposal to form the Docks Operating Coys into Bns of two companies, each of two sections, was NOT agreed. Further, that it was essential that they should be formed on the War Establishment enclosed in my SD/9 of 15 Feb.

2. I am now informed that these instructions have been disregarded, and that the present organisation has been found unsuitable.

3. Will you therefore please alter the organisation to conform exactly with that forwarded with my SD/9 of 15 Feb, thereby eliminating two company HQs and making more men available in the sections.

CSH

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Ref:- D.G.1/111.

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Subject:- Formation of Italian Docks Operating Companies.

To:- M.M.I.A.,
MECCE. ✓

Reference your letter SD/S dated 20 Feb 44 addressed to S.M.R.E., copy to this Headquarters.

It is found that the units which have been formed - 921, 922, 923 and 924 Reparto Portuale - have been formed as battalions each of two companies. It was understood from Major Phillips that the reason the Italians wished the units to be called battalions was so that the O.C. could be majors.

Although there is no objection to the units being regarded as battalions it has been found that the division of the unit into two companies is an unsuitable arrangement. It is therefore requested that instructions may be given to S.M.R.E. to alter the organisation to conform exactly with War Establishment RA/20T/1.

Lt-Col. R.E.
Commanding No.1 Docks Group, R.E.

In the Field.

4.4.44.

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Subject:- Personnel For Reparti Portuali

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (BARI)
ZONTROOPS (NAPLES)
AFHQ
6 Apr 44

S E C R E T

1. 5 Corps MAINTENANCE PORTUAIT, strength three officers and fifty nine other ranks is at present in SARDINIA. The personnel are specialists, trained in Port work.

It is desired to move this unit to the mainland and then to post the personnel as reinforcements to the four Reparti Portuali which you have just formed.

2. If you agree, will you please inform me of the location to which this unit should proceed and I will arrange shipment.

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

GDH

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TO FATIMA info FLAMBO MAIA

FROM FOTAL

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Immed @ Your 2552 29th March @ DTG and MIFT stated has now been formed from personnel ex POLES HQ TWO @ Fijian parties of battalion strength taking over northern areas [illegible] made with [illegible] taken with [illegible] @ Para 3 [illegible] wired with [illegible] taken [illegible] with Maj Gen [illegible] Rear Admiral para 3

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For Action: A FLAMBO (RYDR)

(W) For Information (INFO): MAIN TRUSTEE DOCKS GROUP QUOKS

Message Instructions: # — GR: 22

Originator's No.: TN802 NY TRAFFICO sent 31 Jan 2 for nos. 991 to 999 recd 921 to 924

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TO MMIA (HWTOO) AAI Distrib 1 Dock 01

FROM FLAMTO / SD

Originator's Number SD/62/2 730 | Date | In Reply to Number

ref your SITOE of 30 nov D 92 + request permit to remain
Toronto for this working & early visit to move her present
location is 921 regrets for visit & wishes to
Distrain very much been asked to expedite as much visit
Jan Feb

ITALIAN MISSION.

Date 2/4

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Subject:- Formation of Italian Port Units.

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (AMZA)
LECCE (LECCE)
PD/S
A. Ser Lt

CC No 1 Docks Gp RE

Ref your DG 1/111 dated 26 Mar.

1. Demobilisation of personnel

I understand that one officer and five other ranks were posted away from 922 Reparto Formuele within the first ten days of its training. This matter has been taken up with the RAF who are taking steps to prevent a similar occurrence.

2. English speaking personnel

The lack of English speaking Italian officers and other ranks is being felt throughout all units working with the Allies. It is regretted that English speaking personnel cannot be posted to the Reparti Portuali as they are not available.

3. Posting of Officers

Units have been asked to post Italian officers to 922 Reparto Formuale.

It is not our policy to press for the posting of named officers to specific units. If, however, you find that certain officers are unsuitable for specialised port work, please forward full particulars and they will be replaced.

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

C.S.I

Ref:- 90.1/111.

SUBJECT:- Italian I.W.T. Operating Company.

TO:- Transportation (British),
A.F.H.Q. (Admin. Echelon).

In accordance with Tn.548 of 20 Mar.44; I visited the Italian Chief of Staff to the Ministry of Marine - Capitaine Puta - and was informed by him that naval personnel are already available in Taranto to form the first of the I.W.T. Companies, and would be ready to be placed at our disposal by 1000 hrs. on 2 Apl.44.

The formation of the Companies is being carried out under the direction of Capitaine Maido, who is the Chief of Staff to the Italian Naval Officer i/c Taranto. The opportunity was taken to discuss the matter further with Capitaine Maido, who reiterated that the Company would be ready by the time stated, that it would be clothed and that the personnel, although not previously forming part of an I.W.T. organisation, would be in general, qualified for the operation of lighters and small craft. He stressed the fact that there was great difficulty in clothing and equipping this Company, and that although in this instance it had been found possible to form the Company, he did not consider it likely that clothing could be found for any additional Companies required.

Arrangements have been made to visit Taranto on Sunday, 2 Apl.44, to take over the Company officially, but it is considered that work cannot be found for them in either Taranto or Brindisi, nor is it considered that these ports will prove good training grounds. It is recommended, therefore, that this Company be transferred to Bari as soon as accomodation can be secured.

It is suggested that such short notice has been given you regarding the formation of this Company, but on my last visit to Taranto on March 26th the Naval Liaison Officer informed me that personnel were available in Sardinia but it was unlikely that they could be brought over for some considerable time. It would appear that the liaison between the British and Italian naval authorities has not worked too well in this instance.

[signature]
Lt-Col. R.E.
Commanding No.1 Docks Group, R.E.

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31 Mar.44.

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of the I.W.T. Companies, and would be ready to be placed at our disposal by 1000 hrs. on 5 Apl.44.

The formation of the Companies is being carried out under the direction of Capitaine Naldo, who is the Chief of Staff to the Italian Naval Officer i/c Taranto. The opportunity was taken to discuss the matter further with Capitaine Naldo, who reiterated that the Company would be ready by the time stated, that it would be clothed and that the personnel, although not previously forming part of an I.W.T. organization, would be in general, qualified for the operation of lighters and small craft. He stressed the fact that there was great difficulty in clothing and equipping this Company, and that although to this instant it had been found possible to form the Company, he did not consider it likely that clothing could be found for any additional Companies required.

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Lt.-Cdr. R.N.
Commanding No.1 Docks Group, R.N.

FWHB.
31 Mar.44.

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TO SD FLAMBO INFO TN DISTWO MMIA 1 DOCKS GROUP

FROM TN FLAMBO	Originator's Number —	Date —	In Reply to Number —

TN/712 Ref MMIF signal SD208 mar 30@924 REPAIR TO PORTVALE
to remain TARANTO for ship work only limit
to move from present location if 921 REPAIR TO PORTVALE
required BARI when recalled

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Signed			T.H. 311525A

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TO G(SD) FLAMBO (INFO) AAIA TW DISTRO 1 BLACKS GROUP

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
TW FLAMBO / 41	# THIRTY	31	

YOUR POUT operating sqns forming 2 April request second
COY form by 15 april

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Transportation (British)

H.Q., A.A.I. (Admin. Echelon).

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TN.A.1/100/2.

28 March 44.

Subject :- Italian Port Units.

To :- G (SD).,
A.A.I. (Admin. Echelon).

Reference conversation (Parkes - Friedberg) this morning.

The present situation with regard to the formation of Italian Docks Operating Coys is as follows:-

No. 921 Reparto Portuale is forming at Brindisi and should be available by 31 March. As soon as it is formed and released from port clearance work under D.D.L. it should move to Bari for training.
The date of the move will be notified as soon as it is firm.

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No. 923 Reparto Portuale is forming at Taranto and should be available by 31 March.

