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Supply Labor Unit Personnel - 1st Cover

May - Sept 1945

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

TO 201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO
MILAN FOR MMIA LO
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO

INFO AFHQ
DISTWO
XIII CORPS

REF: A 1336

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INTERNAL: G(SD) (2)

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~~ADL~~ (57)

Subject:- Demobilisation of Italian Army Personnel
and Reinforcement of Italian Pioneer Companies.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(MMIA)
Rear HQ 13 Corps

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(MMIA)
ROME

MM/118
6 Sep 45

Attached is a copy of a
letter received from ADL 13 Corps for your
information and necessary action.

ADL MB

229 Div have been informed
of the contents and requested to comply with the
request.

S. Maurice Day

Major,
MMIA LO, Rear HQ 13 Corps,

4636

C O P Y

Subject:- Demobilisation of Italian Army Personnel
and Reinforcement of Italian Pioneer Companies

RESTRICTED

Rear HQ 13 Corps

Tel:- Trieste Auto
29370

Ref:- LA/32

Date:- 4 Sep 45

To:- M.M.I.A. (10)
Rear HQ 13 Corps
c/o HQ 55 Area.

Reference Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA), ROME,
letter A 017 dated 27 Aug 1945

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(F. OWEN WADE) Ident. Col.
Assistant Director of Labour.

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DECLASSIFIED

(21)

SUBJECT: Italian Prisoners.

LIED FORGERY UNIT, A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) H.O.M.E.
Tel: 493081 Ext: 533.
A 110/9
4 2nd 68

TO: M.M.I.A. HQ 9/9 34 AMM.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter ref A/S/915, dated 1 Sept 68, from G O No 6 (Pr) Field Hosp.
2. Please pass this information on to 227 Div. Eastern Vet.


Major General
M.M.L.A.

Encl: G O A/S letter

4634

Subject :- Italian Personnel - Clothing & Necessaries.

To :- M.M.I.A.,
C.M.P.

Ref :-
A/8/915.

1. W.e.f. 1 September 1945, the undermentioned personnel cease to be attached this unit, and proceeded to 2727 Italian Pnr. Coy., 91 Garrison, 52 Area, for reversion to Italian Army.

NA/T 193368 R.	Sold.	GRECO, L.
NA/T 78304 R.	Sold.	FACCHETTI, R.
NA/T 183521 R.	Cpl.	VISCOTI, P.

2. Items of clothing and necessities, as detailed below, are in their possession.

Anklets	pr	Flouzes, B.D.	4:
Boots, ankle	pr	Caps, P.S.	4:
Greatcoats		Shorts, K.D.	4:
Trousers, R.D.		Blankets	8:
Bags, sea kit		Braces	4:
Brushes, hair		Brushes, shaving	4:
Brushes, shoe polishing		Brushes, tooth	4:
Copha, hair		Drawers, cellular, short	8:
Forks		Hosetops, drab	4:
Knives, table		Razors, safety	4:
Shirts, Angola, drab		Shirts, K.D.	8:
Socks, worsted	pr	Spoons	4:
Trousers, K.D.		Towels, hand	8:
Vests, P.T. kit			

3. NA/T 40257 R. Sold. AMEROSI, A. proceeded to 2727 Italian Pnr. Coy. on 27 August 45, for reversion to Italian Army pending release. Items of clothing and necessities held by him are included in items shown in para 2 above.

4. No Italian personnel are now held on the attached strength of this unit.

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With W. E. E.

NA/T 16304 R. Sold, FALCETTI, R.
NA/T 163521 R. Cagle. VISCONTI, P.

he letter
4 Sept

2. Items of clothing and necessities, as detailed below, are in their possession.

Anklets	prs	4:	Blouses, R.D.	4:
Boots, ankle	prs	3:	Caps, F.S.	4:
Groceries		4:	Shorts, K.D.	4:
Trousers, R.D.		4:	Blankets	3:
Bags, sea kit		4:	Braces	4:
Brushes, hair		2:	Brushes, shaving	4:
Brushes, shoe polishing		3:	Brushes, tooth	4:
Cups, hair		4:	Drawers, cellular, short	3:
Forks		4:	Hosetops, drab	4:
Knives, table		4:	Razors, safety	4:
Shirts, Angola, drab		3:	Shirts, K.D.	3:
Socks, worsted		10:	Spoons	4:
Trousers, K.D.	prs	3:	Towels, hand	3:
Vests, P.T. kit				

3. NA/T 40237 R. Sold, AMBROSI, A. proceeded to 2727 Italian Par. Coy. on 27 August 45, for reversion to Italian Army pending release. Items of clothing and necessities held by him are included in items shown in para 2 above.

