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PICENO FILE

(from 24/7/44 - 1/2/45

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SUBJECT: Cavalry Unit for Combat Group.

LAND FORCES SUB-COL. A.C.
(N.M.I.A.)

5/9/20/18

February 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. It is regretted that owing to the decision which has had to be taken regarding the PICEND Combat Group it is not possible to constitute a Cavalry Unit as originally intended.

2. There is, of course, no objection to men of the cavalry now being included among the reinforcements at RTC ICF, or to there being held in a single company or battalion and continuing to wear the Cavalry insignia. It would be necessary, however, for them to be available as reinforcements to meet deficiencies in any of the Infantry units of the Combat Groups.

7109 -

W.P.

Major General
N.M.I.A.

Circ
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PICEND FILE

Subject:- Moves of Piceno personnel to Cesano

851/12
S/sec 26/1/45 **31**

The following details are passed to you for information:-

29/1/45

FROM P.O. FOGGIA
TO (1) MOVWIT (2) MOV ROME (3) MMIA
INFO (4) ROO BARI (5) MOVEIT
QQY GR 23 BT
TO 199 CONFIDENTIAL. REF MOVEIT NOV 1/1510 OF 20 JAN. DEP CERVARO
1600/25 ON TRAIN 8254 37 BOX ITALIAN TROOPS 82 OFFRS 606 ORS CESANO.

Copies to G (2)
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~~S. D. [unclear]~~

[Handwritten Signature]
Capt. RE.
S/Capt. Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

FROM AFHQ SIG SACMED CITE FHGCT
TO ALCON INFO MEMIA
C/8343

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Reference your 3606/ODS of 31 Dec last.

1. Urgent operational requirements of Italian Army for rfts necessitate immediate return of 9000 troops PICENO Combat Gp at present on loan to you for CERR duties.
2. To facilitate move you will forward earliest this HQ statement of enrainine points, together with numbers of personnel and date of readiness.

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EK SD DISTR: A/C SD/28, S/Sec, AQ,
SD/50, Rev (2)

OP PRIORITY

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SEGRETO 29
29/18

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

Nota Mob. di prot. _____ P.M.3800, 5 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Militari salmeristi. -



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (EMIA) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = Uff.C.A. P.M.3800

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Seguito foglio 8638/Ord. in data 28.12.44.

A seguito accordi verbali intervenuti con codesta M.M.I.A. (magg. DOPPS) il giorno 4 corrente ed a variante del foglio sopracitato di questo S.M., si informa che i 2000 militari salmeristi richiesti da codesta M.M.I.A. saranno forniti come segue:

- a) - 1780 così ripartiti:
 - 200 u. dal 235° rgt.ftr. - Locorotondo;
 - 580 " dal 336° rgt.ftr. - Castello (S.Giorgio);
 - 550 " dal btg. autonomo del 130° rgt.ftr. - S.Gior-
gio del Sannio
 - 250." dal deposito addestramento epl. - Cesano;
 - 200 " dai reparti del gruppo combattimento "Manto-
va" - S. Giorgio del Sannio.-

Gli uomini di cui sopra sono in corso di raccolta nelle località indicate a fianco di ciascuna aliquota. - Come da accordi con codesta Missione, saranno avviati a destinazione a cura di codesta M.M.I.A.-

- b) - 220 uomini dal deposito addestramento complementari di Cesano che li terrà dai militari non specializzati man mano che affluiranno i complementi al deposito stesso.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Sisti)

Subfero. Mob. Guerra.
Foglio 8638/Ord. 28.12.44

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = CABINETTO = Uff. C.A.

F. M. 3800

Seguito foglio 9638/Ord. in data 25.12.44.-

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 - 200 u. dal 235° rgt. ftr. - Locorotondo;
 - 580 " dal 336° rgt. ftr. - Castello (S. Giorgio);
 - 550 " dal btg. autonomo del 120° rgt. ftr. - S. Giorgio del Sarnio
 - 250." dal deposito addestramento cpl. - Cesano;
 - 200 " dai reparti del gruppo combattimento "Mantova" - S. Giorgio del Sarnio.-

Gli uomini di cui sopra sono in corso di raccolta nelle località indicate a fianco di ciascuna aliquota. Come da accordi con codesta Missione, saranno evviati a destinazione a cura di codesta M.M.I.A.-

- b) - 220 uomini del deposito addestramento comp. di Cesano che li trarrà dai militari non specializzati man mano che affluiranno i complementi al deposito stesso.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Senti)

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Int. per Ministero.
Int. per 9638/Ord. 28.12.44

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28/14

PICENO GROUP

Disposal of Personnel.

To Carabinieri 2,500
 To Muleteers 1,248
 To R.T.C. I.C.F. 1,867
 152 & 162 Artillery Coys with
 MANTOVA. 955
 Medical Units disposed of 236
 TOTAL PICENO Group (less 20 AA Op) 6,206

- PART I
- PART II
- PART III
- PART IV
- PART V

PART I

1. I Bn (MIS) 235 Inf Regt.
2. II Bn (MIS) 235 Inf Regt.
3. 20 A.A.G. (as 20 A.A. Reggruppamento
 originally earmarked FICENO)
4. II Bn (MIS) 236 Inf Regt
5. III Bn (MIS) 336 Inf Regt
6. I Gruppo 152 Arty Regt

Carabinieri. *LUCATTONI*
 OFFRS. *Station.*
 20 400
 20 400
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 20 400
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 TOTAL 120 2,880
 TOTAL all ranks 3,000
 Less 20 A.A.G. 500
 2,500

MANTOVA FROM PIA
CAPISANO. PIA
MAPLES.
 CHIEFI.
 BASE FOR LAZIO
 MNE.
 BANI.

PART II Muleteers.

2,000 to be sent to CIVIETO from Combat Group sources.
 From MANTOVA area by rail From BENEVENTO area by road
 (ETA 16 Jan) (ETA 16 Jan)

200 From 235 Inf Regt 306 from 332 Inf Regt
 176 } from FASANO
 100 } from CISTERNINO
 118 } from TRANI
 592 Total 556 Total
 220 From CESANO (ETA 16 Jan)
 220 From MANTOVA (ETA 16 Jan)
 552 Total

ex FICENO 1248
 ex MANTOVA 200
 ex CESANO 532

	OFFICERS	ENLISTED	Station
1. I Bn (MIS) 235 Inf Regt.	20	480	MARITIME FRANCO CANTONARO.
2. II Bn (MIS) 235 Inf Regt.	20	480	NAPLES.
3. 20 A.A.G. (ex 20 A.A. Raggruppati originally earmarked PICEVO)	20	480	CHIEMI.
4. II Bn (MIS) 236 Inf Regt	20	480	ROME for IZZIO
5. III Bn (MIS) 336 Inf Regt	20	480	ROME.
6. I Gruppo 152 Arty Regt	20	480	BANI.
TOTAL	120	2,880	
TOTAL all ranks		3,000	
Less 20 A.A.G.		500	
		2,500	

PART II. MILITARY.

2,000 to be sent to ONIETO from Combat Group sources.

From TARANTO area by rail (ETA 16 Jan)	From BENEVENTO area by road (ETA 16 Jan)	From CESSANO (ETA 16 Jan)
200 from 235 Inf LOCOROTONDO Regt	332 from 332 Inf Regt	332
176) from PASAMO	350 from 120 Auton Bn	
109) from CISTERNINO	200 from Bantova	
118) Inf Regt TRANI		
592 Total	856 Total	552 Total
	ex PICEVO 1248	
	ex BANTOVA 200	
	ex CESSANO 552	
	2000	

PART III. To R.T.C. I.S.F.