No. 924 Reparto Portuale is formed at Taranto. It has been handed over to Tn. and is under training.

The numbering of these Units is not in order of formation. Nos 922 and 924 were due to be taken over by Tn. on 15 March and Nos 921 and 923 on 31 March.

The Serial Nos in the priority list on which these units are forming are 1055 (2 Coys) and 1071 (2 Coys).

(E.L.Parkes)
Col.
for Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

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(E.L.Parkes)
Col.
for Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

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Copy to:- M.M.I.A.
Tn. No.2 District.
1 Docks Group.

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TO FE-TAU INFO MANIA ACC SD PAI

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FLAMBO	SD459/26877		

WT our SD444 of 11 Nov and wishing you un numbered
msg of 24 Nov O Acknowledge one
port op coy now ready and rep discussion
deficit Title after IWT port op coy URGENTLY
REQUIRED O Request it be made available immediately
O Inform this HQ at present position O State possibility
of towing when giving two days after date

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Subject:- Officers for Reparti Portuali

Army Grp Commission AGC
Main HQ (MIA)
ECOMIB (LSCOS)
30/9
31 Mar 44.

S H A E

1. I am informed that the undermentioned officer has had some experience in dock work:-

S. Ten. [redacted]
Del Campo di Sesto
Commissario di Roccaforzata.

If this officer can be released, it is for consideration whether he would not be better employed in a Reparto Portuale, preferably 965.

2. Will you please inform me when you have reached a decision in this matter.

GSGI

Brig
Army Sub Comm AGC

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FROM M.I.S. HQMO Docks Group Section A

D 208 O Comando O says O the dated 12 and Subject O Thirty fourth bis O dated 1055 O 922 REPARTO PORTUALE (Docks Supporting Co.) ready TARANTO O can be released now O 922 REPARTO PORTUALE ready BRINDISI but Can NOT be released as Lodges detachment NO T yet O arrived O 1071 O 923 REPARTO PORTUALE at TARANTO and 921 REPARTO PORTUALE at BRINDISI ready

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TO ~~Military Forces Northern Ireland~~ Major Phillips, M.I.14.

FROM D.M.I. BELFAST (NIHQ)

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
D.M.I./111	27	~~Priority~~

~~Action~~ as follows (*) GSI Reports available (*) Party to be informed not to Reports Details but not Reports Details at Lurgan

(*) Reports available when landing on (*) as soon as possible (*)

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SIGNED ~~Military Liaison Officer~~

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Wt. 10598/864 300M Pads. 6/42. P.L. T. 51-4880.

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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W. 10578/84—4. 300M Pads. 6/42. P.I. T.51-4886.

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* [illegible]

SIGNED [illegible]

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Ref. DG.1/111.

Subject : FORMATION OF ITALIAN PORT UNITS.

To -

M.M.I.A.,
LECCE.

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Lt.Colonel.R.E.,
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TO FLAMRO Std AAI D.G.H.R

FROM MAIN

Originator's Number | Date: 24 0700A | Ts Rcvd To Signaler

SD 201 O ltr THIRD PRIORITY LIST Serial 1060 Three Hundred Sixty
Rly Const Corps O Statement of Claim D.G.H.R. was O.K.
dependencies IN 39 dated 27 Feb refers
three served Text Lt. Commander
were Cater Corps Personnel Officer
Re and Ward Transport
to Cavalry Ref TMA 1700 dated 5 Feb

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TO: FALCON for MARTIN

FROM: MMIA

Originator's Number: 76 1180 A

In Reply to Number

FN 190 O ref my TH180 dated 29 O reply awaited.

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TO AFHQ

FROM ELAMED

Originator's Number 10352418 | Date 13 | In Reply to Number

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Quote © Ultra 03/1825 Following message is NOT beginning and will be very early © If not complete its NOT beginning and will take place all reduction of combat effective battleships and cruisers © Personnel from NAPLES © Unquote ©
Request this signal should be addressed to you

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Headquarters A.C.M.F. (Admin Echelon).

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TN.A.1/100

15 March 44

Subject :- Formation of Italian Units.

To :- G.(SD).
Flambo.

Reference FOTALI Signal 111021 to Nov., and passed by D.Q.M.G.(M) to M.M.I.A. under his reference Nov.5/22518 on 13 Mar.

It is not clear what Units are the subject of FOTALI's Signal, but it is presumed that it refers to the I.W.T.Port Operating Coys. May this be clarified.

In view of the large construction programme of harbour craft the early formation and training of at least one I.W.T.Port Operating Coy is considered as high priority.

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(E.L.Parkes)
Colonel,
for Brig.
Director of Transportation.

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Copies to :- M.M.I.A.
Tn.2 District.
1 Docks Group.

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TO

FROM

Originator's Ref. Number | Date | In reply to Number

18 1030 A.

GR 194 O Third Priority list Spiral 1055 O 921 REPARTO TARANTO O

PORTUALE (DOCKS OPERATING COY) ready to TH DISTWO

DDL DISTWO agrees transfer PORTUALE labour replacement O

without prior ITALIAL Military Labour BRINDISI but can NOT

923 REPARTO PORTUALE ready NOT yet arrived O

be released as destination and replacement movement.

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Ca/Cz.

T E L E G R A M M A

DA SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE

AT SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. = LECUILE =

N° 2829 /MOB. ALT RIFERIMENTO SD/9 DEL 15 FEBBRAIO C.A. ALT ASSICURASI AVVENUTA COSTITUZIONE REPARTI PORTUALI N° 921° ET 923° RISPETTIVAMENTE A BRINDISI E TARANTO PRONTI PER L'IMPIEGO ALT SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE = 1730150344 =

2829/mob (-) Ref SD/9 of 15 Feb (.)
921, 923 REPARTI Portuali
all ready for employment at
Brindisi and TARANTO
respectively (.) 1730 hrs
15/2/44

P. C. C.
IL TEN.COL.DI S.M.CAPO UFFICIO
(Luigi Millefiorini)

S.I.M.A.R.E. * SOTT. UFF. ORD.

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ARMY FORM C. 2118

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TO NMIH ACHF ITALIAN MINISTER OF MARINE

FROM FLOTTEC 2552

Originator's Number SD444/22021

Date 11

In Reply to Number

Ref our request that only one IWT fleet operating coy be made available immediately one at end of June 0 the other two need not be formed until further demand is made

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Subject : Italian Navy - Evacuation of New Zealand

To : General Lombardi, Taranto.
Col. Air Corps, Italian Navy.
Lt. Col., Italian Navy.

Copies to : Adm. No 2 District, CP.
Lt. Col., Bersaglieri,
Capt. Murphy, US Navy.

Headquarters 6th Group
Mediterranean Base Section
APO 1, Casablanca.

Q. Mar. 44.

1. All Italian military labour enlisted from work at installations should return to their installations, so that they will be conveniently situated for work on the Docks.

2. The billet at Via Lecchia at the corner of Via Nunez has been allotted to the special Dock Operating Company, now in formation. This Company should have its complete with officers and NCO's as soon as possible.

3. When the transfer to the new billet has been completed, the newly formed Company will be relieved from all work but will be available for stevedore training, daily.

4. Will General Lombardi please let Col. 6th Group, Pioneer Corps, have a copy of the letter received re the arrival of the Italian Naval personnel in Taranto.

(Sd. ILLEGIBLE)
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding, 6th Group Pioneer Corps.

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Transportation (British).

Adv.Adm.Ech.Allied Force Headquarters.

TT.A.1/100

6 March 44

Subject ;- Formation of Italian Units.

To ;- G.(SD).

Reference your Signal 989/20634 of 3.3.44 to the Italian Minister of Marine.