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C.M.F.,
1 Sep 45.

John W. Egan

Major, R.A.M.O.,
Officer Commanding,
No. 6 (Br) Field Hospital.

ORIGINAL SIGNAL

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE
14TIME OF ORIGIN
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TO : 95 AREA

INFO : MESSAGE FOR AREA LO HONOLULU

REF : A 1236 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR AREA LO 13 0000 (.)
 AGAIN WITH 10/209 OF 15 AND (.) INFORMATION COULD ALSO BE FORWARDED TO
 NEW HAVEN UNITS (.) REPORT FURNISHED AND ANY MATERIAL SUPPLEMENT WHICH
 CANNOT BE FURNISHED

RECEIVED: 11/10/9APPROVED: 11/10/9

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FILE : A 110/9

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

Register No. 18
Transmission Instructions N 134/H

Call No. 485 Priority 2

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A)

TO 13 COYS

Date-Time of Origin. 101645 B

Office Date Stamp

MM 13
1945
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For Action

101645 B

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(V) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

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if so inform all concerned and tell 4810
report progress and completion

14 Aug

Sign sent 14 Aug

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 if so inform all concerned and tell 78111
 report progress and completion

WJ

14 Aug.

Spent rest 14 Aug

Copy to
 K. Root
 C. Root

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except } WIRELESS.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be so ENCRYPTED

Signature: *R. D. [unclear]*
 Degree of Priority: *ROUTINE*

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FROM MMIA LO DISTONE 141138

TO EASTGORE

INFO (1) MMIA BOMB (2) DISTONE (3) MMIA LO FLORENCE COMB (4) 289 DIV
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M M I A L.O. 1 DISTRICT
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RESTRICTED. REFERENCE YOUR EU/271 STATING

L A B D R A F T OF 86 DESPATCHED A F R A G O L A

12 MAR. NO MORE L A B RFTS NOW REQUIRED

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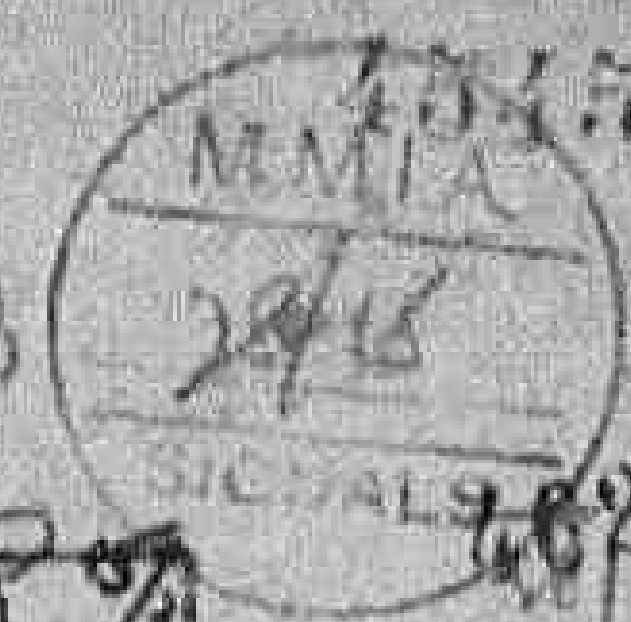
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MEMO L.C.

c/o British Inurement,
Rear HQ Fifth Army

510/2/A

26 MAY 45

1. I am informed by A.D.L. Brit Inc that on 20 May the number of absentees from Italian Pioneer Coys under control of 2 and 46 Groups PG was 1,166 (one thousand one hundred and sixty-six).
2. This entails a serious reduction in the labour output at a time when coys are required to work at high pressure to complete essential railway communications.
3. Furthermore, it is a state of affairs which will get worse as more and more Italian soldiers follow the example of those who have already gone absent.
4. It is, therefore, a matter of extreme urgency that 2,000 Italian Pioneer rfts be despatched at once to FORLI for 805 Transit Camp, BOLOGNA, in order that vital railway-construction work may not be further imperilled.
5. May I please be informed as to the earliest possible date on which we may expect these rfts.