	OFFICERS	Enl.	Station
H. G. CC. RA	24	250	MARTINFRANCA
235 Inf Regt and 67 Coy	74	308	LOCOROTONDO
336 Inf Regt	22	234	PIESANO
152 Arty Regt	60	400	CISTERNINO
	190	1272	
Total APUZIA			
1 Bn 336 Regt	10	40	BENEVENTO
IV Group 152 Arty Regt	15	300	HAIRANO Piedmont
33 Med Sect	4	26	CASORIA
	29	376	

1272
190
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376

Total All Ranks 1867

Continued Sheet 2.

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SUBJECT: Move of Suletear Reinforcements.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.P.I.A.)

6 CD/3/1
6 JAN 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: WIA LO 52 Area,
ATC ICF,
WIA LO 54 Area,
56 HQ

15 Army Gp,
One District,
WIA LO One District,
Italian Rft Depot ORVIETO.

200
500
300
200
1100

201
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1. Reference your 9638/ORD of 28 Dec it is confirmed that movement by rail during the period 8-15 Jan has been requested for the following personnel who are to be sent to ORVIETO as suletear reinforcements.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRESENT LOCATION</u>
200	235 Infantry Regiment	LOCOROTONDO ✓
580	336 Infantry Regiment	CASTELLO (S. GIORGIO del SANNIO)
<u>500</u> 350	120 Autonomous Bn	S. GIORGIO del SANNIO
200	WARTOVA Group	S. GIORGIO del SANNIO
250	Reinforcement Centre	S. GIORGIO del SANNIO CESANO
1,780	Total	

2. Please arrange for these men to be concentrated as shown, and ready to move during the period stated. Orders for the move will be issued by AFHQ through the local Allied HQ.

3. To complete the 2,000 required from Combat Group Services a further 220 men will be selected from personnel now assembling at RPO ICF CESANO. This group of 220 suletear reinforcements will be ready to move to ORVIETO by 25 Jan.

See SD2072 of 10 Jan amended by
SD2080 of 11 Jan.
2050 - 6

Sanita
Major General
M.P.I.A.
7103

INTERNAL:
5/G/29/18
SD/50

306 298 116 OR's

1 Bn 336 Regt (see general Order Limits) to Orvieto 120 W units

SEGRETO

Urgente

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

N° 9638/Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 28 dicembre 1944

FONOGRAMMA A MANO



LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = Uff. C.A.

P.M. 3800

Riferimento foglio S/SD/30, in data 15.12.44, di code-
L.F.S.C.A.C. (M.V.I.A.).

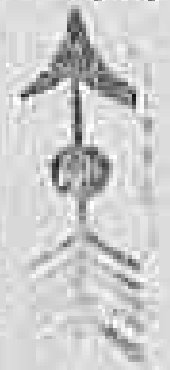
1. - Comando gruppo combattimento "PICENO" ha comunica-
to che i militari prescelti quali salmeristi saranno riuniti nel-
le località seguenti: ³⁰⁰

- Locorotondo:	300 u.	- tratti dal 235° rgt. ftr.
- Castello (S. Giorgio) 580 "	"	- tratti dal 336° rgt. ftr.
- S. Giorgio: 700 "	"	- tratti dal 152° btg. misto genio (sono in gran parte artigiani)
- Piedimonte Alife: 450 "	"	- di cui 200 tratti dal IV gr. so- mezz., dislocato in detta local- ità; 250 dai rimanenti gr. del 152° rgt. art. (saranno fatti af- fluire nella località su citata).
TOTALE	1.400 "	
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2. - Gli elementi tratti dal IV gruppo ~~com~~ omeggiato sono
quasi tutti specializzati in quanto già in precedenza erano sta-
ti tolti da detto gruppo i militari salmeristi. - Anche negli al-
tri reparti del gruppo di combattimento si è dovuto attingere a-
gli specializzati, data la necessità di raggiungere il numero di
1.400 salmeristi richiesto da codesta M.M.I.A. -

3. - Pregasi far conoscere se il comando gruppo combattimento "PICENO" può fare affluire senz'altro i militari salmeristi

SD 28/12
ROMA



LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = Uff. C.A.

P.M. 3800

28/12
ROMA

Riferimento foglio S/SD/30, in data 15.12.44, di code-
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1.400 salmeristi richiesto da codesta M.M.I.A.

3. - Pregasi far conoscere se il comando gruppo combatti-
mento "PICENO" può fare affluire senz'altro i militari salmeristi
nelle località su specificate.



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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Disposal of PICENO personnel trained
at Allied Establishment

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/18
18 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 56 BLU

1. A number of men of the PICENO Group who have done courses in Ammunition and C.F.P. duties are now attached to MANTOVA.
2. These men should remain with MANTOVA for the time being and be used to make up any deficiencies. The eventual surplus should be posted to the Reinforcement Training Centre as soon as it is re-established at CEGANO.

W.P. de la...
Major General
M. M. I. A.

7101

SUBJECT: Dissolving of PICERX Group.

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PICERX
file 75

1st Forces Sub-Cor. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

15 8/20/90
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Summary of Msg.

1. It is with regret that I have to inform you of AVQC's final decision NOT to use PICERX Group as the sixth of the Combat Force Groups. In future there will only be five Groups. The reason for the decision, which was fully co-ordinated with AAI, is two-fold. First, so that a higher proportion of reinforcements may be available for the first five groups and second so that an additional large number of volunteers may be immediately available to complete AAV's winter programme. This latter reason is of highest priority. By having to maintain five Groups instead of six it will be possible to help a larger number of reinforcements for a longer period of training and so ensure not only that the Groups are kept up to strength but also that quality and training are the very best possible.

2. It is being recommended therefore to AVQC that 2,000 personnel, exclusive of personnel specially trained in British weapons, be sent forward to CHURCH (or other destination to be selected by AIT) as soon as possible. Will you please select these personnel, which should include a proportion of officers and NCOs for forwarding into Pack Coys.

3. It is further being recommended that the balance of PICERX be moved by stages from present location to CHURCH. Those selected to form the permanent staff of the Combat Group Reinforcement Centre will of course be moved before the remainder. Those officers and NCOs of PICERX now on loan to C.C.P., still, it is hoped, move to CHURCH as reinforcements as soon after 15 February as is convenient.

4. A point still requiring decision is whether the command battalion about to be formed in the PICERX Group should be formed in place of a unit in HAWTHORNE Group. The present view of M.M.I.A. is that this would be unwise but your comments on this matter would be appreciated.

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Groups. In future there will only be five Groups. The reason for the decision, which was fully co-ordinated with A1, is two-fold. First, so that a higher proportion of reinforcements may be available for the first five groups and second so that an additional large number of volunteers may be immediately available to complete A1's winter program. This latter reason is of highest priority. By having to maintain five Groups instead of six it will be possible to hold a larger number of reinforcements for a longer period of training and so ensure not only that the Groups are kept up to strength but also that quality and training are the very best possible.

2. It is being recommended therefore to APHQ that 2,000 personnel, exclusive of personnel specially trained in British weapons, be sent forward to CANTON (or other destination to be selected by A1) as soon as possible. Will you please select these personnel, which should include a proportion of officers and NCOs for forming into Peck Coye.