I understand, from conversation with Major Phillips, M.M.I.A., that the Minister of Marine has stated his inability to form Port Construction and Repair Coys and Port Maintenance Coys. He is still hopeful of being able to form I.W.T.Port Operating Coys.

With regard to the 4 I.W.T.Port Operating Coys. which were originally demanded, I recommend that we should call for one only in March and one later, postponing the formation of the third and fourth Companies indefinitely.

I make this suggestion because our Barge Erection programme, on which our original estimate was made, has been delayed and we should not be able to employ all Units if they were formed at once. Furthermore our position with regard to I.W.T. Units has improved lately.

(E.L.Parkes)
Colonel,
for Brig.
Director of Transportation.

Copy to;- M.M.I.A.

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Transportation (British).

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Adv Adm Ech., Allied Force Headquarters.

TN.A.1/100.

3 March 44.

Subject:- Employment of Italian Units.

M.M.I.A.,
Lecce.

Italian Railway Construction Coys.

Reference Major Phillips visit to this office on 3rd March and conversation with Col. Crosland and Col. Parkes. I enclose copies of correspondence which has passed subsequent to the receipt of your signal Tn.176 of 23 Feb.

As agreed at this mornings conference I will forward, as soon as received from Col. Dutto, full particulars of the personnel and equipment which he still requires to complete his railway Construction Companies to establishment, so that you will be able to follow up and ensure that, on the authority of the A.C.H.F. Priority List, the personnel are made available by Italian Army H.Q.

Col.,
for Brig.,
Director of Transportation.
(E.L. PARKES.)

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C O P Y.

TRANSPORTATION (BRITISH) SECTION.
Adv. Adm.Hq., A.F.H.Q.

Subject:- Formation of Italian Units. TN.A.1/100.
24 Feb.44.

To:- Colonel Dutto.

The formation of a number of Italian Administrative Units for employment by British and American Services is being organised by the Military Mission to the Italian Army. Included in the Units, which are due to form in the month of March, are three Railway Construction Companies for the D.G.M.R.

The Commander, Military Mission to the Italian Army understands that D.G.M.R. already has the formation of these three Companies in hand as part of No.3 Italian Railway Engr. Bn; and wishes to have this confirmed.

The Commander, M.M.I.A., also wishes to be informed as soon as possible from what source the personnel to form these Units are being obtained.

Would you please let me have this information so that I may communicate it to the Commander, M.M.I.A.

(Sgd) E.L. PARKES
Col.,
for Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

Copy to:- D.G.M.R. with copy of M.M.I.A. signal TN.176 of 23 Feb.

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COPY.

11° RAGGRUPPAMENTO FERROVIERE
COMANDO

2nd Italian Railway Engr Group
Headquarter.

Naples - 26 February, 1944.

N°121/6 -Ut.di prot

TO

ALLIED FORCE MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Transportation Corps - British Section
Adv Adm Ech. A.P.O. 400.

Subject: Formation of Italian Units.

1. Reference is made to your letter on 24 Feb.1944.
2. One confirm that this Headquarter has in process of formation the 3rd Italian Rly Engr Bn. with the three 6th - 16th and 23rd depending Construction Companies.
3. The 6th Coy is working now, with not yet full strength, at Montecorvino - La Picciola.
4. The 16th and 23rd Companies, now existing with few men working in Naples, shall receive complements in the next month of March until full strength.
5. The personnel will be obtained by recalling on duty through the " Comando Forze Armata della Campania" the men formerly belonging to Engr Units, born in 1913 and younger until 1925, of this region.
6. The arrival of the men as above is foreseen for the first fortnight of March, but the possibility to get the Units at works is in connection with the assignation of equipment materials and uniforms by the 5th Army G-4 Section (requested on 23rd February) and the returning by AMG of Salerno and Benevento of all trucks, formerly the property of this Ry Group.

The Colonel Commanding
(Umberto Dutto)

Copy to :A.M.R.S. - U.S. Army.

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

APO 400
23 February 1944

Inter Office Memorandum:

SUBJECT: Italian Railway Construction Units

TO : DTN (Br) - Attention: Colonel Parkes

1. Reference your memorandum 18 February, TM.A.1/100.

2. There still seems to be some confusion relative to the basic principles to be followed in connection with rehabilitation of Italian Railway Construction Battalions.

3. Probably this is due to a misunderstanding of the work which is being done. It is not my intention or my desire that new Italian Railway Construction Companies be formed, but that the present process be followed, which is essentially the reforming and rehabilitation of formerly existing Italian Railway Construction Units, organized strictly in accordance with Italian Army Regulations and Practices.

4. Obviously in order to rehabilitate and reform these units, a large number of new recruits are necessary, either drawn from other units of the Italian Army, or from the newer drafts as may be decided by the appropriate Italian Army Command.

5. In order that proper program of releasing these replacement troops be carried out in accordance with provisions setup by M.M.I.A. some-time ago, with my authorization and consent, you advised the M.M.I.A. what our requirements would be in this respect. Presumably these requirements have been authorized, and it merely remains for the Italian Army to furnish them thru the authorized periods.

6. It is my desire and my intention that these Italian Railway Construction Units be reformed, equipped and prepared for the field under the direct supervision and command of Colonel Dutto, who was sent to this Headquarters for that purpose by General di Raimondo, Under Secretary of State for Communications.

7. Up to the present, Colonel Dutto has been ably accomplishing his mission, and it is my desire that he be given every possible assistance in discharging the responsibility that I have assigned to him. 511

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3. If it develops that the Italian Army is not furnishing replacements for the reformation of the authorized Italian Railway Construction Units, which incidentally are not companies but battalions, it is my opinion that it will then be plenty of time to deal thru the M.M.I.A. for them to bring such pressure as they see fit on the Italian Army to discharge their obligations in this respect.

For the Director General:

BENJAMIN H. CROSLAND
Colonel - T C
Asst. Genl. Mgr., Engineering

cc - Colonel Dutto

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C O P Y.

Transportation (British).

Adv Adm Ech., Allied Force Headquarters. TN.A.1/100.

2 March.44.

Subject:- Italian Railway Construction Units.

To:- D.G.M.R.

Reference your Inter Office Memorandum dated 28 Feb.44.

1. It has always been clearly understood that the Italian Railway Construction Coys are being reformed on their own War Establishment tables, copies of which were obtained from Col. Dutto and submitted to G (SD) Adv Adm Ech. A.F.H.Q. with my letter TN.A.1/100 of 21 Dec.43, copy to you.

2. It was further understood that a large number of recruits would be required to fill the establsihments of the 12 Companies and with the object of obtaining these I advised G (SD) on 21 Dec after discussion with you, that 6 Railway Construction Coys had been formed and that a further 6 Companies would be required.
These have been included in the Priority lists published and amended from time to time by A.C.M.F.

3. The stage has now been reached at which M.M.I.A. are about to instruct the Italian Army H.Q. to provide the personnel for units to be formed during March for the various services. This would appear to be the reason for M.M.I.A. signal Tn.176 of 23 Feb. of which a copy was sent to you with my letter TN.A.1/100 of 24 Feb. addressed to Col. Dutto.

4. It is therefore considered that Col. Dutto's arrangements and those of M.M.I.A. require to be co-ordinated in order that full advantage be taken of the authority of the latest A.C.M.F. priority list for obtaining, during the present month, fully equipped personnel sufficient for 3 Railway Construction Coys. It was with this object that my letter TN.A.1/100 of 18 Feb. was written.

5. You will appreciate that I have had a certain amount of difficulty in dealing with G (SD) and M.M.I.A. on the question of Italian Railway Constructions Units as Col. Dutto works directly under you and I have no knowledge of his organisation and method of obtaining men and equipment for the Railway Construction Coys. I therefore repeat the suggestion in my letter of 18 Feb. that Col. Dutto be put into direct contact with M.M.I.A. so that he may indicate his requirements in the way of ranks and trades of personnel for the completion of the 3rd Battalion to War Establishment.