Spoke Norton when
in Rome

AMEN/VINYL

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Capt.
MOTA L.O.,
Brit Inf Fifth Army

Phoebe Garrison

Subject:- Reinforcements - Pioneer Groups.

A 110/9
26/5

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
C/o British Increment,
Near H.Q. Fifth Army.
Phone: Lightning Near 163.
510/2/A.
24th. May, 1945.

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Attached is a copy of a letter received by ADL Br.
Incr. from one of his Group Commanders. The state of affairs
described in it is typical of all Italian Units in 231 Div.

May something be done as soon as possible to remedy
this state of affairs - either by the temporary suspension of
discharges or preferably by the speeding up of rfts to replace
discharged personnel and absentees.

a.m. newton

Capt.
MMIA IO,
British Increment,
Fifth Army.

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C O P YSubject:- Italian Pioneer Labour.2PC/100To:- A.D.L. (Br),
Near H.Q., 5th Army.

1. Can the most urgent representations please be made for an immediate intake of reinforcements to replace the growing deficiencies in Coys due to Discharge, Absenteeism, etc.
2. Every possible measure has been taken by myself, Coy Liaison Officers and Italian Commanders but it has not been possible to prevent mass absenteeism.
3. The mental attitude of the Italian Pioneers is that they must satisfy themselves immediately that their homes are intact and their families safe, or where this is not so, to take adequate protective measures.
4. These men have been away for long periods without any news from their homes which have been under German and Fascist Control, and their anxiety transcends any sense of duty to complete an Allied Railway or to adhere to normal military discipline and await their turn to go and deal with their private matters.
5. The highest degree of welfare and the enforcement of strict disciplinary action in no way alleviates their anxiety or deters them from satisfying themselves in the only way they consider essential.
6. With regard to discharges, the Italian Military Authorities have already released large numbers of such men but a considerable slowing up of this process has been enforced with the co-operation of the Commander of 402 Italian Pnr Regt.
7. Further premature departures of men due for discharge and further absenteeism of men with military service to complete, must however be anticipated.
8. Up to the present time, decreases in Italian Pioneer labour have been met by increased employment of Civil labour and the Employing Services have all the labour demanded.
9. Reinforcements for Italian Pioneer Coys are however a most urgent necessity.

Field.
17 May 45.
JDC/TH.(Sgd) J.D. GEORGE, Lieut. Col.
Commanding No 2 Group Pioneer Corps.

SUBJECT: Pioneer Labour.

CONFIDENTIAL

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
TEL: 432081 Ext 533

A 110/9

24 May 45

(8)

TO : A.P.H.A. (4 copies)

1. Reference your MVT 3/341/11 of 15 May. I entirely agree with the views of No. 2 Group Commander and started working on this basis as soon as the Liberation of North Italy was envisaged.

2. Action has already been taken, through the Italian Army newspaper and by orders to be read on parade, to inform Italian soldiers that 10% leave is being approved. Similarly, information on demobilization, postal and radio enquiry schemes and other inducements to discipline has been circulated.

3. Reinforcements for the units concerned are provided by SOF BRD ORVINTO against 231 Division's fortnightly deficiency return on the basis of the difference between the unit's posted strength and H.N. plus 10%. Except for certain specialists there are adequate reinforcements in SOF BRD to meet these normal requests.

4. Deficiencies caused by absence without leave cannot technically be made up until 30 days have passed and the absentees have been struck off the posted strength. If absenteeism is high that it is not operationally possible to wait this length of time, it is suggested that the Director of Labour might represent the case to G.I.(Br) so that reinforcements could be posted from SOF BRD surplus to V.N. In view, however, of the need of these reinforcements to replace demobilizable personnel, it is recommended that they are not posted to replace absentees until the 30 day period has passed.