3. It is further being recommended that the balance of PICKER be moved by stages from present location to CANTON. Those selected to form the permanent staff of the Combat Group Reinforcement Centre will of course be moved before the remainder. These officers and NCOs of PICKER now on loan to CANTON, will, it is hoped, move to CANTON as reinforcements as soon after 15 February as is convenient.

4. A point still requiring decision is whether the ~~company~~ battalion about to be formed in the PICKER Group should be ~~of 100~~ in place of a unit in MARIKVA Group. The present view of ~~the~~ is that this would be unwise but your comments on this matter would be appreciated.

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 Concur
 AG
 Spec Sec
 War Dir. (2)

Major General
 W. G. I. A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (Org-A) Section

2a, 2f
8/25/18
9/12

14 December 1944.

FILE NO: ASD/922.2

MEMO TO: CG, Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (AMIA).

SUBJECT: PICENO Combat Group.

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Reference is made to your S/G/29/18 of 21 November 1944.

1. A decision has now been made that the sixth Combat Group, PICENO, will not be formed.
2. The personnel of the PICENO, other than those on loan until Mid-February to Allied Commission to replace Carabinieri, will be utilized:
 - a. towards satisfying current demands for muleteers.
 - b. to provide reinforcements for the other Gruppis..

DMR/his

Copy to: AAI

Ju *W. H. ...* *OR*
 DANIEL NOCE,
 Major General, G.S.C.,
 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

→ This means both to become reinforcements and to supply or train reinforcements.

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WP
15 Dec.

G.S.O. I to see.

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16 Dec

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C-914

SECRET

FROM SAI SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT
 TO AAI, MMIA
 INFO RAAC

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FX 68518

SECRET

Dated 9 Dec, your SD 1806 (.) ONE (.) Sixth Combat Group
 FIGENO Div will NOT be formed (.) Personnel will be available for
 muleteers and combat rfts (.) TWO (.) For MMIA (.) Request you
 state earliest if 2000 requested in para 4 of AAI Cable are
 available now and also if remainder are suitable as combat
 rfts (.) THREE (.) For AAI (.) Your para 5 refers (.) Clothing
 and equipment muleteers now being examined in detail (.) Will
 notify you earliest.

IMMEDIATE

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MMIA DIST:
 S/Sec (2)
 G (2)
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see C. B. [unclear]
info copy 1098
action copy in on
SD/3 - F. F. 72

Immediate *OP*

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CP-PRIORITY

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

45/4

MSG Center No : *N 88/14*
Classification : *SEC*
Precedence : *OP*
From : *SAL*
To : *ACTION AAI, MVIA, INFO RAAC*

LAND FORCES S/C

Date | Time Rec'd : *17/804*
Date | Time Sent : *14/523*
Reference NR : *FX 68518*
Cite : *F146CT*

S/Sec
18/12
SD 1500

SECRET PD DATED NINE DECEMBER CMA YOUR SUGAR DOG ONE EIGHT

~~ZERO SIX PD X ONE SIXTH COMBAT GROUP RPT GROUP PICENO DIV WILL NOT~~

~~REPEAT NOT BE FORMED PD X (REF NO FOX XRAY SIX EIGHT FIVE ONE EIGHT)~~

~~SIGNED SAC RPT SAC ACTION TO ~~AAI, MVIA~~ AAI, MVIA INFO TO ~~RAAC~~~~

~~RAAC PD CITE FHGCT RPT FHGCT X PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR~~

~~MULETEERS RPT MULETEERS AND COMBAT REINFORCEMENTS X TWO X FOR MVIA~~

~~RPT MVIA X REQUEST YOU STATE EARLIEST IF TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO REQUESTED~~

~~IN PARA FOUR OF ~~AST RPT~~ AAI ~~SCA~~ ARE AVAILABLE NOW AND ALSO IF~~

~~REMAINDER ARE SUITABLE AS COMBAT REINFORCEMENTS X THREE K FOR AAI X~~

~~YOUR PARA FIVE RPT FIVE REFERS X CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT MULETEERS NOW~~

~~BEING EXAMINED ~~SC~~ DETAIL X WILL NOTIFY YOU EARLIEST 097~~

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Subject: Mays of units of PICOENO 6N and Part 20 AA City

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A, C.
(M.M. I.A.)
File No. SD/28

27 Nov 44

AFHQ (2)

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MINISTRY OF WAR

L.O. Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA),	c/o HQ 1 Dist.
" " " "	c/o HQ 3 Dist.
" " " "	c/o PES
" " " "	c/o HQ 54 Area.

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1. Appx A att to this HQ SD/28 of 7 Nov is cancelled and it is requested that Appx A hereto be substituted.
2. Picoeno Unit cadres will remain present Group area under some unit commanding officers and will incl all unit specialists. Unit 2s i/o will in each case command PICOENO dets specified in Appx A, which in NO case will be reduced below the strength specified.
3. Serial 2:-
AFHQ EX 56383 of 22 and MMIA SD 1842 of 25 neither to all refer.
4. Adm matters will be dealt with separately vido MMIA SD/28 of 28 Oct.

[Signature]
Major General,
M.M. I.A.

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27 Nov 44

TO: AFHQ (2)

Copy to: SD AAI (2)
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 MINISTRY OF WAR
 L.O. Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MMIA), c/o HQ 1 Dist.
 " " " " " c/o HQ 3 Dist.
 " " " " " c/o FES
 " " " " " c/o HQ 54 Area.

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3. Serial 2.:-
4. AFHQ EX 56383 of 22 and MMIA SD 1842 of 25 neither to all refer. Adm matters will be dealt with separately vide MMIA SD/28 of 28 Oct.

M. L. L. A.
 Major General,
 M. L. L. A.

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Move of Units of FICENO GROUP

	U N I T	Move Strengths			Entraining Station	Retraining Station	
		Offrs	OR's	Tons			
X 1	I Bn (BIS) 235 Inf Regt	20	480	24	MARTINA FRANCA	CATANZARO	
✓ 2	II Bn (BIS) 235 Inf Regt	20	480	24	LOCOROTONDO	NAPLES	
X 3	20 AA Gp (ex 20 A.A. Raggruppamento, & earmarked for FICENO)	20	480	24	BARI	CHIETI	
✓ 4	II Bn (BIS) 336 Inf Regt	20	480	24	BARLETTA TARANTO	ROME for LAZIO	
✓ 5	III Bn (BIS) 336 Inf Regt	20	480	24	CRISPANO	ROME	
✓ 6	I Gruppo 152 Arty Regt	20	480	24	CEGLIE NOCI ALBEROBELLO CISTERNINO	BARI	All on E LECC line
(p) 7	MONTTEGRANERO Bn less one coy 533 Coy MONTTEGRANERO	30 6	620 166	30 20	VAIRANO IESI	ANCONA	All rom
8	Bn formed of CONGEDANTI in SARDINIA	25	475				For of 2
	TOTALS	181	4141	174			

(p) - Request Serial 7 NOT be moved until called forward by AAI

CONFIDENTIALAppx "A" to MMIA
SD/28 of 27 Nov 44

Move of Units of FIGENO GROUP

	Move Strengths			Entraining Station	Retraining Station	REMARKS
	Offrs	OR's	Tons			
	20	480	24	MARTINA FRANCA	CATANZARO	<i>Move sent</i>
	20	480	24	LOCOROTONDO	NAPLES	
er-	20	480	24	BARI	CHIETI	
or	20	480	24	BANLETTA TALUATO	ROME for LAZIO	
t	20	480	24	CHISPIANO	ROME	
	20	480	24	CEGLIE NOCI ALBEROBELLO CISTERNINO	BARI	All stations on BARI - LECCE line
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To be moved until called forward by AAI

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.S.I.A.)