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7. I am advised by G (SD) Adv Adm Ech. A.F.H.Q. that Col. Dutto's approach to the question of equipment through G-4, 5th Army is not the most expeditious, since M.M.I.A. have a section specially organised to deal with this matter.

(Sgd) E. L. PARKES.

Col., for Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

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TO MMIA SIMMONS at FALCON 463/53 ytl FATIMA. to ITALIAN ARMY

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

A. F. O. 400
15 February 1944

Subject: Formation of Italian Rly Const Coys.

To : Commanding General, Army Sub Commission ACC
Rear HQ (MMIA) Lequile (LECCE)

1. Reference is made to your inquiry 8 February.

2. One company, 200 men, is presently organized and equipped - two more companies are organized but are short blankets (600 blankets required now, 600 later).

For the Director General:

J. K. TULLY
Colonel, T.C.
Executive Officer

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispettorato della Mobilitazione

SD/9
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N° 650 di prot. Oggetto: Formazioni portuali.-

R.M. 1 a 1, li 25 febbraio 1944.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

L E Q U I L E

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Riferendo paragrafo 2 foglio SD/9 del 20 febbraio.-

Gli ufficiali incaricati a costituire i reparti portuali sono:

- a Taranto: Magg. GIARDINI Giuseppe- 106° rgt. ftr.
  Magg. PALMIELLO Francesco 107° rgt. ftr.
- a Brindisi: Magg. D'ARMANO Adelio 104° rgt. art.
  T.Col. PACO' Stefano 105° rgt. ftr..

By letter ref. D. of p. SD/9 of the 2nd Feb.
the officers i/c formation of the Port Units are:

- - -
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- - -

IL TEN.COL. CAPO UFFICIO
(V. Tiscornia)

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Officers responsible
in Lomb ITALIAN ARMY. Rel Dist Comd
TARANTO
Col Ruggio Comd Sub BRINDISI

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Subject:- Formation of Docks Operating Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MCIA)
Kohima (Area)
SD/9
25 Feb 46

S.H.A.E.F.
Copy also to: HQ No 1 Docks Op RE
HQ 15 Planner Gp (MCIA)
HQ 6 Planner Gp (Kohima)

Further to my SD/9 dated 15 Feb 46.

1. Providing replacement labour on the Docks is available, the Four Docks Operating Coys are required to be ready for moving as under:-

One Coy [illegible]	one Coy [illegible]	15 Mar
One Coy [illegible]	one Coy [illegible]	31 Mar

2. Will you kindly confirm that the companies will be ready by these dates.

[illegible]

Army Sub Comm ACC

GRH

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AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
CMF.

86/1/Q2.

22 Feb 44.

Rear HQ Army Sub Commission,
Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Docks Operating Coys.

Ref your SD/9 dated 15 Feb addressed to S.M.R.E.

1. The proposal to form four Docks Operating Coys from Italian service personnel at present employed on labour duties at TARANTO and BRINDISI, will result in a decrease of approximately 1600 in the labour available for duty in the two ports mentioned. To ensure the rapid clearance of docks it is essential that both this HQ and the district or base section concerned are given timely warning of such changes. It is therefore requested that in future you obtain the prior approval of this HQ before taking steps of a similar nature.

2. It is agreed that your proposals in regard to the formation of these four companies should be proceeded with, however in order to relieve the labour situation will you please arrange for the formation to be phased as follows :-

Available for moving 15 March - One Coy BRINDISI one Coy TARANTO.

" " " 31 March - " " " " " "

3. It is understood that you will arrange the provision of an equivalent number of personnel in replacement of these coys, and it must be understood that the Docks Coys are not to be moved from the ports until these personnel have been provided. This HQ signal SD851/18024 of 20 Feb refers. The replacement personnel will count against serials 1055 and 1071 on A.C.M.F. Third Priority list issued under reference 1605/50/4/2(SD1) dated 3 Feb 44.

for Major General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- G(SD) ACMF.
G(SD).
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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY,
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO,
12th February, 1944.

No. T.A.1026/3.
MINISTER OF MARINE, MARISTAT, PALAZZO RESTA, TARANTO.
(Copies to: Allied Control Commission, A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, Commanding Officer, No. 1 Docks Group, Brindisi.)

FORMATION OF ITALIAN PORT UNITS.

I understand that you were requested by the District Civil Affairs Officer, A.F.H.Q., Adv. Adm. Echelon's letter of 4th February, to form eight Italian Port Units.

2. In the formation of these units it should be clearly understood that no personnel is to be recruited from the Naval Dockyard or the Naval Service which would cause an interference either direct or indirect with work at the dockyard or on board ships and that no skilled personnel should be used for this purpose until it has been confirmed by the dockyard Programme Committee that they cannot usefully be absorbed into the Naval Dockyard.

(Signed) R. McGrigor
REAR-ADMIRAL

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Subject:- Formation of Docks Operating Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MEDIA)
ENQUIRE (LMOOCE)
SD/9
20 Feb 44.

S.M.P.E.
copy OC No 1 Docks Gp RE

Ref your 597 dated 17 Feb 44.

1. I regret that your proposed to form the docks Operating Coys into Bns of two companies each of two sections is not agreed. It is essential that they should be formed on the War Establishment enclosed in my SD/9 dated 15 Feb.

2. Will you also please inform me of the names of the officers at TARANTO and MESSINA who have been made responsible for the formation of these units as requested in para 6 of my SD/9 dated 15 Feb

3. The requirments for port labour remain the same as the number of ships to be worked remains unchanged. It will therefore be necessary to send to the ports replacements for the men taken to form these companies.

Brig
Army Sub Comm ACC

GSM

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ispettorato della Manovalanza

Inviolato Rif. Prot. 5/9 26

N° 597 prot. P.M.151,li I7 febbraio I944.

OGGETTO : Costituzione di reparti portuali.
Formation of Harbour Units

ALLA COMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO
- Sottocommissione per L'Esercito - L E Q U I L E

MILITARY MISSION.

Date_____.

to

ITALIAN ARMY.

In relazione alla richiesta fatta con foglio SD/9 del I5 corrente si comunica:

I)- Nulla osta da parte di questo S.M. alla costituzione sia a Brindisi che a Taranto delle unità portuali richieste traendo il personale dai raggruppamenti lavoratori operanti in dette località.

2)- Si farà tutto il possibile di includere nei nuovi reparti il personale specializzato richiesto,ma poichè si prevede che sarà molto difficile raggiungere la cifra occorrente, sarà necessario un preventivo addestramento. Per esigenze di inquadramento ed amministrative in luogo di compagnie su 4 sezioni si forniranno battaglioni di due compagnie di due sezioni ciascuna,lasciando invariata la cifra complessiva del personale. Sono stati già dati ordini per l'approntamento dei reparti.

3)- Data la difficoltà che tuttora si incontra per fornire le cifre di lavoratori richieste da codesta Commissione, si prega voler considerare che i I.600 lavoratori circa occorrenti per tali unità non potranno essere sostituiti da altri.-

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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen.Div. A.Mariotti)

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- Sottocommissione per l'Ispe[illegible]

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(Gen. Div. A.Mariotti)

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MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCES HELD ON FEBRUARY 9th and 10th, 1944.

SUBJECT:- ITALIAN PORT UNITS.

(a) Docks Operating Companies.

Major P.S.W. Clarke, R.E., HQ No.1 Docks Group, R.E. called on Major R.M. Phillips, R.E., M.M.I.A., on February 9th to find out the latest position of the eight Italian Docks Operating Companies which are to be formed by the Italian Army.