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2. Action has already been taken, through the Italian Army newspaper and by orders to be read on parade, to inform Italian soldiers that 15% leave is being approved. Similarly, information on demobilization, postal and radio enquiry schemes and other inducements to discipline has been circulated.

3. Reinforcements for the units concerned are provided by 802 HQD ORVINTO against 231 Division's fortnightly deficiency return on the basis of the difference between the unit's posted strength and R.F. plus 15%. Except for certain specialists there are adequate reinforcements in 802 HQD to meet these normal requests.

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W.P. duty

Major General
M.H.I.A.

Subject: Pioneer Labour.

Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 Mov & Tn
Tel: Freedom 320

Mov 3/361/11

15 May 45

To : HQIA.

Copy to: G-3(Orig)
Tn(B)
HQS.

mov.
17/5

1. The enclosed copies of correspondence reveal a serious state of affairs which is likely to prejudice the completion of priority railway works.
2. Will you please take immediate action to notify the units concerned that they may expect to receive leave on a 15% basis from the 1st June and thus put a stop to or at least reduce the wholesale desertions now occurring.
3. Please also state to what extent reinforcements can be supplied to make up the deficiencies which have already been caused.

[Signature]
P.L. JAGGER, Lt Col.
for Brigadier,
DQMG(Mov & Tn)

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URGENT

REFY/

Subject: Pioneer Labour

Transportation (Br) Main,
C.M.E.
Tel: Firebox - 14
Outside line 843062
Ref: TN.A.1/195
12 May 1945

To : G.H. (Mov & Tn)
A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: D.D.Tn.,
A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference attached copies of correspondence.
C.O., 2 Gr. Pnn. Corps letter ZFC/14/A/209 dated 6 May.
C.O., Rly. Constr. Eng., S.A.E.C. letter RCE.480/9 dated 7 May.
This Office Signal 169Tn.1 dated 12 May.
2. Will you please take up the question of reinforcements for Pnn. Units very strongly.

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

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COPY

ZFC/14/N/209

Subject: ITALIAN PIONEER LABOUR

CONFIDENTIAL

To : A.D.L. (Br)
Rear H.Q. 5th ARMY.

Reference this H.Q. letter ZFC/14/N/208 dated 4 May 45.

1. The number of absentees now amounts to approximately 460, and daily increases are to be expected.
2. In addition, discharges of Military Glasses up to 1914 (1st Quarter) are now being effected on orders of Italian Military Authorities.
3. It is felt that if the Italian Pioneers can be told that everyone with homes in the newly liberated territory will be given leave to visit their families within the next month absenteeism will drop considerably.
4. The majority of Italian Pioneers desire ardently to visit their homes from which they have received no news for years, and it is considered that the majority will return to their Coys after they have assured themselves that all is well.
5. I have proposed to H.Q. R.E. SABC that they agree to my giving 14 days leave at once to 50% of the personnel involved and on their return to the remaining 50%. This would enable all such leave to be completed within 4 weeks.
6. Military Labour would be substantially reduced over this period but I am prepared to replace with Civil Labour.
7. R.C.E. is unable at the moment to meet my request and is putting the position to A.E.H.Q. (Fn). Their objection to increased use of Civil Labour is the difficulty of finding sufficient transport for conveyance.
8. I feel most strongly that a bold policy must be adopted and that it is far better to give these men official leave immediately than to do little or do nothing. In the latter case the men consider we are out of touch with reality and will go without authority. In either case Military Labour will be seriously affected.
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Pield
6 May 45

(Sgd) -----? Lieut. Col.
COMMANDING NO. 2 GROUP PIONEER CORPS.

S. Pield

COPY

Subject: ITALIAN PIONEER LABOUR

Ref. RCE.486/9

Headquarters,
Railway Construction Engrs.,
S.A.E.C. U.D.F. C.M.F.
7 May 1945

Director,
Military Railway Service,
C.M.F.

CO.
No. 2 Group Pioneer Service - for information
C.M.F.