File No. S/C/29/18

21 Nov 44

TO : AFHQ (2)

Copy to: AAI (2)

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Major General
M. H. J. A.

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d. B. Brown

Major General
M. M. I. A.

18 Nov 44
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To:- Land Forces Sub Comm (MMIA) and for info 53 BIU

From:- MMIA IO, FOLCORE

Ops on WS of Combat Gp awaiting Court Martial

1. I attach copy of letter of this HQ regarding their personnel awaiting court martial and who must, under their present regulations, be held on the str of units.
2. At present there is long delay pending court martial and units must keep on str and attempt to train men who must later be struck off str and who are often disaffected.
3. This HQ has received an evasive reply from their higher com and action seems unlikely unless you intervene.

V.H. Philip
com

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "FOLGORE"
 Ufficio del Capo S.M. - 1^a Sez. Op. Inf. Serv.
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N° 1815/S.M. di prot.

P.M.146 li 28 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO : Militari denunciati al Tribunale Militare.--

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA

P. M. 1 2 0

1°) - In base alle disposizioni vigenti, i militari denunciati al Tribunale Militare, anzichè essere trasferiti al prossimo carcere militare o civile, in attesa del giudizio, debbono rimanere alle unità di appartenenza.

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gano trasferiti o ad un carcere militare della circoscrizione
oà avviati ed un ente territoriale.

Rappresento il carattere d'urgenza che il provvedimento riveste
a mio avviso, trattandosi di questione che interessa gli stes-
si tempi di approntamento delle unità da me dipendenti.

Il provvedimento, d'altra parte, rientrerebbe nello spirito del
bando N° 26 del Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale - riportato dal-
la circolare G.M. dispaccio 23^ - c.a. n° 180 - art. 2. =

IL COMANDANTE DEL GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Gen. brig. - G. Morigi

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bardo N° 26 del Capo di Stato Maggiore Generale - riportato dalla circolare G.M. dispaccio 23^ - c.a. n° 180 - art. 2 .=-

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TO OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

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032/855 (.) ISSUE TO DMT FOR NO 5 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
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TRNG QTY 12 R/N A/27/112 QCAED AUTH 30/34 (.) PIATS QTY 6
R/N A/42/56 QCAED AUTH 41/14 (.) DMT TO ARRANGE COLLECTION

for 20/11
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BT

Jason G II 54920 is contacting DMT about this.

SUBJECT: Cavalry Unit for Combat Group

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/18
16 Nov 44

PO 17 Nov

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Your proposal (contained in 304087/GA of 7 Nov) to perpetuate the Cavalry tradition by including in the PICKNO Combat Group one Battalion of dismounted Cavalry is approved under the following conditions:

(a) The Battalion will be in place of a Battalion of Infantry.

(b) The organisation and functions of the Battalion are to be exactly the same as those of an Infantry Battalion.

(c) Reinforcements will be as far as possible Cavalry men but this must depend on availabilities of personnel and the needs of the situation.

2. The formation of this unit will begin within the PICKNO Group at once and it will be brought up to strength as quickly as possible by the methods stated in your proposal.

3. Men required from 502 Guard Bn are to be replaced by you before being taken from it: you will inform MMIA when you are ready to do this so that the necessary orders can be given.

4. Progress in the formation of this Battalion will be reported by you to MMIA on 18 Dec.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Int. Dist.: A/Q
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Translation . .SECRET

From: - M of W
 To: - MMIA

Ref: 304027/C.H.

317-III-26

Date: 7th Nov. 44

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Subject: Cavalry unit for Combat Group.

1) The Cavalry, glorious arm of service in past centuries, ~~is~~ wishes to be represented in the Combat Groups which will be called upon to fight in the near future.

It is a wish that also Italian Commanders would have been pleased to grant.

2) Therefore it is suggested that:-

- (a) a squadron group (on foot) be formed "Cavalleria Costa".
- (b) Formations and war establishment - those of an Infantry Bn.
- (c) To include the unit in one of the "Piceno" Inf. Regt.

3) The elements required for the formation of the unit could be taken from:-

- (a) The H.S. of the disbanded Group of Cavalry of Sardinia:- 60 men approximately.
- (b) The 502 Guard Bn. (formed of Cavalrymen):- 200 men approx. belonging to 1915 class and younger.
- (c) Territorial units and Combat Groups which have a certain number of Cavalry men.
- (d) Frosinone, Littoria and Velletri Districts which are calling up Cavalry men.
- (e) "Posta" Cavalry Regt. which has returned from Greece.

4) Cavalry men referred to in 11.3 b. could be replaced by Inf. men in 502 Guard Bn. which is actually being employed by the allies in Puglia.

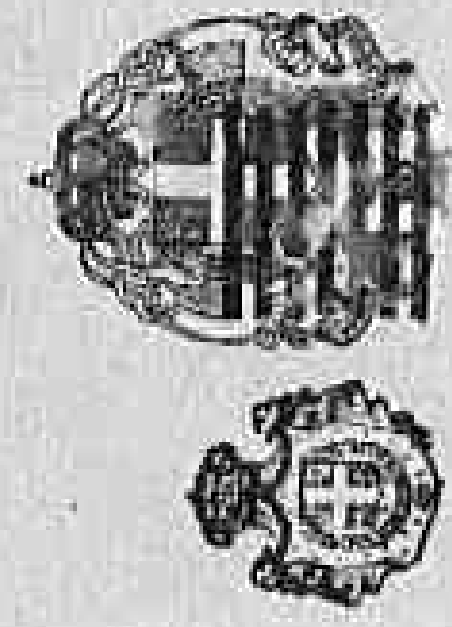
5) The idea of having the cavalry squadron attached to the "Piceno" Combat Group is because this group will be the last to be formed and therefore allow the time to form the unit.

6) I am sure that MMIA will appreciate ^{the} above request which I hope will be approved.

Gen. G. B. ORLANDI.

Sgt. F. B. ROSE





MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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SEGRETO

Prot. N° 304027/C. Allegati 317-III-26

Roma,

17 novembre 1944

Reparto al Feld

Dir. Sec. N°

Oggetto: Reparto di cavalleria per gruppo di combattimento -

Cavalry unit for combat group

ALLA M.L.I.A.

ROMA

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1) L'arma di cavalleria, custode di secolari glorie e virtù combattive, desidera avere una propria rappresentanza nei futuri cimenti ai quali saranno chiamati i gruppi di combattimento. E' una legittima aspirazione che anche i comandi italiani vedrebbero attuata con piacere.

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- a) - costituzione di un gruppo squadroni (appiedato) "Cavalleria Aosta";
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- c) - inquadramento del reparto in uno dei reggimenti di fanteria del gruppo di combattimento "Piceno".

3) Gli elementi occorrenti per la formazione del reparto potrebbero essere tratti:

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- c) - dal recupero di elementi di cavalleria comunque esistenti presso enti e reparti territoriali nonchè nei gruppi di combattimento;
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G.O.C.

If you approve in principle I will go into this in detail. You know the arguments for and against and I think "for" wins, provided we keep it under control. If it could be done I would personally rather make it a Regt than a Bn - it would be administratively easier

W. P. Kelly

13 Nov.

nella serie, tende a consentire la possibilità di avere
il tempo sufficiente per la costituzione del reparto.