A new priority list - reference 1005/50/4/2G (SD1) - had just been received by M.M.I.A., from which it was seen that the four Docks Operating Coys. Serials 542 and 522 due to form in February had been re-numbered Serials 1055 and 1071, and were now due to form in March.

It was further stated that at the moment there are no personnel available in the Italian Army with which to form these units. A large number of existing units is already under strength, and were the present port labour to be used to form Docks Operating Coys., there is at present no labour in the Italian Army with which to replace them.

The possibility of the Italian Navy forming additional labour units is being investigated by M.M.I.A. Should these materialise, it might then be possible to use them for quay work and thus release Italian Army quay labour for Docks Operating Coys. It is also expected that a change may be made in A.F.H.Q's present policy with regard to the Italian Army, which will result in personnel being available for the formation of new units. At the present time, even though certain preliminary arrangements may be able to be made, it is not possible to effect the complete formation of the units.

(b) I.W.T. (Port) Operating Coys, Port Maintenance Coys, Port Construction & Repair Coys.

On February 10th, 1944, Major Clarke visited Taranto in accordance with the instructions contained in D.Fn's letter Tn.A.1/100 dated 6 Feb.44.

After contacting Lieut. White, U.S.N., representing F.O.T.A.L.I., Admiral Barone was visited at the Italian Ministry of Marine. The Admiral had not yet received A.F.H.Q's letter 2563/C (SD) dated 4th Feb.44, enclosing copies of War Establishment, and it was therefore only possible to discuss the matter in general terms.

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The possibility of the Italian Navy forming additional labour units is being investigated by M.M.I.A. Should these materialise, it might then be possible to use them for quay work and thus release Italian Army quay labour for Docks Operating Coys. It is also expected that a change may be made in A.F.H.Q's present policy with regard to the Italian Army, which will result in personnel being available for the formation of new units. At the present time, even though certain preliminary arrangements may be able to be made, it is not possible to effect the complete formation of the units.

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RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. It is proposed that pending the release of further Italian Army personnel M.M.I.A. be asked for certain of the port labour units to be earmarked as Docks Operating Companies, and that as much of the formation as possible be done while still employing the units as shore labour. If possible some of the men should be trained as winch drivers straightway.

2. It is recommended that on receipt of the Italian Minister of Marine's reply to A.F.H.Q. letter 2553/C (SD) dated 4 Feb.44, in which his views on the proposals will doubtless be made clear, consideration be given to the deletion of the Port Maintenance Coys. and the Port Construction & Repair Coys. from the list of units to be formed, and to relying on civilians under Italian Naval supervision to carry out this work.

P.G.Clarke Major, R.E.
for Lt-Col. Commanding No.1 Docks Group, RE.

FIELD.
12 Feb.44.

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Tn.(Dr), Adv. Adm. Boh., A.F.H.Q. (2)
Tn., H.Q. No.2 District.
Major R.M. Phillips, RE., M.M.I.A.
F.O.T.A.L.I., Taranto.

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Subject:- Formation of Docks Operating Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Rear HQ (MOLA)
LECCE (LECCE)
SD/9
15 Feb 44.

S.H.A.E.F.

copy to OC No 1 Docks Gp RE
OC 18 Pioneer Gp BRINDISI)
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Until such time as these units can be relieved, they will remain at their present employment on the Docks and every endeavour will be made for this reorganisation to interfere as little as possible with their work.

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Subject: Formation of Italian Rly Const Coys

Army Sub Commission ACC
Rear HQ (MOLA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/9
8 Feb 44

Director General of Military Railways
A P O 400

1. The Third Priority List of Requirements for Italian Units forwarded by HQ ACMF under their I605/50/4/2/G(SDI) dated 3 Feb 44 includes the following:

Serial	Unit	Required for	Date
I060	Three Rly Const Coys	2 District	March
==	Five Rly Const Coys	==	After March

2. It is understood that three Rly Const Coys are in the process of being formed under your direction. I will be grateful if you will confirm this and also if you will keep me informed on the progress in the formation of these units.

Brig
Army Sub Comm A C C

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Port Units.

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AFHQ ADV ADM BRH
CMF
2553/G(SD)
4 Feb 44

The Italian Minister of Marine.

Copy to:- G(SD) MAIN ACMF A.C.C.
D.Tn (3) Q
M.M.I.A. Mov

It is desired to form the following Italian Units for employment under the Director of Transportation (British) A.F.H.Q. As the tradesmen who are required are not available in the Italian Army, it is proposed that they be found from Italian Naval personnel.

The numbers involved are as follows -

Four I.W.T. Port Operating Companies,	Strength	848
Two Port Maintenance Companies,	Strength	590
Two Port Construction and Repair Companies,	Strength	568
Total (Officers & Men)		2006

Copies of the War Establishments of these units are enclosed.

When formed application should be made to this HQ for the following -

Accommodation.
Dyed Battle Dress
Boots
Technical Equipment.

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for Maj Gen. D.C.A.C.

ADC.

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Transportation (British).

Adv.Adm.Mch.Allied Force Headquarters.

PRS. 22/1

TN.A.1/100

Subject:- Employment of Italian Units. 24 Jan 44

To :- C.O.
1 Docks Group.

Herewith a translation of a letter from the Admiral of the Division to the Comando Militare Marittimo on the subject of the formation of Docks Operating Coys in which it appears that the Admiral has rather confused ideas with regard to the Units to be formed. He seems to be mixing up Port Maintenance and Port Const. & Repair Units with Docks Operating Coys. According to the proposals of M.M.I.A. only the 2 former types are to be formed from Naval personnel and the latter from Military personnel.

In your contacts with Naval Staff will you please see that it is always made quite clear for which type of Unit they are responsible.

The formation of the Italian Units asked for should not be carried out at the expense of the Local Civilian Stevedore Labour and skilled Artizans who are already being employed through A.D.Labour (Civil).

Note: The enclosed letter is reproduced as received in this office which takes no responsibility for the correctness of the translation.

Brig.
Director of Transportation.

Copies to:- G.(SD). Adv.Adm.Mch. A.F.H.Q.
M.M.I.A.
D.D.Tn.No.2 District.

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Comando Militare Marittimo.
Ministero della Marina
Comando Generale della Capitaneria di Porto.
Air Command.
Naval Ministry.
Docks Superintendent.

15 January 44.

COMMARMI - TARANTO
COMMARMI - BARI.
COMMARMI - BRINDISI.
COMMARMI - CROTONE.
COMMARMI - S.GIOVANNI.
COMMARMI - VIBO VALENTIA
MARICOMARS - MAZZARUOLI
MARICOMARS - BARLETTA.
CIRCOMARS - MOLFETTA
CIRCOMARS - GALLIPOLI
LOCOMARS - MONOPOLI.

Subject: Formation of Companies of Dock Workers.

It is probable that at some future date the British troops at present loading and unloading cargoes for the Allied forces in Docks which are under the jurisdiction of your Compimate or Circomare are to be moved elsewhere.

You must therefore begin immediately to examine the possibility of organising a number of Docks Operating Companies which both in personnel and equipment will be capable of replacing in every way the British Docks Operating Units.

These Companies, each of 250, should be organised with a sufficient supervisory staff(Consul, Vice-Consul, Rangers etc) so as to guarantee the most productive and disciplined service.

They will be able to be employed not only on normal Dockers' work, but also on the handling of mechanical equipment etc.

The British Authorities will give these workers not only pay in money, but also food rations(bread, meat, flour, coffee, sugar), some clothing(shoes, coat, gloves, overalls) and transport.

So as in every way to avoid acts of sabotage, strikes etc., the workers of the Companies will be militarised, as has already been foreshadowed in the Ministerial Decree of 31 May 43.