1. Within the last week there has been a marked drop in the working strength of I.P. Coys due to absentees. The depletion to date is in excess of 350 of which 200 figure in the returns from the South Appennine job.
2. Discussion with C.O. No. 2 Group Corps has indicated that further decreases must be expected in the absence of any system of controlled leave or road checks.
3. Every effort to build up the labour forces with civilians is being maintained and all available M.T. is being used in this direction. It is doubtful whether the civilian figure will be raised sufficiently to balance the 50% leave scheme put forward by C.O. 2 Pioneer Group (copy of minute ZFC/14/A/209 of 6 May refers) and the question of reinforcements becomes an urgent one.
4. Work being carried out by the Rly Constr units is already being affected by this absenteeism and it is not necessary to stress the reaction this has on British and U.S. troops.
5. It would be seen that the views expressed by C.O. 2 Group Pioneer Corps offer some hope of solution if reinforcements can be made available for an accepted leave policy to be stated and put into effect immediately. The existing schedule on completion time does not allow for any heavy drop in labour forces.

L.D. BROWN, Lt. Col.,
for Colonel.
C.O. RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS, SABC.

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MESSAGE FORM

Originator

THE MAIN ROME

Date Time of Origin

121600

For Action

REAR FIFTH ARMY RR INCREMENT

For Information

2 PNR GP
RCE SAEC

Originator's No: 169 TM.1 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF 2 GP PIR CORPS

LETTER ZBC/14/A/209 DATED 6 MAY SUBJECT ABSENCES FROM ITALIAN PIR UNITS (.)
STRONGLY ADVOCATE LEAVE SCHEME PUT IN HAND EARLIEST BUT CONSIDER LEAVE SHOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT START UNTIL REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED (.) LABOUR
SITUATION BECOMING SERIOUS OWING TO ABSENTEEISM (.) COMPLETION DATES RAILWAY
RECONSTRUCTION MAY BE DELAYED AS RESULT (.)

IMPORTANT

4620

COPY

ADL 94 SUB-AREA

A 110/9

Subject :- Rfts - Ital Par Coys

Ref :- P/3

Telo :- 2429

2 May 45

(2)

DEL 3 District

1. Attached is copy of letter received from CO Br Cadre, 185 Ital Par Coy, for your information, please.

2. On investigation, I find that all recent rfts to local Coys have had far too high a percentage of 'Category' men or men graded for 'light duties'. These men are all required for a good solid days' work; 'erecks' cannot be found suitable jobs.

3. It would appear that no strict supervision is given at AFRAGOLA to the types despatched as rfts to Pioneer Coys. We do not expect to have the finest A.1 fighting troops, but discretion should be used in only sending fit men - men physically capable of doing 8 hours humping or digging per day.

4. I have told Col MANTELLI, 407 Regt, to take it up with his Divisional General at once.

5. I have also arranged with the same Officer that should unfit men be received by the Coys, they are to be returned immediately. These 'erecks' cause unnecessary work and worry to the unfortunate Coys concerned; in addition, they eat into our small stocks of clothing and necessaries.

6. Would you please stress the point with MMIA.

[Handwritten signature]

*Passed to A. Brand
[Signature]*

Jab

Sgd: (A. Keith Morgan) Lt Col,
ADL.
94 Sub-Area.

4619

Q O P Y

Subject :- Reinforcements - Italian Personnel

Ref :- A(Br)1/19

APL

"E" Team (Labour)

94 Sub-Area

1. May attention please be directed to the most unsatisfactory type and kind of reinforcements now being drafted to the Unit.
2. Detailed reports as to kind, i.e. - Medical Category, were made in this office letter and Appendices A(Br)1/17 dated 25th Apr 45 and A(Br)1/18 dated 27th Apr 45.
3. I now have to report that six of the total number of reinforcements received by this Coy have deserted.
4. An examination of the figures show that of the eight reinforcements received on 24th Apr 45, 1 was sent to a depot for discharge on 28th Apr 45 as medically unfit and four deserted on the same date. One was admitted to hospital on 29th Apr 45 suffering from V.D. (a bad case). Two only remained at work. Three of the six received on 26th Apr 45 were transferred to 144 Ital Pnr Coy on the following day. Two deserted on 1st May 45. One only remains at work.
5. All personnel concerned are domiciled in Southern Italy. May it be requested please that reinforcements domiciled in Northern Italy be provided in the future, and of a class or classes not due for early discharge.

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