6) Sono certo che codesta Commissione apprezzerà
gli alti sentimenti che legittimano tale richiesta e mi augu-
ro che essa venga esaudita.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen. G. B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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SUBJECT: Move of Units of PICEHO Division

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/28
7 Nov 44

TO : AFHQ (2)
Copy to: SD AAI (2)
3 DISTRICT
ACC incl copy for Public Safety Sub Com.
MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref this HQ SD/28 of 28 Oct 44 and Appx "A" attached.

1. Attached is fully amended Appendix "A" for move of PICEHO CF embodying all amendments to date.
2. Appendix "A" attached to this HQ SD/28 of 28 Oct 44 should therefore be destroyed.

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M. M. I. A.
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APPX
SD/2

Move of Units of PICENO Gp

	UNIT	Move Strength				Entraining Station	Detaining Station	REMA
		Offrs	ORs	Animals	Stores in tons			
1	155 & 198 Sezioni CC.RR. III Bty 235 Regt Ftr	2	97		13	MARTINA. F.	CATANZARO	
		36	446		24	CRISPIANO		
	III Bty 336 Regt Ftr	18	320		20	MASSATRA	NAPLES	
	Cdo 336 Regt Ftr	11	231		18	FASANO		
3	1 Gruppo 152 Regt Art	12	200		9	NOCI	ROMA	
	2 Gruppo 152 Regt Art	6	150		10	ALBEROBELLO	ROMA	
	6 Gruppo 152 Art	6	110		10	CISTERMINO	ROMA	
4	1 Bty 235 Regt Ftr	36	440		24	MARTINA. F.	MESSINA	
	Cdo 235 Regt Ftr	5	219		24	LOCOROTONDO		
5	2 Bty 235 Regt Ftr	36	386		24	LOCOROTONDO	PALESMO	
6	3 Gruppo 152 Regt Art	6	140		8	CEGLIE MESSAPICO	ROMA	
	Cdo 152 Bty Genio and 252 Comp Talaradio	1	117		24	MARTINA. F.	(per LAZIO)	
7	1 Bn 336 Regt	25	575		30	BENEVENTO	CHIEPI	
8	Two Coys 2 Bn 336 Regt	15	455		20	BRUNDISI	BARI	
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	Coy MONTEGRANERO (533 Coy)	6	166		20	IESI		For CAGLIARI. MMIA Sig and 27 Oct 44 refers.
10	Bn formed at CONGEDANZI in SARDINIA	25	475		--	-----	-----	
	T O T A L S	295	5704					
11	Div H.Q.	28	110	200		MARTINA FRANCA	To be signalled by	Animals are from all u
	Tpt and Sup Coy	3	50			LOCOROTONDO	3 District	
	83 and 91 Fd Hosps	9	78			CISTERMINO		
	33 Sezione Sanita	8	67			NAPLES		
	Additional Personnel	17	87					
	T O T A L S	65	392					

@ - Request serial 9 NOT be moved until called fwd by AAI.

CONFIDENTIALAPPX 'A' to MMIA
SD/28 of 7 Nov 44Move of Units of PICENO Gp

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Subject: Piceno Division

~~29/18~~ 29/18
Land Forces Sub Commission
N.G. (MMIA)
R O M E
AQ/15

7 Nov 44

To : Minister for War

1. Par 3h of AQ/15 of 30 Oct is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

New items of clothing and equipment issued for the use of personnel will remain the property of the Carabinieri and will not be retained by individuals when they are withdrawn. When new clothing is issued the original Italian Army uniform worn by the personnel on arrival will be stored by the Carabinieri and re-issued to the troops on their departure.

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

CPK/wk

Copy to:

- AFHQ (2)
- AAI (SD)
- AC (2)
- MMIA LO's
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- Spec. Sec.
- A.C. Public Safety Sub-Comm.

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SEGRETO

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

N° 8080 /Ord. di prot.

Roma, 4 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Battaglione alpini "Abruzzi".



ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO M.M.I.A. ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = Uff. C.A.

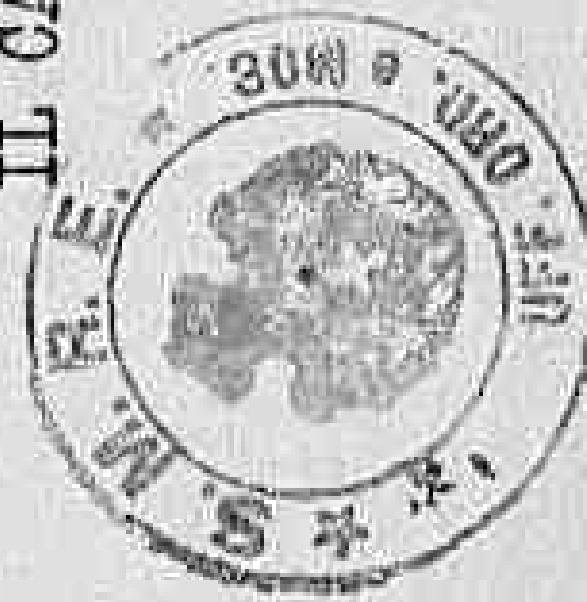
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Ad uno dei battaglioni alpini del reggimento speciale del gruppo di combattimento "Legnano" è stato assegnato il nominativo di "battaglione alpini ABRUZZI".

La sezione abruzzese dell'Associazione Nazionale Alpini in congedo ha espresso il desiderio di denominare il battaglione cui sopra "battaglione alpini L'AQUILA", il quale verrebbe così a ricollegarsi alle tradizioni del vecchio battaglione alpini di abruzzesi che aveva detto nominativo.-

Prego voler dare benessere.-

IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO



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*Tramontano
per
Lpini
Alpini
Uff.
6/11/44*

FROM: WMA
TO: AAI
REF: AFHQ
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In view of our 21/23 of 28 OCT 44 we amended NOT to
50 BLD delete all reference to FIGARO Division in our
movement request 2/28/30 of 12 OCT 44

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FROM NMIA
TO AFHQ
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Amend Serial 11 Appx A to NMIA letter SD/28 of 28 OCT as follows (.) For 152 SEZIONE SANITA and detail read 33 SEZIONE SANITA 8 offers 67 ORs Enttraining Station NAPLES.

PRECEDENCE *Important*

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FROM EMIA
TO SO. IAN
RPTD WAR MINISTRY
SB 1703

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P. K. W.

Ref para THREE your BF/25 of 29 OCT (.) 152 ANTIERI Coy is for
PICENO (.) It will move later from your area on orders EMIA to
join PICENO Div HQ in FOGGIA area (.) 69 TELEGRAFISTI Coy is
for MANTOVA

PRECEDENCE Routine

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SUBJECT: Move of Units of
PICENO Division

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MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
SD/28
30 Oct 44

TO : LIQ (5)

Copy to: SD AAV (2)
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ACC (incl copy for Public Safety Sub-Commission)
Ministry of War

1. Please amend Appx "A" to this H.Q. letter SD/28 of 28 Oct 44 as follows:

- (a) Serial 2, Cdo 336 Regt Ftr. Amend strengths of offrns and ORs to read 5 and 149.
- (b) Serial 3, Delete "Cdo 152 Regt Art" and relevant detail.
- (c) Serial 4, Cdo 235 Regt Ftr. Amend strengths of offrns and men to read 11 and 149.
- (e) Amend "TOTALS" to read 282 and 5491.
- (e) Add "17 offrns 87 ORs" to the personnel to be moved with Serial 11.

2. In above reductions to personnel of serials 2, 3 and 4 are made in order to leave behind (for women with serial 11 of Appx "A") a training nucleus to train Div. personnel, and any other Div rfts that are available to train same.