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It must be confirmed whether the equipment in the possession of the Companies at the present time is adequate to the work they will have to perform at the Docks, and if equipment is lacking particulars should be given stating what type and how much is needed; so that these may be applied for at the right time to the British Authorities.

Each Company should make careful provision so as to build up its organisation as indicated above and should communicate immediately to this Ministry all information as to the efficiency of the gangs of workmen which have to be formed, as already demanded by Marimercant in their despatch No.3880 of 12 January 44.

The Admiral of the Division.

f.f.Comandante Generale

Sgd. Aldo Ascoli.

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Transportation (British).

Adv.Adm.Ech. Allied Force Headquarters.

TM.A.1/100.

23 Jan. 44.

Subject:- Employment of Italian Units.

G (SD).,
Adv.Adm.Ech.,
A.F.H.Q.

Reference M.M.I.A. letter SO/3 of 15 Jan., and conversation (Parkes - Jacques) on 22 Jan.

Docks Units.

(1) Brig. Duchesne's proposal to form 1/2 Port Operating Coys, Port Maintenance Coys and Port Constn. & Repair Coys from Naval personnel has been taken up by you in your letter 2563/G(SD) of 17 Jan., and the reply from A.C.C. is awaited.

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Railway Construction Units.

(4) The situation is as follows:-

Original requirement	-	12 Railway Construction Coy.
Now formed	-	3 Bn. H.Q's. 7 Construction Coys.
Still to be formed.	-	1 Bn. H.Q. 5 Construction Coys.

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ITALIAN ARMY

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The 7 Companies formed to date are approximately 500 under strength in all.

Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.
D.D.Tn., 2 District.
No.1 Docks Group. R.E.

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(Enclosure:- 1 certificate of Medical Re-examination.

TO:- [illegible]
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Reference your D/O of 1st Aug.44; the necessary arrangements were completed yesterday and copies of this have been sent to the Authority and Unit Distributed.

The re-examination was handled three months, which no doubt you will already have received.

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Commanding No.2 Wireless Group, RAF.

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Subject:- Formation of Italian Port Units

Military Mission to
Italian Army
3D/9
2e Jan 44

Allied Control Commission
copy to D.Tn W.A.N.S.O

1. Enclosed at Appendix A is a copy of 2553/G(SD) dated 17 Jan 44 from AFHQ Adv Adm Sch on the proposed formation by the Italian Navy of Eight Port Units.

As this letter was addressed to the Allied Claims Commission instead of the Allied Control Commission, it is doubtful if you will receive it.

I will be grateful if you will send me a copy of your answer to para 3 of this letter.

2. Enclosed at Appendix B is a memorandum of a conference held at Navy House on 11 Jan on the proposed formation of the Eight Port Units together with the recommendations made by O.C. No 1 Docks Gp and the Engineer representative of this Mission.

C.T. Clarke
Brig
Comd

GAH

Encl: Appxs A & B

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SUBJECT: ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL.

AFHQ ADV ADM SCH
CMF
2553/G(SD)
17 Jan 44

Allied Claims Commission.

1. It is desired to form the following units from Italian personnel :

Four I W T Port Operating Coys	-	Strength 1000
Two Port Maint Coys	-	Strength 500
Two Port Constr & Repair Coys	-	Strength 500

2. It is understood that Italian Naval personnel are best adapted for this work and it is believed that the necessary personnel are available.

3. Will you please inform this HQ of the authorities responsible for provision of these personnel, and with whom negotiations should be made.

J M Stagg Lt-Gl

Maj Gen.
for Deputy Chief Adm Offr.

ADC.

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Military Mission to
Italian Army
SM/9
18 Jan 44

Subject:- Formation of Italian Tn Units

O.C. No 1 Docktn Gp
copy to D Tn FLAMBO

1. I saw Brig GAGE and Col PARKES in Naples on 16 Jan. So far as they are concerned the picture is confused by opposing opinions from me and from you as to the practicability of raising specialist Tn Units from the Italian Navy.

2. What is wanted, now at once, is an agreed opinion signed by both you and Major PHILLIPS.

3. So far as I am concerned I deal entirely with the Italian Army. You are not going to get these specialists from the Italian Army because they do not exist in it. I am trying to help the preliminary stage of getting them from the Italian Navy, after which the matter would go through the Allied Control Commission to raise these units for D.Tn FLAMBO under the Naval section of the Allied Control Commission. An essential preliminary to this action is a recommendation report from you and PHILLIPS signed by you both and I am speaking for D.Tn FLAMBO in writing this letter.

Brig
Comd

CSH

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U. S. NAVAL LIAISON, ITALY
Commodore H. W. ZIROLI, U. S. Navy
Navy House, Taranto

January 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCES HELD ON JANUARY 11, 1944

Subject: Italian Port Units.

Lieutenant Colonel TRIFFITT, C.C.I. Docks Group, R.E. (Brindisi) and Major R. M. PHILIPS, R.E., (Leece) called with a letter from Brigadier DUCHESNE, of the Military Mission to the Italian Army, requesting the formation of 8 companies (2,000 men) by the Italians to take over operations of the Heel Ports when they are evacuated by the British.

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or a total of 2,000 men

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(a) The composition of each kind of company.
(b) The strength required in each port.
(c) A list of equipment to be left behind by the British (tugs, cranes, etc.) in each port.
(d) Notice, (as much in advance as possible) as to <u>when</u> the men would be required in each port.

It was pointed out that the question of housing the men, raised by Admiral FIORAVANZO, is not serious, as the quarters occupied by the British companies will be turned over, as evacuated, to the Italians.

Copy to: POTAT
Admiral BARONE
Colonel TRIPPITT
Major PHILLIPS

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Ref:- 20.1/111.

SUBJECT:- Formation of Italian Dr. Units.

MILITARY MISSION.

Date_____

to
ITALIAN ARMY.

TO:- Military Mission to the Italian Army.
LECCE.

PLAMDO have now informed me that a new priority list of Italian Admin. Units has been brought out, and apparently the following units will be forming during the month of February:-

Serial 21 - 1 I.W.T.(Port) Operating Coy. Strength 250. (De Calabria).
" 37 - 2 Docks Opte. Coys. Strength 600.
" 42 - 3 " " " Strength 900.

The following units will be formed in the month of March:-

Serial 63 - 2 Port Maintenance Coys. Strength 500) These will be
" 64 - 2 P.S. & R. Coys. " 500) formed from
" 85 - 1 I.W.T.(Port) Optg. Coy. " 250) Naval personnel.
" 86 - 1 " " " " 250)

The following units will be formed after March, 1944:-

Serial 89 - 1 I.W.T.(Port) Operating Coy.
" 90 - 1 Docks Operating Coy.
" 104 - 3 Docks Operating Coys.

G (Staff Duties), PLAMDO, stated at conference on 11th Jan.44 that the necessary tradesmen are available. In view of the information obtained at Taranto on 11th Jan.44 it would appear that the only tradesmen likely to be obtained are those for Port Maintenance and I.W.T. Companies, and that these tradesmen will be impressed civilians from the Naples Area. Personnel for Docks Operating Companies are likely to be drawn from the personnel at present employed as dock labour, and cannot be described as tradesmen.

Will you please let me know whether this is a true interpretation of the position, and whether the formation of the various units may be expected on or about the dates above quoted.

L. Dupuis
Lt-Col. R.E.
Commanding No.1 Docks Group, R.E.

PLMDO.

14 Jan.44.

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Ref No:- CA/Italy/Italian Navy

Military Liaison to
Italian Navy
CA/2
12 Jun 44.

HQ 15 Army Gp (Rear HQ A Gp)
Copy to Allied Control Commission ref para 3
15 Army Group (SD) for information

15A.GP
Ref [illegible] 1005/Sq/SD 1 dated 20 Dec 43.