A. M. Unglesini
Major General
I.I.L.

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SUBJECT: Piceno Division.

MILITARY MISSION, ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

AQ/15

30 October 1944.

TO : Minister for War.

Reference: MIAA letter SD/28 of 28 October.

1. Certain personnel of the Piceno Division, (Serials 1-9 of Appendix A of above letter), plus one Bn. to be organized in SARDINIA, will be used for a limited period as reinforcements for the CC.RR.

2. During the period of duty with the CC.RR this personnel will be in the ITI-ITI category (7).

3. The following plan for clothing this personnel is-

a. Items of Italian Army equipment will be utilized whenever possible and to the fullest extent. Personnel will move with the Italian Army equipment now issued to them. Italian Army blankets only will be used and should be carried by each individual.

b. Outer uniform will be Italian Army uniform. For this purpose the War Ministry will prepare and earmark 6000 repaired Italian Army uniforms and 5000 repaired Italian overcoats.

c. Shirts, underwear, boots, and socks will be supplied from Allied sources only insofar as it is necessary to supplement available items from Italian sources. Such of these items as are supplied from Allied sources will be taken from the Allied items earmarked for the CC.RR.

d. The 185 & 198 Sez CC.RR will be clothed by the CC.RR from clothing already made available to the CRR (MIAA letter AQ/15 of 3 October).

e. Clothing as specified in sub-paragraphs b and c above will be issued to the individuals concerned only after arrival of the individuals at the destination as shown in Appendix A of above reference letter.

f. MIAA LO's at Naples, Palermo (for Palermo and Messina), Chieti, Bari and Arcona will inspect these troops upon arrival at the stations named and advise Hq MIAA by signal the items, and quantities of each, needed to equip and equip this personnel to scale. Officers from Hq MIAA will inspect the units arriving in Rome. An officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will inspect the unit arriving in Cetanzano.

g. MIAA LO, Sardinia, will handle the clothing and equipping of the Battalion in Sardinia in accordance with instructions already issued.

h. Items excess to scale will be withdrawn from individuals when new items are issued. Items withdrawn will be returned to Italian Army depots.

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- 2. During the period of duty with the CC.RR this personnel will be in the ITI-ITI category (7).
- 3. The following plan for clothing this personnel is-
 - a. Items of Italian Army equipment will be utilized whenever possible and to the fullest extent. Personnel will move with the Italian Army equipment now issued to them. Italian Army blankets only will be used and should be carried by each individual.
 - b. Outer uniform will be Italian Army uniform. For this purpose the War Ministry will prepare and earmark 5000 repaired Italian Army uniforms and 5000 repaired Italian overcoats.
 - c. Shirts, underwear, boots, and socks will be supplied from Allied sources only insofar as it is necessary to supplement available items from Italian sources. Such of these items as are supplied from Allied sources will be taken from the Allied items earmarked for the CC.RR.
 - d. The 155 & 198 Sez CC.RR will be clothed by the CC.RR from clothing already made available to the CRR (MIA letter AQ/15 of 3 October).
 - e. Clothing as specified in sub-paragraphs b and c above will be issued to the individuals concerned only after arrival of the individuals at the destination as shown in Appendix A of above reference letter.
 - f. MIA IO's at Naples, Palermo (for Palermo and Messina), Chieti, Bari and Arcona will inspect these troops upon arrival at the stations named and advise Hq MIA by signal the items, and quantities of each, needed to equip and equip this personnel to scale. Officers from Hq MIA will inspect the units arriving in Rome. An officer of the Public Safety Sub-Commission will inspect the unit arriving in Catanzaro.
 - g. MIA IO, Sardinia, will handle the clothing and equipping of the Battalion in Sardinia in accordance with instructions already issued.
 - h. Items excess to scale will be withdrawn from individuals when new items are issued. Items withdrawn will be returned to Italian Army depots.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
MIA.



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- MIA IO's
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- Spec. Sec.



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C O N F I D E N T I A LSUBJECT: Move of Units of PICENO DivisionMILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. SD/28
28 Oct 44TO : AFHQ (2)Copy to: SD AAI (2)
3 DISTRICT
ACC incl copy for Public Safety Sub Com.
MINISTRY OF WAR*MD*
27 Oct

Ref AFHQ signal FX 43589 of 25 Oct 44 and AAI SD1334 of 27 Oct.

1. Will you please arrange move of units of PICENO GP vide serials 1 to 9 and 11 of Appx A attached.
2. Adm matters, incl issue of clothing to receiving Legion HQ of CC RR, have been dealt with separately.
3. Attention is drawn to serial 11 of Appx A which requests move of Div HQ itself together with Div Specialists to a more suitable training location in FOGGIA/CEIGNOLA area.

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for Major General
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Move of Units of PICENO Gp

	UNIT	Move Strength				Entraining Station	DeEntraining Station	R E M
		Offrs	OR's	animals	Stores in tons			
1	155 & 198 Sezioni CC.RR. III (Bty) 235 Regt Ftr	4	90		30	MARTINA. F.	CATANZARO	
2	III Bty 336 Regt Ftr Cdo 336 Regt Ftr	21	371		75	CRISPIANO		
3	1 Gruppo 152 Regt Art 2 Gruppo 152 Regt Art Cdo 152 Regt Art	21	371		75	MASSATRA	NAPLES	
4	1 Bty 235 Regt Ftr Cdo 235 Regt Ftr	10	174		60	FASANO		
5	1 Gruppo 152 Regt Art 2 Gruppo 152 Regt Art Cdo 152 Regt Art	16	214		75	NOCI	ROMA	
6	1 Bty 235 Regt Ftr Cdo 235 Regt Ftr	20	238		75	ALPEROBELLO	ROMA	
7	1 Bty 235 Regt Ftr Cdo 235 Regt Ftr	7	37		60	MARTINA. F.	ROMA	
8	2 Bty 235 Regt Ftr	21	371		75	MARTINA. F.	MESSINA	
9	3 Gruppo 152 Regt Art Cdo 152 Bty Genio and 252 Corp Teleradio	21	371		75	LOCOROTONDO		
10	1 Bn 336 Regt	18	226		75	LOCOROTONDO	CISTERNINO	
11	Two Coys 2 Bn 336 Regt Two Coys 2 Bn 336 Regt	8	195		75	CECLIE MESSAPICO	ROMA	
12	1 Bn 336 Regt	25	575		30	MARTINA. F.	(per LAZIO)	
13	Two Coys 2 Bn 336 Regt Two Coys 2 Bn 336 Regt	15	455		20	BEIVENTO	CHIETI	
14	MONTEGRANERO Bn less one Coy Coy MONTEGRANERO (533 Coy)	15	455		20	BRINDISI	BARI	
15	Bn formed (at) CONGEDANTI in SARDEGNA	30	620		30	BARLETTA	BARI	
16	Bn formed (at) CONGEDANTI in SARDEGNA	6	166		20	VAIRANO	ANCONA	All older men. 15 remain with LEGNANO
17	TOTALS	25	475		--	IESI	-----	For CAGLIARI. MESSINA and 27 Oct 44 refe
18	Div H.Q. Tpt and Sup Coy 83 and 91 Fd Hosps 152 Sezione Sanita	28	110	200		MARTINA FRANCA	To be signalled by 3 District	Animals are from a
		3	50			LOCOROTONDO		
		9	78			CISTERNINO		
		7	54			LOCOROTONDO		

Request serial 9 NOT be moved until called fwd by AAI.

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SD/28 of 28 Oct 44Moves of Units of PICENO Gp

Move Strength				Entraining Station	DeEntraining Station	REMARKS
ffrs	OR's	animals	Stores in tons			
4	90		30	MARTINA. F.	CATANZARO	
21	371		75	CRISPIANO		
21	371		75	MASSATRA	NAPLES	
10	174		60	FASANO		
16	214		75	NOCI	ROMA	
20	238		75	ALBEROBELLO	ROMA	
7	37		60	MARTINA. F.	ROMA	
21	371		75	MARTINA. F.	MESSINA	
16	174		60	LOCOROTONDO		
21	371		75	LOCOROTONDO	LOCOROTONDO	
18	226		75	CEGLIE MESSAPICO	ROMA	
8	195		75	MARTINA. F.	(per LAZIO)	
25	575		30	BENEVENTO	CHIETI	
15	455		20	BRINDISI	BARI	
15	455		20	BARLETTA	BARI	
30	620		30	VAIRANO	ANCONA	All older men. 150 young men remain with LEGNANO Combat Group.
6	166		20	TESTI		
25	475		--	-----	-----	For CAGLIARI. MMIA Signal ed 1680 and 27 Oct 44 refers.
299	5578					
28	110	200		MARTINA FRANCA	To be signalled by	Animals are from all units PICENO Division.
3	50			LOCOROTONDO	3 District	
9	78			CISTERNINO		
7	54			LOCOROTONDO		

red until called fwd by AAI.

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CONFIDENTIALSubject:- Move and conc of MANTOVA and PICENO Combat GpsMilitary Mission Italian Army
R O M ES/SD/30
12 Oct 44A.A.I. (2)Copy to:- AFHQ
3 District
Italian War Ministry (2)
MMIA LO 50 BLU

Ref AmI signal SD 1066 of 9 Oct 44.

Will you please arrange for move and conc of MANTOVA and
PICENO Combat Gps vide Appx "A" att. All mules and horses, nos of
which will be reported separately, are required to accompany.

S. M. Ingledew.
Major General
MMIA

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MANTOVA Div

U N I T	Move Strength			Entraining Station	Detraining Station	Present Locn	Date Required to move	R
	Offrs	OR's	Stores					
76 Inf Regt	17	156	15	CROTONE	BENEVENTO	CROTONE	24 Oct 44	
1 Inf Bn	17	447	20	"	"	"	24 Oct	
2 Inf Bn	15	405	20	"	"	"	24 Oct	
81 mm Mortar Coy	3	103	15	"	"	"	24 Oct	
155 Regt	13	78	15	"	"	"	24 Oct	
1 Bn	15	202	17	"	"	"	24 Oct	
29 & 811 Btys	4	151	9	"	"	"	24 Oct	
501 Hospital	7	31	10	"	"	"	24 Oct	
3 Bty 155 Regt	13	247	10	"	"	CUTRO	24 Oct	
	104	1820	131					
HQ MANTOVA DIV	30	175	15	COSENZA	BENEVENTO	COSENZA		
114 Inf Regt	18	211	20	"	"	"		
2 Inf Bn	32	617	30	"	"	"		
81 mm Mortar Coy	2	89	8	"	"	"		
107 Signal Coy	5	173	10	"	"	"		
104 Med Section	8	104	12	"	"	"		
248 Hospital	8	47	2	"	"	"		
1146 MP Sec	2	38	2	"	"	"		
76 Mobile Wkspns	-	13	-	"	"	"		
	105	1467	99					
119 Inf Regt	24	276	15	REGGIO C.	BENEVENTO	REGGIO C.		
1 Inf Bn	29	936	30	"	"	"		
81 mm Mortar Coy	3	127	6	"	"	"		
	56	1339	51					

CONFIDENTIALAppx "A" to MMIA letter
S/ED/30 dated 2 Oct 44Move and conc of MANTOVA and PICERNO Combat Gas

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Strength OR's	Stores	Entraining Station	Detraining Station	Present Locn	Date Required to move	R E M A R K S
156	15	CROTONE	BENEVENTO	CROTONE	24 Oct 44	
447	20	"	"	"	24 Oct	
405	20	"	"	"		
103	15	"	"	"	24 Oct	
78	15	"	"	"	24 Oct	
202	17	"	"	"	24 Oct	
151	9	"	"	"	24 Oct	
31	10	"	"	"	24 Oct	
247	10	"	"	CUTRO	24 Oct	
1820	131					
175	15	COSENZA	BENEVENTO	COSENZA		
211	20	"	"	"		
617	30	"	"	"		
89	8	"	"	"		
173	10	"	"	"		
104	12	"	"	"		
47	2	"	"	"		
38	2	"	"	"		
13	-	"	"	"		
1467	99					
276	15	REGGIO C.	BENEVENTO	REGGIO C.		
936	30	"	"	"		
127	6	"	"	"		
1339	51					

CANTOVA Div (cont'd)

U N I T	Move		Strength		Entraining Station	Detraining Station	Present Loc	Date Required to move	R	E
	Offrs		OR's	Stores						
35 Signals Coy	11		327	20	CATANZARO SALA	BENEVENTO	CATANZARO	24 Oct		
209 Mortar Bn	26		615	25	"	"	PONTEGRANNE	"		
155 Arty Regt - 2 Bn	16		281	18	"	"	BORGIA	"		
" " " - 4 Bn	14		182	10	"	"	TIRIOLO	"		
79 Arty Coy	6		165	10	"	"	NICASTRO	"		
	73		1570	83						
Div Rfts	16		1286	40	VIBO VALENTIA	BENEVENTO	V. VALENTIA	24 Oct		
114 Inf Regt - 1 Bn	23		547	20	S. ALBANESE	"	CASTRO-VILLARI	24 Oct		If in operat as entrainin MIA SD 587
2 Bn 119 Regt	26		691	30	TORRE ANZENZIATA	"	T. ANZENZIATA	-		" "
120 Inf Bn	40		707	30	VAIRANO	"	VAIRANO	-		" "
	105		3231	120						
<u>PICENO Div</u>										
235 Inf Regt b	14		115	10	LOCOROTONDO	BENEVENTO	LOCOROTONDO	29 Oct		
" " " - 2 Bn	31		381	15	"	"	"	29 Oct		
81 mm Mortar Coy	4		113	2	"	"	"	29 Oct		
152 Med Section	0		70	4	"	"	"	29 Oct		
152 Med Services	4		40	1	"	"	"	29 Oct		
252 Bd Bky	1		44	1	"	"	"	29 Oct		
	62		763	33						
Div HQ's	23		126	6	MARTINA F.	"	"	29 Oct		
235 Inf Regt - 1 Bn	22		381	15	"	"	"	29 Oct		
152 Arty Regt	24		118	6	"	"	"	29 Oct		
152 Engr Bn	8		192	8	"	"	"	29 Oct		
22 mm Mortar Coy	4		76	2	"	"	CISTERNINO	29 Oct		
83 Hospital	7		43	4	"	"	"	29 Oct		
91 " "	6		42	3	"	"	"	29 Oct		
	94		985	114						