1. After investigation, certain facts have emerged regarding the possibility of raising the 24 Units enumerated in Appendix A to the above-mentioned letter.

[illegible]

2. Before the Armistice the Italian Navy was either directly or indirectly responsible for the construction, maintenance and operation of ports. The Italian Army has not, therefore, the personnel nor the contacts required for raising skilled Port units.

3. A conference was held in [illegible] on 11 Jan between representatives of this Mission and the Navy Dept of the Allied Control Commission and Admiral [illegible], Vice Minister of the Italian Merchant Navy, at which Admiral [illegible] stated that he did not anticipate any difficulty in raising the personnel for the following units:-

L.C.T. Port Operating Coys	Four
Port Maintenance Coys	Two
Port Naval and Repair Coys	Two

Commodore [illegible] R.N.V.R. of the Navy Dept of the Allied Control Commission considered that the request for the formation of these units should be submitted to the Headquarters of the Italian Navy.

4. Personnel for the Light Docks Operating Coys can be found from the Italian Army personnel at present working on the Docks, though it must be realised that in the first instance they will be interviewed for Stevedore work. It is suggested therefore that it would be more suitable for these units to be called Docks Labour Coys.

5. No remarks can be proferred on the formation of the two Port Bns until further information is received regarding their composition and proposed employment. This information was requested in my CD 4/7 dated 3 Jan 44 to D.M.S. [illegible]. But the same principles should apply.

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6. The possibility of forming additional Fly Maint Coys is being investigated. It is understood however that the demand for Light Coys is being reduced to six and one Fly Maint Coy is being added.

7. IN CONCLUSION the following suggestions are put forward for your consideration:-

(a) That the above-mentioned units be struck off the list of units to be raised by the Italian Army and made a commitment of the Italian Navy

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(c) That the decision as to whether the two Port Bns should be raised by the [illegible]

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5. No remarks can be passed on the formation of the two Port Svn until further information is received regarding their composition and proposed employment. This information was requested in my HQ 4/7 dated 3 Jan 44 to ~~[illegible]~~. but the same principles should apply.

6. The possibility of forming additional Fly Const Coys is being investigated. It is understood however that the demand for Light Coys is being reduced to six and one Fly Const Sn Hy added.

7. IN CONCLUSION the following suggestions are put forward for your consideration:-

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L.S.D. Port Operating Coys	Four
Port Maintenance Coys	Two
Port Const and Repair Coys	Two

(b) That Light Docks Labour Coys be substituted for Light Docks Op Coys

(c) That the decision as to whether the two Port Svn should be raised by the Italian Army or Navy be held over until further information regarding their composition and proposed employment is provided.

(d) That, subject to confirmation by A.F.H.Q., one Fly Const Sn Hy and Six Fly Const Coys be substituted for Eight Fly Const Coys.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
-Ufficio Trasporti-

Nr. 54/T/S di prot.- P.M.151, li 7 gennaio 1944.-

Oggetto : 9^ Sezione ferrovieri esercizio linee.-

A. F. H. Q. - ADV. ADM. ECHELON — N A P O L I

e, per conoscenza :

AL SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO PER LE FERROVIE - MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE E TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE (Rif. foglio n.465/O.1/2.9 Seg. del 2 corr.) — B R I N D I S I

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA DI COLLEGAMENTO - presso il 2° District - — B A R I

ALLA MISCIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PRESSO L'ESERCITO ITALIANO - — L E Q U I L E

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A seguito delle comunicazioni verbali effettuate in data 11 dicembre a.s. al Signor Gen. Gray dal Capo della Delegazione Trasporti 607 - Colonnello Pagani - e a seguito delle notizie già fornite da questo Ufficio Trasporti in data 12 dicembre a.s., a mezzo telefono, al Capo della Missione Italiana di Collegamento presso il 2° District - Bari -, Colonnello Vallone, si inviano ulteriori precisazioni, oggi pervenute dal Comando Militare della Sardegna, nei riguardi della costituzione della 9^ Sezione Ferrovieri Esercizio linee.-

a) - Forza del reparto :

- ufficiali n. 3 (1 comandante e ispettore al movimento trazione;
1 sottoispettore al movimento;
1 sottoispettore alla trazione).

- sottuff. n. 24 1 maresc.capo deposito locomotive;
1 serg.magg. macchinista;
1 " " capo deposito personale viaggiante;
2 sergenti magg.alunni d'ordine;
5 sergenti macchinisti;

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9 sergenti capi stazione;
2 sergenti alunni d'ordine;
3 sergenti capi treno.-

- militari truppa :
n. 219

15 sottocapi di stazione;
7 alunni d'ordine;
12 capi treno;
2 capi squadra di manovra;
55 manovratori;
42 deviatori;
18 frenatori;
9 macchinisti;
23 fuochisti;
6 accudienti locomotive;
30 militari servizi vari.-

b) - Non vi sono specializzati in riparazione locomotive, scambi, ecc.;

c) - La Sezione trovasi dislocata a Iglesias;

d) - Generalità complete del Comandante della Sezione :
S.Tenente cpl. MINESTRINI Orlando fu Ferdinando e di Terzaglia Libori, nato il 20 Marzo 1907 a Spoleto.-
Anzianità di grado : 1.10.939
Professione : Capo Stazione FF.SS.
Residente a Postumia Grotte (Distretto Gorizia);

e) - La Sezione non ha in dotazione materiali tecnici.- Non è dotata di mezzi di trasporto.- Dispone solo dei necessari materiali ed oggetti di cucina e di uso generale.-

Qualora codesto Comando decidesse la utilizzazione di un contingente della 9^ Sezione Ferrovieri Esercizio Linee, occorrerebbe predisporne il trasporto dalla Sardegna a Napoli ove detto

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reparto :

- passerebbe alle dipendenze del 2° Raggruppamento Ferrovieri (Col. Dutto) per la parte amministrativa e disciplinare;
- resterebbe, invece, a disposizione degli Alleati per ciò che concerne l'impiego.-

Si resta in attesa delle decisioni di codesto Comando.-

IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE
Sottocapo di Stato Maggiore
- A. Mariotti -

P. C. C.

IL COLONNELLO S.M.
Capo Ufficio Trasporti
- G. Pulizzi -

S.M.R.E. - Direzione Superiore Trasporti

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SECRET

Subject:- Formation of Italian Units

Military Mission to
Italian Army
SD/9
8 Jan 44

Allied Control Commission (Navy Dept) TARANTO

1. Allied Force Headquarters have laid down a draft programme of units required to be formed by the Italian Army.

This programme includes the following units:-

L.S.T. Port Operating Coys	~~two~~ Four
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2. It is understood that before the Armistice the Italian Navy was either directly or indirectly responsible for the construction, maintenance and operation of Ports and it would appear, therefore, that the provision of these units should be undertaken by the Italian Navy instead of the Italian Army.

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Subject:- Mov & Tn Italian Units

Military Mission to
Italian Army
(SD/4/7)
3 Jan 44

DD & Tn FLAMBO

Ref your Tn A 1/100 dated 28.12.43.

1. The latest demand for the formation of Italian Units has been forwarded to this Mission under cover of 1605/50/GSD1 dated 26 Dec 43 from 15 Army Group.

This demand includes the following Mov & Tn Units:-

Eight	Rly Const Coys
Two	Port Maint Coys
Two	Port Const and Repair Coys
Four	I.W.T. Port Coys
Eight	Docks Op Coys
Two	Port Bns

2. I anticipate from your letter that the Eight Rly Const Coys will be reduced to six and one Rly Const En HQ added.
Instructions will be issued for them to be formed on the W.E. which you have kindly sent me.

3. The W.E. on which you require the remainder of the units to be formed is given in your Tn A 1/100 dated 21 Dec 43 with the exception of the two Port Bns. May I be informed on which W.E. these two latter formations should be formed.