Strength R's	Stores	Entraining Station	Detraining Station	Present Locn	Date Required to move	R E M A R K S
327	20	CATANZARO SALA	BENEVENTO	CATANZARO	24 Oct	
615	25	"	"	POMPEGRADE	"	
281	18	"	"	BORGIA	"	
182	10	"	"	TIRIOLO	"	
265	10	"	"	NICASTRO	"	
570	83					
286	40	VIBO VALENTIA	BENEVENTO	V. VALENTIA	24 Oct	
647	20	S. ALBANESE	"	CASTRO- VILLARI	24 Oct	If in operation CASTROVILLARI preferable as entraining station
591	30	TORRE ANUNZIATA	"	T. ANUNZIATA	-	MEMO SD1587 of 12 Oct refers
707	30	VAIRANO	"	VAIRANO	-	" " " " " "
31	120					
15	10	LOCOROTONDO	BENEVENTO	LOCOROTONDO	29 Oct	
81	15	"	"	"	29 Oct	
13	2	"	"	"	29 Oct	
70	4	"	"	"	29 Oct	
40	1	"	"	"	29 Oct	
44	1	"	"	"	29 Oct	
63	33					
26	6	MARTINA F.	"	"	29 Oct	
81	15	"	"	"	29 Oct	
18	6	"	"	"	29 Oct	
92	8	"	"	"	29 Oct	
26	2	"	"	CASTELLINO	29 Oct	
43	4	"	"	"	29 Oct	
9	3	"	"	"	29 Oct	
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U N I T	Move Strength			Entraining Station	Detraining Station	Present Loc	Date Required to move	
	Offrs	OR's	Stores					
20 mm Bty	23	197	15	FRANCIVILLA D.	BENEVENTO	FRANCIVILLA	29 Oct	
112 Marconi Coy	4	116	8				"	"
	27	313	23					
2 Bn 152 Arty Regt	15	230	11	ALFEROBELLO	"	ALFEROBELLO	29 Oct	
1 Bn 152 Arty Regt	13	219	17	NOCI	"	NOCI	29 Oct	
HQ 336 Inf Regt	13	199	16	FASANO	"	FASANO	29 Oct	
81 mm Mortar Coy	3	119	14				"	"
	16	318	30					
152 Mortar Bn	9	182	9	OSTUNI	BENEVENTO	OSTUNI	29 Oct	
3 Bn 152 Arty Regt	18	212	11				"	"
						MISSAPICIA	29 Oct	
	27	394	20					
93 Inf Regt	16	144	6		BENEVENTO	MASSAMA	29 Oct	
1 Bn - 93 Inf Regt	28	357	12		"	"	29 Oct	
2 Bn - " " "	29	368	17		"	CRISPANO	29 Oct	
81 mm Mortar Coy	3	86	10		"	PALAGIANO	29 Oct	
	76	962	45					
Two Coys 2 Bn - 336 Regt	15	455	15	BRINDISI	BENEVENTO		-	MIA
" " " " " "	15	455	15	PIRELLA	"		-	"
One Coy 152 MG Bn					"	COLLE	-	AAI
1 Bn 336 Regt					"	SALVETTI	-	Movi vido

Strength		Entraining Station	Detraining Station	Present Loc	Date Required to move	REMARKS
Personnel	Stores					
27	15	FRANCIVILLA F.	BENEVENTO	FRANCIVILLA	29 Oct	
16	8		"	"	29 Oct	
13	23					
30	11	ALBEROBELLO	"	ALBEROBELLO	29 Oct	
19	17	NOCI	"	NOCI	29 Oct	
99	16	FASANO	"	FASANO	29 Oct	
19	14			"	"	
18	30					
82	9	OSTUNI	BENEVENTO	OSTUNI	29 Oct	
12	11	"	"	CEGLI MESSAPICA	29 Oct	
94	20					
41	6		BENEVENTO	MASCIARA	29 Oct	
7	12		"	"	29 Oct	
63	17		"	CRISPIANO	29 Oct	
86	10		"	PALAGIANO	29 Oct	
62	45					
455	15	BRINDISI	BENEVENTO		-	MMIA SD1587 of 12 Oct
455	15	BARILETTA	"		-	" " " " "
			"	COLLE SALVESTI	-	MMI SD1069 of 9 Oct
			"		-	Moving later, but 1 Coy moves vide MMI SD1069 of 9 Oct

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FROM: HMAA

TO: A BLU

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SUBJECT:- Loaned Bns of PICHM and MANTVA Divisions

Army Sub Commissions (MIA)
HQC A.C.C.
R O E E.
SD/18
11 Sep 44

War Ministry

Copy to:- MIA LO Rear EIGHTH ARMY
MIA LO 2 District
MIA LO 3 District

8/5/44/18

1. Our SD/18 of 1 Sep 44, subject as above, is cancelled.
2. All four loaned Bns of MANTVA and PICHM Divs will remain employed on their guard duties until called forward for concentration in S. GIORGIO area.

ABC

for
Major General
reg
Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
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Internal Copy to:- Col FIDLEY - Spec Sec

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Subject :- Loaned Bns. of 100th and 200th Bns.

Army Sub Commission, MDA.
H.C. A.C.C.

RHM.

SD/18.

1 Sept. 46.

To :- War Ministry.
MIA 10 Rear S Army.
" " 2 District.
" " 3 District.

Ref. your signed 6318/rd of 28th. Aug. 46.
not to all.

1. A.A.I. instruct us that the first replacement bn. (from Serial 235 on List 7) will be sent to under comd. 2 District for training as train guards.
2. The first loaned bn. to be relieved will therefore be 2 Bn. 306 Inf. Regt.
3. Remaining three loaned Bns. will remain employed on guard duties until called forward for concentration at S. GURKHA.

gb, SGB.

Rptd. Col. FIDELAY.

R. P. Hallerwalt
for
Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Italian Gd Bus

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Army Sub Commission (MIA)

H. C. A. C. C.

RMK

SD/13

24 Aug 44

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Copies to: SUES

MIA 10 Rear 8 Army

" " 2 District

" " 3 "

Col Fialer via *Admiral*

Fialer

~~See our report of 15 Aug 44. PCB~~

1. The four Italian Bus of the PICENO and MATOVA Divs on loan to Allied Units are at present located as follows:

Unit	Div	Location	On Loan to
1 Bn 336 Inf Regt	PICENO	FRASINETO	8 Army
2 Bn 336 Inf Regt	"	BALLETTA/ARUNDISI	2 Dist
2 Bn 119 Inf Regt	MATOVA	NAPLES	3 Dist
1 Bn 120 Inf Regt	"	VAIRANO	8 Army

2. The first four Gd Bus from SARDINIA (Serial 215 on List 7) are destined for PIS and will be given numbers 506 - 509.

3. The second four Gd Bus from SARDINIA (Serial 235 on List 7) are destined to replace the four loaned Bus referred to in para 1 above, and will be given the numbers 510 - 513.

4. May we please be informed in what order you wish the loaned Bus to be relieved.

R. P. Allowell
for Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

COL. *[Signature]*

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Bn	Dist	Location	On loan to
1 Bn 336 Inf Regt	FICHERO	FRANCHE DI FRASCINERO	6 Army
2 Bn 336 Inf Regt	"	MANIFETTA/ISUMUSI	2 Dist
2 Bn 119 Inf Regt	MAFFIYA	MAFFIYA	3 Dist
1 Bn 120 Inf Regt	"	VAIGANO	8 Army

2. The first four G6 Bas from SARDINIA (Serial 215 on List 7) are destined for FBS and will be given numbers 506 - 509.

3. The second four G6 Bas from SARDINIA (Serial 235 on List 7) are destined to replace the four loaned Bas referred to in para 1 above, and will be given the numbers 510 - 513.

4. May we please be informed in what order you wish the loaned Bas to be relieved.

R. H. Lovell
for Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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