4. I will be grateful if you will send me an additional copy of each of the W.Es. enclosed in your letter of above ref together with two copies of the W.E. of a Port Bn.

5. With regard to the equipping of these units, will you kindly let me have copies of their G1098s. At the moment I cannot say what technical or household equipment is available but our whole programme entails raising 200 units and there is very little in the Italian cupboard. I foresee most of it being supplied by the Allies. At the moment we are entirely held up waiting for boots and clothing. Your GSD can give you full details of this.

6. I look forward to seeing you when you visit Brindisi.

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Transportation (British).

Adv. Adm. Ech. Allied Force Headquarters.

Tn.A.1/100.

28.12.43.

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If you are coming to Naples at any time in the near future I shall be very glad if you can spare me a little time to discuss this.

One of us will probably be visiting Brindisi on tour fairly soon and will make a point of letting you know the date so that a meeting can be arranged with you or with an appropriate member of your staff.

Triffitt who commands No. 1 Docks Group is at

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Brindisi and can give any information required on details. I will also see that he is kept informed as far as possible about policy.

With regard to the Italian Railway Construction Battalions, the situation is that A.F.H.Q. General Order No. 60 placed the whole of the Italian Military Railway Organisation at the disposal of General Gray, the Director General of Military Railways. He arranged with General Di Raimondo to have as many units as possible formed and the following units have now been formed :-

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No.1.Railway Const Bn, H.Q.	
No.2 Railway Const Coy.	Vasto.
No.7 Railway Const Coy.	Vasto.
No.20 Railway Const Coy.	Foggia
No. 13 Railway Const Bn, H.Q.	Caserta.
No. 8 Railway Const Coy.	Apice and Amorisi – Telese Cerreo
No.21 Railway Const Coy.	Teano.
No.31 Railway Const Coy.	Sparanise.

No. 3 Railway Const Battalion H.Q. is now at Benevento and I understand that it is proposed to form 3 more Coys there. This leaves a 4th Battalion to be formed at some future date.

I enclose copies of the Italian War Establishments on which these Railway Const Coys are being formed.

The formation of the Railway Construction Units appears to be proceeding satisfactorily and the D.G.M.R. is keeping his eye on these units so I do not think any action is required by us. I understand from Col. Dutto that he has been able to recover a good deal of the M.T. and equipment for the units now forming. I have not got all details as I have not been concerned with these units, but if you wish any more information I can obtain it from D.G.M.R.

Yours sincerely

R L Parkes

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Yours sincerely

F.L. Parker 47U

(DDTn)

Brigadier Duchesne,
Allied Military Mission.

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Transportation (British).

Adv. Adm. Hch. Allied Force Headquarters.

Tn.A1/100.

28.12.43.

SUBJECT — Employment of Italian Units.

TO G(SD)
FLAMBO.

Reference Freedom Signal FHGCT No 16787 of 24th Dec, and further to my Tn.A.1/100 dated 21st Dec.

The Docks Operating Companies (Italian) can be formed on the establishment NA 2071 as this is virtually the same as the British Establishment less the railway trades which are not required, but where British personnel are shown on NA 2071 Italian personnel will be required and it will also be necessary to make suitable adjustments in the weapon scale.

A copy of this W.E. is enclosed.

The other special War Establishment mentioned in the Signal quoted above, 2061, Italian Port Maintenance Sec, is not suitable as it does not allow for any Company H.Q. and a further special establishment would be required to provide these.

With the exception of the Docks Operating Coys therefore all Docks and I.W.T. Units should be formed on the British W.E's as given in my letter of the 21st Decr.

Brig.
Director of Transportation...

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..ansportation (British).

Adv.Adm.Hqr. Allied Force Headquarters. Tn.A.1/100

21.Dec.1943.

Subject:- Employment of Italian Units.

G (SD).

Reference 2553/G(SD) of 20 Dec.43, Appendix 'C' and conversation (Parkes - Ingledew).

1. Railway Construction Units.

The original demand was for 12 Railway Construction Coys. These were shown in Appendix 'A' and 'B' of your 2553/G(SD) dated 7 Dec. as follows:-

"Now being employed in No.2 District:- 4 Rly Constn. Coys.
To be formed:-
Priority 23 - 4 Rly Constn. Coys.
Priority 62 - 4 Rly Constn. Coys.

D.G.M.R. acting under the authority of General Order No.60 of 27 October 43 has been in touch with Gen. di Raimondi and subsequently Gen. Pulizzi and has arranged for the reforming of all existing Italian Military Railway Units. The present situation is given below:-

Units already formed.
One Regtl. Group H.Q.
No.1 Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q. with under command:-
No.2 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.7 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.20 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.13 Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q. with under command:-
No.8 Railway Constn. Coy.
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No.31 Railway Constn. Coy.

No.3 Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q. is now forming so that all remains to be found are the 3 Coys of this Bn. and a fourth Bn. of 3 Coys.

May Appendix 'B' of your 2553/G(SD) dated 20 Dec. be amended therefore to read:-

Priority.	Unit.	Being formed for.	Strength.	
23	Three Rly Constn.Coys.	D.G.M.R.S.	18	753.

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(Parkes - Inglesew).

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No.1 Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q. with under command:-
No.2 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.7 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.20 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.13 Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q. with under command:-
No.8 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.21 Railway Constn. Coy.
No.31 Railway Constn. Coy.

No.3 Railway Constn. Bn. H.Q. is now forming so that all remains to be found are the 3 Coys of this Bn. and a fourth Bn. of 3 Coys.

May Appendix 'B' of your 2553/3(SD) dated 20 Dec. be amended therefore to read:-

Priority.	Unit.	Being formed for.	Strength.	
23	Three Rly Constn.Coys.	D.G.M.R.S.	18	753.
62	One Rly Con. Bn. H.Q.	D.G.M.R.S.	4	18.
62A	Three Rly Con. Coys.	D.G.M.R.S.	18	753.

The War Establishments (Italian) on which these units are being formed are attached to this letter. there are no equipment tables but a considerable amount of equipment is being obtained from Italian sources.

The formation of these units is being closely followed by D.G.M.R. in liaison with Col. Dutto, Commanding the Regtl. Group H.Q.

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Docks.Units.

As there do not appear to be any existing equivalent Italian Units; it is recommended that the following units be formed on British War Establishments.

Priority.	Unit.	British W.E.	Total Strength.
7	One I.T (Port)Optg Coy.	IV/1931/22B/1	4 + 208
20	Two Docks Optg. Coys.	IV/22B/3 +	14 + 784
63	Two Port Mtnce Coys.	IV/22 M/2	18 + 950
64	Two Port Con.& Repair Coys.	IV/21B/2	18 + 972
65	Three I.T(Port) Optg. Coys.	IV/1931/22P/1	12 + 648
66	Three Docks Optg. Coys.	IV/22B/3 +	21 + 1176
85	Three Docks Optg. Coys.	IV/22B/3 +	21 + 1176

+ Omitting the following tradesmen:-

Brakesmen and Shunters.	-	7.
Railway Engine Drivers.	-	3.
Firemen Loco.	-	3.

Each Unit of Serials 20, 63, 66 and 85 should have One Fire Fighting Section attached, W.E. IV/91/1. Strength 7 O.R's. Total 70.

The total strength of the above Docks Units on the British W.E. exceeds by about 20 Officers and 780 O.R's the numbers given in Appendix 'C' but it is anticipated that a number of tradesmen will not be available and a deficiency of 45 men per Unit will cancel out the nominal excess.

3. When sending out letters on this subject, will you please include D.W.T. in your distribution list.

Brig.,
Director of Transportation.

Copy to:- D.G.M.R.
D.D.Tn., No.2 District.

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